Northern Students Receive Scholarships

Hundreds of people were on hand Friday, March 27, in the SUB Ballroom, for the Annual Awards Day Celebration. MSU-Northern awarded 221 scholarships worth over $177K to a total of 180 individuals.

15th Annual Leadership High School
Last Tuesday, March 31, Havre's Leadership High School participants came to the Northern campus for their annual awards banquet. Each year 20 Havre High School juniors participate in a program called Leadership High School. They learn to develop their leadership skills through involvement in Havre's community and various volunteer opportunities including job shadowing at various businesses in town. The speakers were Dr. Kevin Harada; 2012 LHS graduate, Jacob Holden; superintendent of Havre Public Schools, Andy Carlson; and Havre High School principal, Craig Mueller. MSU-Northern's Chancellor, Greg Kegel, presented each graduate with a $1000 tuition waiver to MSU-Northern.

Golden N Winners

Greg Kegel (left) and Kevin Johnson were this year's Golden "N" recipients. The award is given by Student Senate, and the winners are selected by students based on the helpfulness and overall readiness to assist students and help them achieve. The Golden "N" Award is the most prestigious award an MSU-Northern faculty or staff member can receive. Congratulations Greg and Kevin, you make Northern proud!

Student Excellence Winners
The Student Excellence Award is the highest honor an MSU-Northern student can receive. Northern awarded these honors and recognized each honoree during the Annual Awards Day Celebration, Friday, March 27.

New Collegiate Stockgrowers Club

Collegiate Stockgrowers of Montana State University-Northern is a new campus club within the Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) designed to develop collegiate students into tomorrow's agriculture leaders. It provides students with opportunities to learn more about the legislative process and to have a voice in their industry. Collegiate Stockgrowers serves as an avenue for collegiate members with an interest in agriculture to express their concerns in an effort to assist in the development of MSGA policy. Aided by dedicated advisors, Jeremy Hoffman and Mary Heller, as well as substantial support from the community, the club has already begun to make a name for itself. These students represent the future of ranching, a profession that is becoming rarer with each generation. The members of the Collegiate Stockgrowers of MSUN are currently working towards the betterment of agriculture as well as giving back to the community through volunteer work around the ranching neighborhood on the Hi-Line. Agriculture is the backbone of our local community, the state of Montana, and the nation. These students are working to become an evolved breed of cattlemen and cattlewomen for the future of all those involved in this important industry.

All Sports Banquet
This week Northern held the 2nd annual All Sports Banquet, a celebration to honor MSU-Northern student-athletes. The All-Sports Banquet provided an opportunity for all the Northern family to say thank you to the student-athletes for all the hard work and dedication they give MSU-Northern, and also to say thank you to the senior student athletes who will be moving on to enter the workforce and begin new chapters of their lives. Many of these seniors have been with Northern for 4 or 5 years and have strived for excellence in both their studies and their performance in their sports events. The evening proved to be exactly what Northern had hoped- a relaxing, low-key dinner with family and friends filled with memories and gratitude.

Sports Season Summary

Skylights Volleyball
The Skylight volleyball team had a number of players receive awards and honors during the 2014 season. Dayna Jensen finished a standout career by being named to the All-Frontier Conference second team. Jensen was also named a Frontier Conference Player of the Week. Dayna Jensen, Erin Jensen, and Cydney Auzenne all earned Academic All-Conference honors. Kylie Pasieka was named an NAIA Champion of Character.

Lights Football
The Northern Lights football team finished the season with a 3-8 overall record and a 2-8 mark in Frontier Conference play. A total of 18 players were recognized as academic All-Conference selections (Patrick Barnett, Dave Owen, DeBruycker, Mario Gabbato, Garrett Jericoff, Zach McKinley, Austin Rychner, Lane Ulrick, Butch Hyder, John Jansen, Nick Louma, Rostyn Pace, Jordan Rueschhoff, Zach Bangert, Shomari Burton, Hunter Chandler, Jacob Criner, and Will Devos). Zach McKinley was named First Team All-Conference at running back. Jordan Rueschhoff, John Jansen, Tyler Craig, and Trever Baum were all named to the Second Team.

