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Diesel Program Accredited for Another Five Years



Last week, MSU-Northern's Diesel program hosted an accreditation team of two reviewers from Associated Equipment Distributors (AED) Foundation. The MSU-Northern Diesel program is one of only 39 diesel technology/heavy equipment technology programs in the nation to receive the accreditation through the AEDF process. The reviewers were Gary Wenter from Caruthers, CA and Aaron Ball from Pocatello, ID. They met with diesel faculty, students, and administrators, as well as the diesel advisory board. The reviewers' charge was to appraise MSU-Northern's diesel program to determine if it met the standards and expectations necessary for it be accredited. Faculty had several detailed documents to prepare before the on-site visit.

After detailed evaluations, the reviewers identified several items the program is doing very well in, and made several recommendations for some things that could be done better. The two team members were very impressed with the campus, facilities, equipment/training aids, content of the courses, and the high level of industry involvement in the diesel program. At the end of their evaluation, they announced that the B.S. Diesel Technology program was re-accredited for another five years.

[Click here for more information about the AED Foundation...](#)

Highlights from the Spring Fling



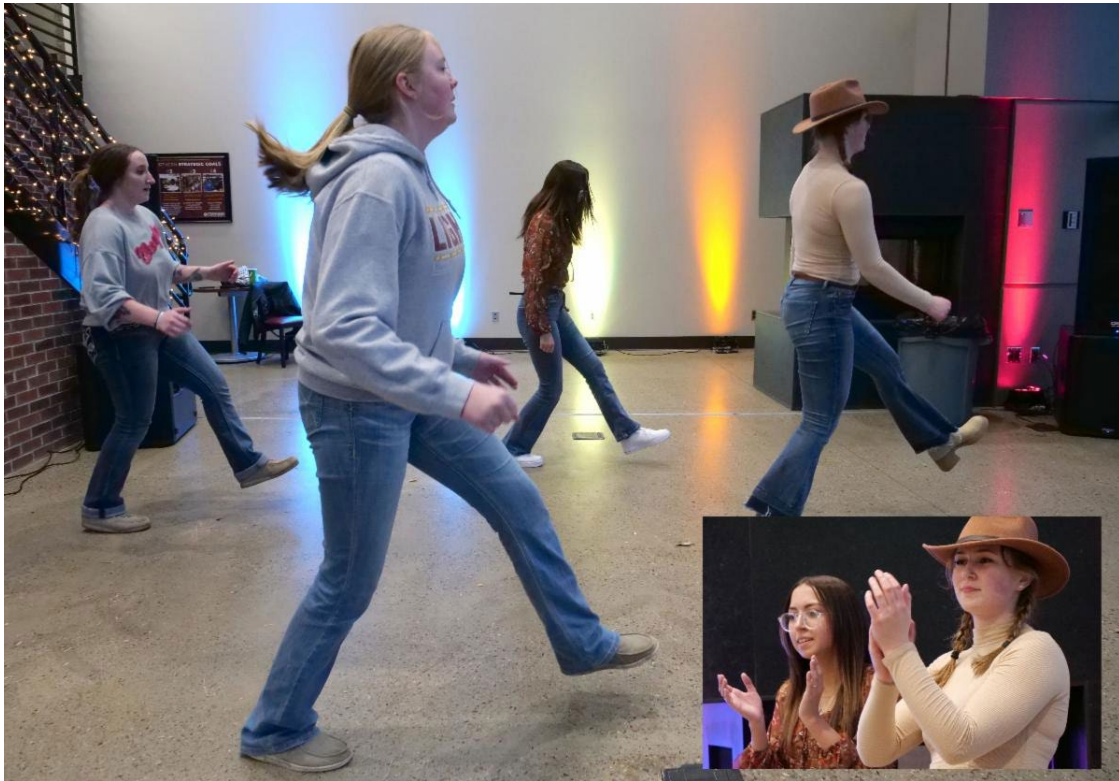
The 19th annual Spring Fling fundraiser, hosted by the Northern Lights Athletic Scholarship Foundation (NLASF), took place on Friday, April 5, at the MSU-Northern Gym. This event served as a fundraiser for the NLASF, with all proceeds going towards supporting athletics at MSU-Northern. Attendees were treated to a prime rib and shrimp dinner, followed by an evening of games and live and silent auctions.

