

# NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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### Northern Continues to Make Strategic Gains



MSU-Northern officials recently announced that 1,234 students are attending classes at MSU-Northern this fall. This represents a decline of less than 1% in headcount (1,245 in the fall of 2014). MSU-Northern predicted a small decrease.

"The whole MUS system was anticipating and budgeting for a reduction in resident student enrollment, so this came as no surprise to Northern," said Brian Simonson, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business Administration. "Northern is financially prepared to meet our students' needs."

"We had a number of last minute withdrawals because people were unable to make proper financial arrangements," said MSU-Northern's Senior Director of Student Success, Tracey Jette. "One of the contributing factors was a loss of over \$80,000 in financial aid funds. Many of our students depend on those funds to be able to attend college."

Northern's Foundation is planning to launch a campaign to improve student life and increase their endowed scholarships to help offset these and other financial gaps.

In the midst of these challenges, Northern has achieved a 6% growth in students living in the residence halls from 277 people last year to 295 students this year. This growth in resident student life is seen and felt throughout all of campus life. Northern is also enjoying a record number of student athletes on their campus. This is due to the outstanding recruiting efforts of their coaches and start of a new cross country team. Several programs like criminal justice, diesel, and health promotions saw enrollment gains over last year.

"Last year, Northern launched the Strategic Advancement Team which has been working on recruiting and retention (R&R) goals and strategies. This group has been actively developing ways to get every Northern employee helping with recruiting and retention," explained Chancellor Greg Kegel. "We have made some significant strides in the past year. I believe the new Diesel Technology Center will greatly improve growth across campus. That building will help attract and retain diesel students, and they will bring friends who are interested in our other programs."

Northern has brought back two secondary education programs this fall, and next year Northern will be taking two more secondary education programs out of moratorium. Northern will also begin delivering their business management and community leadership programs online.

"The Havre community is our biggest asset. The support of the community is second to none, and it drives us to grow and develop this university and our students every day. We believe we are making the right strategic decisions that will result in long-term growth," said Kegel.

## Blanquito Brings Latin Rhythm to Northern



In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 through October 15), the Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) and the Office of Student Activities invited Blanquito to perform in Havre. Blanquito is an offshoot of John Roberts' Pan Blanco's larger ensemble. Well-known in Montana and Wyoming, Blanquito plays a blend of Cuban, African, and funk music inspiring audiences to dance.

At MSU-N Blanquito primarily interpreted traditional Cuban music like "Lágrimas Negras," (Black Tears) , Son Monduno, or Mexican boleros like the world-wide known "Bésame Mucho," (Kiss me a lot) by Consuelo Velázquez. They also performed original creations like "Pajarita" (Little Bird). Some other rhythms the audience enjoyed were danzon, cha cha cha, and bossa nova.

Roberts is currently producing his own World Jazz album and children's book, which are to be released in the Spring of 2016. He recently played as a guest performer at the World Music Institute of New York City and recorded on the soundtrack "Straight Outta Compton."

## MSU-Northern Collegiate Stockgrowers Update

By Justin Smart



With twenty-six student members at last count, the MSU-Northern Collegiate Stockgrowers is blooming as the newest student club at Montana State University - Northern.

The student members have been very busy since the start of fall semester. The first order of business was to elect the new officers which are: President, Colie Moline; Vice-President, Wyatt Ullery; Secretary, Tayla Snapp; Treasurer, Brooke Trammelle; and I.O.C. Representative, Justin Smart.

This September, club members have been actively involved in a number of events like: The Fossil Festival; Involvement Fair; Homecoming Week; Havre Festival Days Parade (thanks to Frahm Farms for the use of their John Deere 420 tractor and trailer!); and the Chinook Sugar Beet Festival.

Club members are at work planning for future events and activities:

- Young Ag Leadership Conference (YALC) - Billings, MT October 2-4
- 2015 Meet-N-Greet - Saturday, November 14th

Do you have an activity or event coming up that you need help with? Please contact the MSU-Northern Collegiate Stockgrowers for help! Call club advisors, Jeremy Hofman at 265-4128 or Mary Heller at 265-3708 for assistance.