Lights Wrestling
The Lights Wrestling team finished 8th in the nation this year. Garrett DeMers placed 2nd in the nation at 197 and was named an All-American. Toby Cheff placed 3rd in the nation at 285 and was also named an All-American. Ethan Hinebauch finished 5th in the nation at 165 and was named an All-American.

Skylights Basketball
The Skylight basketball team finished the 2014-2015 season with an overall record of 29-6. The 29 wins was the third highest win total in school history. They finished in second place in the Frontier Conference with a record of 11-3. They received an at-large bid to the NAIA National Tournament in Independence, Missouri, where they advanced to the Elite 8 with wins over Lindsey Wilson College and Southern New Orleans. Six players received academic All-Conference honors and two were recognized as academic All-Americans. Senior A’jha Edwards had a record-breaking season, and was named a WBCA and NAIA First-Team All American as well as the Frontier Conference Player of the Year. Senior Taylor Cummings was named the Frontier Defensive Player of the Year and honorable mention All-Frontier. Sophomore Natalee Faupel was named to the Frontier Conference First Team.

Lights Basketball
The Lights basketball team reached the semifinal game of Frontier Conference tournament for the 11th time in 13 years (won 19 overall games, tied 4th in conference, 2 losses short of first place, 1 loss short of 5th straight NAIA National Tournament appearance). The team led the Frontier Conference in defense and 3-point shooting percentage & 3's made (2nd nationally in the latter two categories). The team included three All-Conference players, and this marked the third straight year for Big Sandy native Corbin Pearson to receive this honor. The team also boasted four Academic All-Conference players, and Missoula native Pat Jensen was named an Academic All-American for his third straight year.
Montana Actors’ Theatre’s newest show is *Over the River and Through the Woods*. It will run in the MSUN/MAT Theatre on the following dates: April 3-4, 9-11, 16-18 with the doors and backstage lounge opening at 7:30 p.m. and the show beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for students and seniors, and MSUN students attend for free with their valid IDs.

Audrey Barger is directing this show. Here’s a little bit about the play:
Nick is a single, Italian-American guy from New Jersey, who sees both sets of his grandparents every Sunday for dinner. This is routine until he has to tell them that he’s been offered a dream job, which would take him away from his beloved, but overbearing, grandparents. He tells them. The news doesn’t sit so well. Thus begins a series of schemes to keep Nick around, including bringing to dinner the lovely-and single-Caitlin O’Hare as bait.

The cast includes new MAT actors Chad McKenzie, Brian Dibble and Cathi Campanella as well as the familiar faces of Mindy Smith-Langel, Angela Murri, and Terry Munson. Be sure to catch this heart-warming, yet funny, tale of family, romance, and career ambitions!
Tribal college students who are ready to transfer to a four-year institution participated in Tribal Transfer Day last Friday, March 27. This event was organized by the Admissions Office and the Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP). Students from Aaniiih Nakoda College, Stone Child College, and Fort Peck Community College, along with some staff from these institutions, enjoyed a day at Northern which included presentations on multicultural and veterans services, financial aid, sports, student activities, and Desire to Learn; a campus tour through the residence halls and family housing, the library, the Louis & Antoinette Hagener Museum of the Northern Montana Plains Indian, and Student Support Services; visits to their future advisors, and an inspirational panel by MSU-N Northern Native Alumni, who described their academic and personal journey while attending Northern and encouraged students to pursue their academic dreams.

Thank you to all Northern staff who made this event possible, and the students and tribal college staff who attended. The Northern family hopes the students had a good time on campus, and all the faculty and staff are looking forward to seeing these students on campus next fall.

Wrestling Senior Banquet
The Northern Lights wrestling team held its annual senior banquet this past Saturday. Attendees enjoyed a deluxe Italian dinner while supporting and honoring Northern's seniors: Ethan Hinebauch and Jared Miller. They also enjoyed a slideshow of this season's accomplishments.