The winners of this year's Mike Tilleman "One Leg Up" award was Byron and Lisa Ophus. The award acknowledges those who have gone the extra mile to help NLASF and MSU-Northern be successful in their fundraising and scholarship efforts.

This year the NLASF also did the “Shining Light” awards for outstanding athletes a little differently. Instead of awarding an outstanding male and female for the entire season, the awards were presented to an outstanding player from each team. The recipients were:

Rylin Burns – Wrestling
Ryley Kehr – Women’s Basketball
Zackry Martinez – Men’s Basketball
Jaden Koon – Cross Country
ShaAnn Danelson – Golf
Dylan Wampler – Football
Mikenna Schauer – Rodeo
Alana Graves – Volleyball

Students Participate in a Hoedown



Several MSU-Northern students came to the Diesel Technology Center Tuesday night (April 9) to participate in a hoedown and enjoy a night of lively dancing.

The term “hoedown” is associated with the rural or southeastern parts of the US, particularly Appalachia. It is a dance in quick movement most likely related to the jig, reel or clog dance. A hoedown is a tune in fast 2/4 time often played by a fiddler. In a modern western square dance, a hoedown is a piece of music

used for a patter call (a call that is spoken or chanted, rather than sung to the tune of a popular song). Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hoedown>

Students Participate in All N Day Events



On Wednesday, April 10, MSU-Northern hosted its annual All N Day. Which brought together students, faculty, and community members for a day filled with academic support, thrilling demonstrations, competitive contests, automotive admiration, and culinary delights. The morning kicked off with Academic Advising sessions held in the SUB Ballroom, offering students the opportunity to register for upcoming Summer and Fall classes. It provided invaluable guidance and support for academic planning. Check below for the day's highlights:

MSU-Northern Rodeo Team Demonstration



Out on the SUB Lawn, the MSU-Northern Rodeo Team put on a thrilling demonstration. Both the Women's and Men's Rodeo teams showcased their exceptional talents. Currently, the women's rodeo team holds the prestigious #1 ranking nationally and the men's team holds the top spot regionally.

ASMSUN IOC MSU-Northern Student Carnival



The festivities continued indoors with the ASMSUN IOC MSUN Student Carnival at the SUB Ballroom. Students enjoyed various carnival games, activities, and entertainment, fostering a sense of community and fun on campus.

Hot Dog Eating Contest & Car Show Check-In



As the afternoon progressed, excitement peaked with the ASMSUN IOC Hot Dog Eating Contest, followed by the registration for the MSUN Car Show at the SUB Entrance.

MSU-Northern Through the Decades Car Show



The SUB Parking Lot transformed into a nostalgic journey through time with the MSUN Through the Decades Car Show. Classic and modern vehicles alike dazzled attendees, celebrating automotive history and culture.

Indian Tacos & Drink Special



To satisfy appetites, the SUB Food Court offered delicious Indian Tacos and drinks, providing sustenance for participants and spectators alike.

Third Annual All “N” Day Softball Game



This year marked the 3rd annual softball game between MSU-Northern's plumbing and electrical programs. Before the opening pitch, the record between these powerhouses was 1-1. Wednesday's game would be a back-and-forth battle from the very beginning. The game was tied 2-2 after the bottom of the 7th inning. In the end, the Northern Electrical Program secured the win with a score of 3-2. Northern Plumbing program coach Nakoda Currier said after the game that "the plumbing program will grow from this and come back stronger to tie the series score next year".

Students Learn About Rockhounding

The Vande Bogart Library hosted an online lecture on rockhounding by Neil Maier who is the president of the Hellgate Mineral Society. The presentation helped prepare students to embark on their own rockhounding adventures this summer, including the best tools, safety tips and rockhounding hotspots in MT.

[Click here to learn more about the Montana Library Network Virtual Programming Series...](#)

MAT presents: *Outside Mullingar* - Opens Tonight



Are you ready for a journey to the enchanting Irish countryside? Join us for an unforgettable theatrical experience as we present *Outside Mullingar*, a captivating play that will sweep you off your feet and transport you to the lush, rolling hills of Ireland. Set in the charming rural town of Mullingar, Ireland, the story revolves around the lives of two neighboring families, the Reillys and the Muldoons. You'll follow the endearing journey of Anthony and Rosemary, two introverted souls bound by family ties and secrets, as they navigate the bumpy road to love. With humor, tenderness, and a dash of Irish whimsy, this play explores the complexities of human connection and the beauty of finding love in unexpected places. The show will run April 12-13, 18-20, 25-27 at 8 pm in the MSUN/MAT Theatre. Free to students with current student ID's

[Click here for tickets...](#)

MSU-Northern Celebrates National Poetry Month...