## Student Spotlight- Brandon Hansard

By Kimmi Boyce



Brandon Hansard began his studies at MSU-Northern in the education program. Though he still values teaching and the youth of this generation, he desired a more hands-on career for his immediate future. Due to this need for a change, Hansard switched his major to diesel and took an internship with General Electric Transportation Systems in Nebraska.

Relocating to Nebraska was the first hurdle Hansard had to overcome, as the small town Montana man had never lived in a big city or far from home. Starting from scratch socially wore on him at first, but he soon realized that his crew was helpful and ready to welcome him to the team. Hansard had never even been on a locomotive, yet there he stood, asking to be trained to troubleshoot issues with train engines and their computer systems.

As the company branch's first intern, Hansard was somewhat of a guinea pig and sometimes felt that the workload was too arduous. His supervisors learned how to teach him on the actual worksite. The influx of daily information was tremendous, but Hansard grew to love it. He reveled in the locomotive work and learned to absorb information at an accelerated pace. When he described his overall experience, he simply stated, "The electrical side of the locomotives is so complex. The computer work is intense, just...holy smokes."

Hansard's summer internship has stretched and grown him in ways he was not quite prepared for, but he remains thankful for the proficiencies he gained. As he finishes his schooling and considers other internships, Hansard knows that Northern and its opportunities have prepared him for a broad array of career possibilities, and he is ready to see what his bright future holds.

### *Important Notices*

- 10/22/2015 - Last day to add a 2nd-half-semester class
- 10/26/2015 - Last day to drop a full-semester class with a "W"
- 10/28/2015 - Last day to drop a 2nd-half-semester class without a "W"
- 11/16/2015 - Graduation applications due

### **MSU- Northern Annual Crime and Fire Safety Report**

Northern's Annual Crime and Fire Safety Report came out earlier this week. The report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes on campus and on public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. The report also includes fire safety policies and statistics, emergency notification procedures, and protocols for missing persons.

You can obtain a hard copy of this report by contacting the Dean of Student Engagement at (406) 265-3561 or by email [kim.watson@msun.edu](mailto:kim.watson@msun.edu) or by visiting the security and campus safety webpage [2015 Annual Security & Fire Safety Report](#). The Dean of Student Engagement office is located in the Student Union Building, room 207.

## **Media Reprographics Center Services- Binding**

The Media Reprographics Center staff can bind together large amounts of papers quickly and inexpensively. They can even add card stock or plastic covers to protect the papers within. This service is great for reports, presentations, or even for printed books.

## **Learning Success Center Tutoring Times**

The Learning Success Center stationed in MSUN's Vande Bogart Library offers a plethora of student services, one of which is one-on-one tutoring. The tutors are ready and willing to help any student who may need assistance (within the realm of each tutor's subject expertise). Here is the list of subjects, tutors, and their available time slots:

Accounting Management Organization, HR Management, and Business Finance- Joseph Vernon- Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-7 p.m.

Business- Barbara Zuck- Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m.

History- Jaime Underwood- Wednesdays from 11 a.m.- 12 p.m. and Sundays (after NASCAR)

Math- Kirk Olson- Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m.- 12 p.m., 2-4 p.m., and 5:30-6 p.m.  
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6 p.m.  
Fridays from 11 a.m.- 12 p.m. and 2-3 p.m.

Nursing- Amy Crowder-Klobofski- Tuesdays from 1-5 p.m.

Statistics- Breck Don- Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m.

Writing- Kelsey Harding- Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m.

Writing- Kimmi Boyce- Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-3 p.m.

## *Upcoming Faculty Workshops*

### **Tech Snacks: Student Writing - Oct. 2**

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty. This week's topic: Student Writing. Instructors, do your students struggle to write at a college level? Have you noticed a downward trend in writing ability? What can we do to help students acquire the writing skills they'll need to succeed in college and in their professional lives? Our special guest will be Ligia Arango, Director of the Learning Success Center. The format of this Tech Snacks will be more conversational than instructional. Your voice is needed! As always, we'll have snacks and fresh coffee. Tech Snacks is happening today (Friday, October 2) at 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. in Cowan Hall, Room 110, and again at 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. in the Brockmann Center conference room.