Montana Ambassador Video
The Montana Ambassadors are pleased to share the videos used to introduce the Governor's Montana Ambassador of the Year Award recipients. Chancellor Greg Kegel received the Mike Malone Educator of the Year award. His introductory video is available at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Elch0LkApUg
Biology Students Help with Campus Clean Up

Some of MSUN's biology students spent a class hour "sprucing up" the front entrance of Hagener in preparation for all the activities this spring. The students are (L to R): Melissa Spinler, Kent Nelson, Brett Thompson, and Mariana Jochim.

Northern Alum Shows off Her Coaching Skills
By Steve Hesske

The Frontier Conference sent five women's basketball teams to this year's NAIA National Tournament. The Skylights were joined in the tourney's Elite Eight (after first and second round wins) by the University of Great Falls and their assistant coach Jaci Heny, a former Skylight star for Coach Chris Mouat. Heny still holds the school records for most points in a game (40 in 2006) and most points in a single season (616 during the 05-06 season). This is her second year as an assistant at UGF. Before returning to the Frontier via UGF she was a successful high school coach for six years at Douglas High School in Douglas, Wyo. Coach Heny had a record of 121-44 and her team was the Class 3A state runner-up in 2013 and featured current Skylight Molly Kreycik.

During her two years at Northern Coach Heny established the record for single season scoring (616 points). She also set records for most points in a single game (40), and most free throws attempted, and made, in a single season.

Coach Heny helped lead the Skylights to a national tournament appearance in 2006 where the Skylights reached the Sweet 16. She was a two-time All-Frontier Conference honoree, a four-time Frontier Conference player of the week during the 2005-06 season, and a second-team All-American pick in 2006.

Even though you are coaching one of our rivals Jaci, you make Northern proud!

Upcoming Events

NLASF Spring Fling - Tonight, Apr. 3
MSU-Northern's Northern Lights Athletics & Scholarship Foundation is hosting its 10th Annual Spring Fling tonight at 5:30 p.m. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m., and dinner will be held at 7 p.m. This is a reminder for those who already have tickets, because this highly sought after event is sold out. So everyone who has tickets, please remember to come ready for a good time in support of Northern and all it does.

Easter Egg Hunt - Apr. 5
The Associated Students of MSU-Northern will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on the SUB Lawn on Easter, April 5 at 2 p.m. The area will be divided into age groups for 0-3, 4-6, and 7-9 years of age. Each person who finds a SPECIAL EGG will receive a prize. Games, snacks and refreshments will also be available.

Intramural/Recreation Coed Softball to Begin - Apr. 6
The Intramural & Recreation committee has scheduled coed softball beginning April the 6th at the softball fields south of town. Game nights will be April 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, and 21. There will be a tournament held on April the 25th at 2 p.m. Teams must consist of 5 women and 5 men, so put your team together. Pick up your roster at the SUB Information Desk, and return by today April 3 at 5 p.m.

The winners of the tournament will receive a $100 pizza gift card.

ASMSUN ELECTION - Apr. 7-9
The Associated Students of MSU-Northern (ASMSUN) will host their online spring election for 2015-16 officers on April 7-9. If any students are interested in becoming a member of the Student Senate for next fiscal year, contact ASMSUN President Andrew Potter at ASMSUNPres@msun.edu to pick up an application or stop by the SUB Information Desk. Applications are due by no later than April 3. For more information regarding duties of the positions, check out the bylaws at the following link. http://www.msun.edu/stuorgs/asmsun/docs/bylaws2014.pdf

Paid positions available are as follows:

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
President
Vice President
Business Manager

COORDINATORS
Intramural/Recreation Coordinator
Program Council Coordinator
Sustainability Coordinator
Administrative Assistant

Unpaid positions available
Minimum of 5 senators at large

SkillsUSA State Conference and Championships - Apr. 13-15
MSU-Northern is proud to host the 2015 SkillsUSA Montana State Leadership and Skills Conference. This year, SkillsUSA celebrates 50 years of excellence- "50 Years of Champions at Work." The national organization has served more than 11.2 million members since its founding in 1965.