Dr. Gwen Hart is hosting "30 Days of Prompts" this month for National Poetry Month through Bear Paw Arts Journal. The prompts are based on the pieces of poetry, flash fiction, and micro memoir published in the first issue of the journal.

Writers and teachers can access the prompts for free on the Bear Paw Arts Journal Facebook page. Just search "Bear Paw Arts

Journal" on Facebook. Each day, there is a short video that explains that day's prompt. Links to the pieces that inspired the prompts are available in each Facebook post. The submission period for [Bear Paw Arts Journal](#) opens May 1st. People can submit their best work for consideration for the next issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL 2024 Class Registration

Monday, April 8 - students new to MSUN can register

UPCOMING EVENTS

46th Annual Sweetgrass Society Powwow – April 12&13

The Sweetgrass Society's annual Powwow is this weekend, so if you are interested in helping to sponsor the event then contact Sweetgrass Society President Tallen Oats, or Sweetgrass Vice President Dulci Skunkcap. You can also go to the Northern Foundation website at msunfoundation.org, click on 'Donate Now', and type 'Powwow' in the 'other fund' blank area, type in the dollar amount you'd like to donate, and use a debit or credit card to pay.

The Powwow will be held on April 12th and 13th with a Grand Entry at 6PM on the 12th, and two Grand Entries on the 13th – 1pm and 6pm. The event is held in the Armory Gym and is free to attend.



MSU-Northern Student Art Show Reception – April 15

The MSU-Northern Student Art Show will hold a grand opening in the Vande Bogart Library on April 15 and 6:00 pm. It is a celebration of talent and expression that showcases the

remarkable creativity of Northern’s students. This event will feature an array of artworks ranging from painting, sculptures, digital art, photography, and everything in between.

Appetizers and refreshing beverages will be served, accompanied by live music! Whether you’re a seasoned art enthusiast or simply curious to witness the creativity flourishing within our community, this event is open to all, and your support is always appreciated.

Mark your calendars and join us for an evening of artistry, culture, and community spirit at the MSU-Northern Student Art Show. Let’s celebrate the power of creativity together! We look forward to seeing you there!

MSU-Northern Retirement Reception – April 16

Join us at 3:30-5pm in the SUB Ballroom as we honor the many years of hard work and dedication to MSU-Northern for Valerie Hickman, Suzanne Hunger, James Morrow, & Linda Osterman.

Spring 2024 Brown Bag Lecture Series – April 17

“Algal Blooms Community Health Literacy Program,”
by Dr. Terri Hildebrand, Professor of Biology.

The event will be held on Wednesday, April 17th from noon to 1:00pm in Hensler Auditorium in the ATC building, and it is open to the public. Sack lunches are provided but limited, so attendees are encouraged to RSVP by Monday, April 15th at www.msun.edu/otle/brownbag.aspx.

Public lands provide opportunities for students, educators, land managers, and community members to work together to enhance overall understanding of natural processes while also incorporating new information into land management efforts. This is especially true for freshwater habitats that comprise some of the most altered ecosystems on Earth. Many nutrient

enriched waterways support Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs), one of the greatest freshwater quality threats to public health and aquatic ecosystems.