### **College Life and Campus Services from the Perspective of a Deaf Student - Oct. 13**

Please join us for a presentation by Shawn Tulloch, Program Manager of Deaf Services in the Disability Employment and Transitions Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services Bozeman, Montana. Location TBA.

### **XLi 2016**

Next year's XLi Conference will take place at Great Falls College MSU, March 14-15, 2016, with the theme of "Making Learning Fun." Presentation tracks include "Innovation and Gamification," "Accessible User Experience," and "eLearning Classics."

You may submit proposals for presentations at the XLI 2016 website: <http://xli.gfcmsu.edu/>

Remember faculty, attending or presenting at XLI will earn you professional development points toward tech rewards through MSU-Northern Extended University! Let us know if you're interested in attending or presenting. We can coordinate and assist with travel expenses.

### **Quality Matters - Anytime Online**

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

## *Upcoming Activities*

### **Alumni Auction- Oct. 3**



**NORTHERN ALUMNI FOUNDATION**

# ALUMNI AUCTION

**October 3rd**  
**6:00 PM**  
**SUB Ballroom**

**\$20**  
Per Person

**Great Friends**  
**Great Food**  
**Great Fun**

Join The Northern Alumni Foundation and Northern family on October 3 at 6 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom for the 2015 Alumni Chinese Auction. Every year this iconic event helps raise money for student scholarships at MSU-Northern. Join in, and experience great friends, food, and fun that all help support a great cause. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the door or by calling 265-3711. Additionally, if you would like to make a donation to the auction, call or stop by the Alumni Foundation office at 305 Cowan Hall.

### **Family Violence Stops Here 5K Fun Run/Walk- Oct. 3**

Come partner with other community members to say "no" to family violence. This run/walk event will begin with registration at 9 a.m. and the race at 10 a.m. at the RC Model Flying Club facility, south on 5th Avenue, before the bridge. This event is free, though T-shirts will be for sale at the event. There will be an opportunity to donate life essentials for families in need. The list of needed items includes: canned or boxed food, paper towels, toilet paper, garbage bags, laundry detergent, fabric softener, children's and women's undergarments and socks (only new please), AA and AAA batteries, prepaid phone cards, conditioner, women's clothing (sizes M/L), children's clothing (ages 5-13), deodorant, and feminine hygiene products. For more information, call 265-5481 for Jessica Kennedy-Stiffarm at ext. 269 or Wanda Meredith at ext. 281.

### **Bears Paw Battle Commemoration- Oct. 3**

At MSU-Northern, we recently celebrated National American Indian Week. The Sweetgrass Society offered various ways for the Northern family to focus on the history of American Indians, but if you were unable to participate in any of these events or you are simply interested in the history and culture of the Havre/Hi-Line area, consider attending the Bears Paw Battlefield Commemoration event. The Nez Perce National

Historical Park, Bears Paw Battlefield, and Lapwai Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #10933 will commemorate the final battle with a traditional pipe ceremony. The commemoration will take place at the Bears Paw Battlefield and will honor all those who fought and died in the Nez Perce War of 1877. The commemoration begins at approximately 10 a.m. with the pipe ceremony and is open to the public. Please note that photographing or filming of the pipe ceremony is not allowed. This event is open to the public and will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call: 406-357-3130. The battlefield is located 16 miles south of Chinook on Route 240.

### **Havre Trails Photo Walk at Fort Assiniboine- Oct. 4**

At 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 4, 2015, the Havre Trails group will be teaming up with local artist and photographer Steve Helmbrecht for a photo walk at Fort Assiniboine. Helmbrecht will be teaching principles of outdoor and landscape photography throughout the course of the photo walk. Don your comfy walking shoes, and pull out your camera for an enjoyable evening at one of our community's most well-known historical attractions.