Northern has been part of SkillsUSA since 1972, and has hosted 43 of the 44 state conferences. MSU-Northern strives every year to provide high school students around the state with a rigorous competition in a variety of industries from plumbing to advanced machining. We present the winners with scholarships to Northern, and they are often among the best students on our campus.
Financial Aid Exit Counseling Sessions for 2015 Spring Graduates- Apr. 15 & 16
Exit counseling sessions will be held in the Library Computer Lab:

Wednesday, April 15 at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 16 at 12 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Plan to attend one of the offered sessions as Federal Regulations require any students who have received a Federal Student Loan to attend exit counseling upon completion of their program. You will be provided with information on Federal Direct Student Loan and Federal Perkins Loan repayment options, deferments, consolidation of federal student loans, forbearance, and how to avoid default.

Presenters: Karen Terrell, MSUN - Financial Success Coordinator and Amanda Meyer, MSUN-Accounting Associate

If you are unable to attend one of the scheduled sessions, please contact Karen Terrell @ 265-3776 or stop in Cowan 213G to set up an appointment.

Collegiate Stockgrowers Meet and Greet- Apr. 17
The newly formed club, MSUN Collegiate Stockgrowers, will be hosting a meet and greet in the ATC building April 17 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited, including the surrounding community. There will be a free dinner as well as guest speakers, auctions, raffles, and local music entertainment. Please RSVP to Mary Heller 265-3708.

Rembrandt and Bach - A Musical Journey into the Light with World-Class Violinist Jack Glatzer- Apr. 21

The MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture series proudly presents world-class violinist, Jack Glatzer, on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hensler Auditorium, Applied Technology Center (ATC Building, MSU-Northern campus). Glatzer will perform a solo violin recital that will take you on a discovery voyage of the music of Johann Sebastian Bach and the paintings of Rembrandt van Rijn. On this magical journey,
the paintings of Rembrandt will be beautifully interwoven into the inspired musical interpretation of Bach by Glatzer. The artistry and music of Glatzer will not only captivate your senses, but touch your heart and nourish your soul. The presentation is free and open to the public.

For more information, please call MSU-Northern at (406) 265-3700.

Please visit the website to see the Spring 2015 Chancellor's Lecture Series: http://msun.edu/news/calendar/events2014/ChancellorSeries.aspx

Seventh Annual TekNoXpo - Apr. 23

MSU-Northern's 7th annual Technology-Knowledge-Exposition (TekNoXpo) will begin on Thursday, April 23, 2015. The TekNoXpo is an amazing opportunity for Montana high school students to explore their educational and career opportunities through MSU-Northern's College of Technical Sciences.

As always, the educational tracks include agriculture, automotive technology, welding, civil engineering, plumbing, electrical tech and diesel tech. Northern has added an additional facet to this year's TekNoXpo-nursing. Students interested in the nursing field will have the opportunity to tour the nursing department, take part in patient care interactive demonstrations, and visit with the nursing faculty.

The yearly Big Equipment Rodeo is always one of the highlights of this event. It includes skid steer racing, backhoe basketball, and the excavator simulator event. This specific portion of the TekNoXpo is made possible by generous donors who provide the machinery for the yearly event.