In her presentation, Dr. Hildebrand will communicate results from a large study that included Montana State University Northern students and faculty. The study sought to characterize water conditions in Beaver Creek and incoming tributaries as they exist on Beaver Creek Park in Hill County. Two seasons of data collection yielded significant baseline information on the water system's aquatic geo-morphology and chemistry. In addition, a survey assessed community knowledge of HABs. Using a Community Based Participatory Approach (CBPA) that involves regional stakeholders, results from this work may reduce the occurrence of regional HABs and improve the quality of local waters, as well as the economical and recreational opportunities they provide

Read with Us! Poetry at the Library – April 18

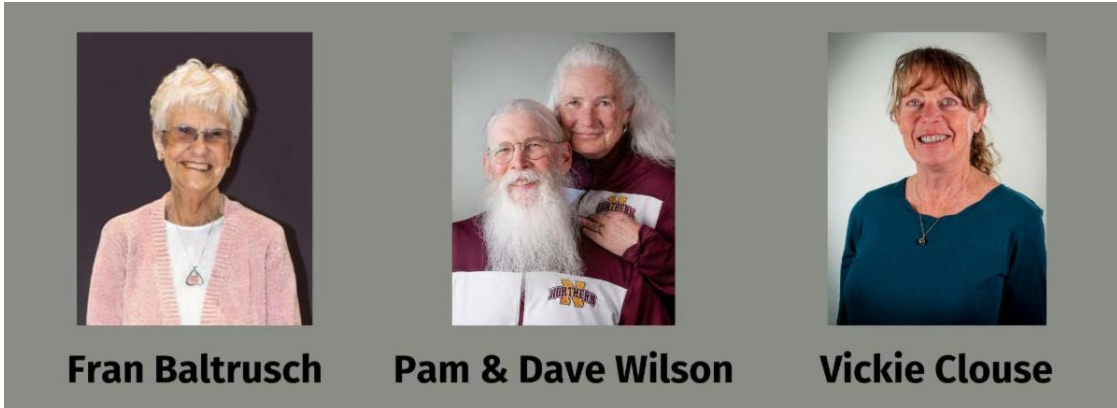
By Sarah Velk – Director of Vande Bogart Library

Happy National Poetry Month! In honor of this occasion, I'd like to invite you to the library's poetry reading event on April 18, details below. Please consider joining us and sharing this with students or anyone you know who might be interested. Huge thanks to Associate Professor of English, Valerie Guyant and Assistant Professor of English, Gwen Hart for agreeing to read with us.

Also, if you enjoy poetry don't miss the Voices of the Hi-Line International Poetry Reading on April 24! There's still time to get involved so contact Valerie for more details at valerie.guyant@msun.edu.

Come to the campus library at 2PM on April 18 to celebrate National Poetry Month with us by reading some of your original poetry or works from a favorite poet. All are welcome to participate. Not sure what to read? Check out a display of poetry from the library's collection and get inspired by this impactful literary art form or ask a friendly librarian for help. Enjoy readings by fellow campus community members and local poets including Drs. Gwen Hart and Valerie Guyant.

MSU-NORTHERN FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2024 FOUNDERS' EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS - Apr. 26



The MSU-Northern Foundation is proud to announce the recipients of the esteemed 2024 Founders' Excellence Awards. This year, the Foundation honors Fran Baltrusch, Pam and Dave Wilson, and bestows a posthumous award on Vickie Clouse for each of these individual's outstanding contributions to both Montana State University-Northern and the broader community.

The public is invited to attend the award celebration on April 26th, which will take place at the MSUN Student Union Building. The evening will commence with a cocktail hour at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner at 6:30 PM. Tickets for the event are \$40 per person, and attendees are kindly requested to RSVP by April 19th to secure their spot.

For those wishing to join in celebrating the 2024 Founders' Excellence Award recipients, please reserve your seat by calling the MSU-Northern Foundation at (406) 265-3711 or sending an email to alumni@msun.edu.

[More Info...](#)

Voices of the Hi-Line, International Poetry Reading - Apr 24

Campus and community members are invited to celebrate a love of poetry and languages at the International Poetry Reading, "Voices of the Hi-Line," on the evening of April 24th, at 7.00 pm in the Cowan Hall Theatre. Co-organizers Valerie Guyant, associate professor of English and Gwen Hart, assistant professor of English, invite members of the community, students, faculty, and staff to celebrate our collective linguistic and cultural diversity in the form of a poem, song, or chant. All pieces will be read/performed in any language other

than standard modern English. Ancient languages, modern languages, and fictional languages are all encouraged.

If you are interested in performing, please email valerie.guyant@msun.edu. Kindly include the name of the poem (if you already know it) and the language you will be using.