### **Recognizing National Coming Out Day- Oct. 8**

The Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs and the Student Support Services - Counseling Office is recognizing National Coming Out Day (October 11) by showing the foreign film (with English subtitles) *My Life in Pink* on Thursday, October 8 at 6 p.m. in the Hensler Auditorium. The film centers on a young transgender boy who looks for acceptance and finds intense rejection, isolation, and guilt.

### **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Legends for Lights Pheasant Jamboree- Oct. 8-11**

The Northern Lights Athletic Scholarship Foundation is continuing their annual fundraising tradition with the much-anticipated Legends for Lights Pheasant Jamboree. You can register for this very special anniversary hunt at: [www.legendsofarlights.com](http://www.legendsofarlights.com)

The Legends for Lights Pheasant Jamboree is a combination of former NFL, NHL, and other professional legends along with locals and outdoor enthusiasts who will take part in a 4-day jamboree that includes trap shooting, pheasant hunting, autograph signing, and, of course, a little storytelling. Individuals travel from all across the United States to take part in this one-of-a-kind event. Some are serious huntsmen. Some just come to see old friends and have a good time.

The main focus of the event is the two days of pheasant hunting on the opening weekend of pheasant hunting season. Teams are comprised of four hunters, one legend, a huntsman with dogs, and a host. Teams travel across the countryside in search of pheasants, hunting on land generously provided by the local landowners.

The event begins with registration on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. The jamboree's opening event is a Trap Shoot at the Havre Trap Club. Saturday and Sunday hunt days start early with breakfast that is provided each morning by our local community organizations. Some teams get out at day break in the early frosty morning for some pheasant hunting so they can enjoy the afternoon catching up with fellow team mates and friends. Sunday is the final day of hunting followed by a scintillating prime rib and shrimp dinner during the awards ceremony.

### **Fall 2015 Career Fair - Oct. 12**

Fall 2015 Career Fair is scheduled for Monday, October 12 from 9 a.m.-noon in the gym. The Career Center is excited to report that the list of employers coming to the Fall 2015 Career Fair is growing rapidly. There are thirty-seven employers registered- the largest career fair to date. Here's a quick run-down of who's coming:

ADF International - Maroon Sponsor, Border Plains Equipment, Bos Terra, Center for Mental Health, CG Ag Consulting, CHS, Inc., Frontline Ag Solutions, GE Transportation - Gold Sponsor, Gooseneck Implement, Havre Ford, Hoven Equipment, Kiewit (Corporate), Liberty Electric, Modern Machinery - Gold Sponsor, Montana Department of Corrections, Mountain View Co-op - Maroon Sponsor, New Media Broadcasters, North Central MT Area Health Education Center, Northern Ag Research Center, Northern Montana Health Care, Oneok - Maroon Sponsor, OVS (Oregon Vineyard Supply), RDO Equipment, Riverside Contracting, Tilleman Motor Company, Timber Creek Village, Torgersons, Tractor and Equipment, Triangle Communications, TTT Repair, US Customs and Border Patrol, Verizon Wireless/Cellular Plus, Washington Tractor, Western States CAT, Wicks Farms, Williams Plumbing & Heating, Youth Dynamics

Many of these employers will be interviewing, and many of those schedules are open on *CareerExpress*. Students must have a profile and resume on *CareerExpress* before they are allowed to interview with any companies coming to campus.

## Upcoming Chancellor's Lecture Series - Oct. 15

The Chancellor's Lecture Series presents "Hidden in Plain Sight" - a collection of Jill Brody's most masterful photography. This event will take place Thursday, October 15, at 7:30 p.m., at the MSU-Northern Vande Bogart Library. The talk and reception are free and open to the public.

Brody first began her trips to the Hutterite colonies in 2010 and quickly discovered a new sense of Montana's cultural diversity that she could observe and photograph. "The Hutterites are a unique community that seeks a certain degree of isolation," she explains. "Yet they need to interact and engage in commerce with the outside world." The story these photos tell is one of faith, community and perseverance. "The outside can learn a lot from people living in this community," Brody said.

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

Please visit the website to see the Fall 2015 Chancellor's Lecture Series:

<http://msun.edu/news/calendar/events2015/ChancellorSeries.aspx>.