To register, go to: http://msunteknoxpo.weebly.com/ For more information, call Northern's Big Sky Pathways Program Director, Holly Haas at 406-265-3723. This event is meant to intensify students’ interest in the trades and boost enrollment in MSU-Northern's technology programs. TekNoXpo offers an experience like no other, with hands-on learning and personal guidance into growing career fields. If you know students who are excelling in the technical sciences, send them to the TekNoXpo.
Upcoming Faculty Workshops

Tech Snacks: Open Discussion - Today

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty. This week’s topic: Anything you want! There are no classes this Friday, but offices are open. Got a nagging D2L question on your mind? Want to share an idea for a Tech Snack topic that we should be doing? Want to eat some candy or fill your coffee mug? Now is the time! Tech Snacks is happening today, Friday, April 3, in the Extended University office (Cowan Hall 110) at 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., and in the Brockmann Center conference room at 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Lunch & Learn - Apr. 6

Please bring your lunch and join Cristina Estrada-Underwood and Amber Spring for the next Lunch & Learn. Are you interested in learning more about supporting diversity with students, staff, and faculty at MSU-N? Are you interested in learning more about supporting sexual orientation and gender identity issues on campus? In this session, we will explore same-sex marriage. It is an opportunity to look at its
emotional and social implications. This will be a panel in which you will have the opportunity to ask questions to two special guests.

For more information, contact Cristina Estrada-Underwood 265-3589 or Amber Spring 265-3783.

**Grant Development and Administration Training - Apr. 22**

Members of MSU-Bozeman's Office of Sponsored Programs have agreed to offer a training for people interested in pursuing and administrating grant funding opportunities.

The training will be held on the morning of April 22nd, and will cover a variety of topics including:

* Developing your grant proposal
* Grant compliance issues
* Administering your grant
* Grant reporting

Bozeman's Office of Sponsored Programs manages over a thousand different grants every year. They are experts in the field of grants, and can offer valuable information and insight into the grants process. If you've thought about pursuing grant funding for research or programs at MSU-Northern, it would be very beneficial for you to attend.

*The Grants and Sponsored Programs Office and the Provost Office will be hosting a lunch following the workshop for those who RSVP.* Please RSVP to the Grants and Sponsored Programs Office, samantha.clawson@msun.edu ext 3585.

**Quality Matters - Anytime Online**

Quality Matters (QM) is an organization devoted to effective design in online learning. QM offers professional development workshops and certifications that are available to instructors anytime online. If you are interested, please contact Justin Mason in Extended University.

**Weekly Articles**

**From the Career Center**
By Mary Heller

The end of the semester is fast-approaching with summer just around the corner. If you know any students who are planning to take summer coop credits, they need to come to the Career Center as soon as possible to sign up. They will need to have the coop information ready to add to their profile on CareerExpress, including their employer's name and contact information. Students also need to check with Financial Aid to be sure they are prepared to pay for these credits throughout the summer. Schedules of payments need to be taken care of with the Business Office.

All students who register for a summer coop will need to attend a workshop. Northern will offer three workshops, and each student needs to attend one. These workshops are designed to instruct the students on how the coops work, what documentation they are responsible for, and the rules regarding coops. These workshops will be held in the Vande Bogart Library Computer Lab (downstairs) on the following dates:

- Tuesday, April 21 at noon
- Wednesday, April 22 at 8 a.m.
- Friday, April 24 at 10 a.m.

For more information please contact the Career Center at 265-4198 or visit [http://www.msun.edu/career/](http://www.msun.edu/career/)
Tidbits
By Bill Lanier

With the basketball season complete, here are a few interesting numbers involving Northern basketball coaches Shawn Huse and Chris Mouat.

727 - total number of games coached by Coach Huse and Coach Mouat
466 - total number of combined wins between Coach Huse and Coach Mouat
275 - number of wins by Coach Shawn Huse
191 - number of wins by Coach Chris Mouat

This past year, the Lights and Skylights combined for 48 wins. This led the conference in combined wins. Lewis and Clark was second with a combined win total of 46, and UGF was third with 41. These three schools are the only ones in the conference who had more than 40 combined wins. It should be noted that with their 29 wins, the Skylights had 2 more wins than the combined win total of the men's and women's teams at Montana Tech (27).

Did you know that since the fall of 2005 the Northern Lights have recorded 221 wins? This is the most in the Frontier Conference among the men's teams and 7 more than runner-up Westminster.