CALENDAR

Friday, April 12

- MSU-Northern Rodeo @ MSU
- Spring Deferred Payment Schedule: 100% Due
- 46th Annual Sweetgrass Society Powwow - 6:00 PM
- MAT Presents: Outside Mullingar - 8:00 PM

Saturday, April 13

- MSU-Northern Rodeo @ MSU
- 46th Annual Sweetgrass Society Powwow - 1:00 PM
- MAT Presents: Outside Mullingar - 8:00 PM

Sunday, April 14

- MSU-Northern Rodeo @ MSU

Monday, April 15

- MSU-Northern Student Art Show and Exhibition Reception - 6:00 PM

Tuesday, April 16

- MSU-Northern Student Art Show and Exhibition - 7:30 AM - 9:00 PM
- Retirement Reception – SUB Ballroom 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday, April 17

- MSU-Northern Student Art Show and Exhibition - 7:30 AM - 9:00 PM
- Brown Bag Lecture: Algal Blooms - 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
- ASMSUN Student Senate Meeting - 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 18

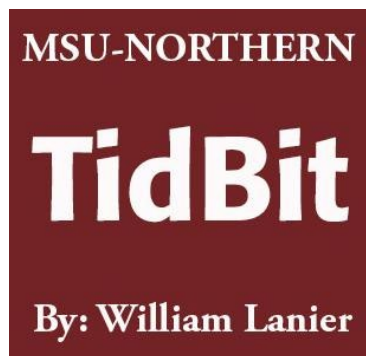
- MSU-Northern Rodeo @ Miles City Community College
- MSU-Northern Student Art Show and Exhibition - 7:30 AM - 9:00 PM
- Read with Us! Poetry @ the Library - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- MAT Presents: Outside Mullingar - 8:00 PM
- TRAP SHOOTING, Sign-up @ SUB Front Desk - 5:30pm,

Friday, April 19

- MSU-Northern Rodeo @ Miles City Community College
- MSU-Northern Student Art Show and Exhibition - 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
- SOAR Event for New Students - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- MAT Presents: Outside Mullingar - 8:00 PM

Saturday, April 20

- MSU-Northern Rodeo @ Miles City Community College
- MAT Presents: Outside Mullingar - 8:00 PM
- SPRING COMMUNITY CLEAN UP - Town Square 10am-12noon
- NORTH CENTRAL MONTANA HOT RODS INDOOR CAR SHOW, Holiday Village Mall - 10am-4pm,



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Paula & Matt Molyneaux

Two Northern Alumnus and longtime Chinook administrators Paula & Matt Molyneaux are retiring this year after careers that spanned more than three decades. Paula is currently a coach and Athletic Director and Matt is the Junior and Senior High School Principal.

Paula Talbott Molyneaux came to NMC from Great Falls High School. While attending Northern Paula was a student/athlete and played volleyball for the Skylights. She graduated from Northern in 1989 with a bachelor's degree major – Health & Physical Education (K-12). Here is the team picture from the 1987 Northerner. She is #2, third one from the left. Looking closer you will see current Skylight head coach, Jerry Wagner in the back row and the far left.



Volleyball

Back Row, l to R: Asst. Coach Jerry Wagner, Toni Sweet, Colleen Vertefeulle, Carla Lincoln, Tammy Peiper, Ann Bennet, Lisa Hagin, Tammy Mitchell, Cathy Sheets, Coach Rick Cross. Front Row, l to R: Susan Cross, Jennifer Beene, Paula Talbot, Janice Holmes, Melissa Underwood, Stephanie Moore.

Matt came to Northern after graduating from Chinook and then briefly attended WMC. After Matt's senior year at Chinook, he was selected to play in the Montana East/West Shrine Football game. Matt graduated from Northern in 1988 with a bachelor's degree major – Health & Physical Education (K-12). After graduating from Northern, Matt taught in Havre for more than a decade, before going home to Chinook.

In the summer of 1988, Matt and Paula were married. Here is picture from the July 31st, 1988, edition of the Great Falls Tribune.



To read more about the careers of Paula and Matt Molyneaux, check out this article written by Donna Miller that was in the Blaine County Journal!

[Paula and Matt Molyneaux](#)

Congratulations to both Paula and Matt for outstanding careers as coaches, teachers, and mentors for so many. You both make Northern proud.

Sidenote: Paula's dad, Mr. Bud Talbott was a shop teacher of mine at East Jr. High School in Great Falls, MT.

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