Montana State University-Northern Chancellor's Lecture Series is an annual event designed to stimulate and enhance the intellectual climate of the University and surrounding communities.

## Northern Student Clubs Host BBQ Fundraiser - Oct. 17

Northern's student clubs are hosting a fundraising barbeque to help fund student, campus and community events. The event will take place on Saturday, October 17, 2015 in the ATC Building from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Local businesses have covered the costs of the food, so all proceeds from the BBQ will go to the student clubs. Rather than charge a set fee, participants will be asked to donate to support the clubs.

At this event, the community will have the opportunity to meet with Northern's different clubs and club members to learn what they are about and what activities they are involved in. The MSU-Northern Ambassadors will be providing tours around campus, and SKILLS-USA will be providing rides in the Goose. Weather permitting, there will also be a bouncy house for the kids.

For any further information on this club or event, or if you're interested in donating to this event, please feel free to contact MSU-Northern Student Senate Vice President Randy Roeber on his cell at 406-490-4870 or email [asmsunvicepres@msun.edu](mailto:asmsunvicepres@msun.edu).

## Karaoke at Northern - Oct. 21

Once a month this semester, the Program Council Committee will hold a karaoke night at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. The dates will be September 16, October 21 and November 18. The last night of the semester, we will have a competition and award the best karaoke singer a \$100 gift certificate.

Come on out, and join the fun!

## Weekly Columns

### TidBits

By Bill Lanier

This TidBit is going to take a different turn in that it is not just specific to Northern, but to all. I am referring to the Beloit College's "The Mindset List." In the fall of 1997, Ron Nief, Tom McBride, and Charles Westerberg of Beloit College created the first list to give faculty a sense of reference for the incoming freshman class. Every August since then, they have created and distributed "The Mindset List." This list is interesting for all to read and enjoy. Just a warning for those over the age of 30 or so, it may make you feel a lot older. Keep in mind that the year on the list is stated as the year the prospective students would graduate with a four-year degree. Thus the students entering this fall (2015) are addressed as the class of 2019. Here is a link to the year's list: <https://www.beloit.edu/mindset/2019/>



## From the Career Center

By Mary Heller

Next week will mark the beginning of employer visits to campus for the academic year. The Career Center has scheduled two individual employer presentations for next week, thirty-eight registered employers for the Fall 2015 Career Fair on October 12, and several individual employer presentations in the weeks after the fair. What are these employers looking for?

Some of the employers are starting their search for full-time employees, so they are looking for up-coming graduates. Many employers, however, are looking for Cooperative Education (co-op) students to fill positions they have in various locations in spring and summer 2016 semesters. So, what does an employer look for in a co-op student? I asked this question of several employers who constantly visit Northern, and they were more than willing to offer their input. There are many ingredients to what an employer sees as a quality candidate, but the following three items are at the top of the list with all employers, regardless of the industry they are representing.

One of the first things the employer looks for is a determination of whether or not the student really wants to work for their company. A co-op experience gives the company a chance to put the student through an "on-the-job-interview" process that can sometimes be four months if the co-op is done in the summer. This time gives the employer a chance to truly see if that student would make a good fit in the company as a full-time employee upon graduation. The experience also gives students a chance to "try on" an employer "for size" to determine if they want to work for that employer as a full-time candidate in the future.

Another important trait in a co-op student is their passion for what the work will involve. Are they an auto/diesel student who loves to crank tools so much that they almost dream about this work in their sleep? Or, are they a criminal justice student who dreams of working with juvenile delinquents to help the youngsters make better decisions for their futures? Having a passion for what work they will do as a career will make them a much better employee and give the employer a much more positive work environment.

A third key trait that employers look for in a quality co-op student is their work ethic and positive attitude. Through the examples of their GPA and work history on their resumes, employers can usually detect those students who are serious about work. They need students to show up on time (early is better) to work, get right into the job and stay on task throughout their work hours, ask questions to help their learning as they work through the co-op, and not be afraid to admit when they make mistakes. Getting along with supervisors and co-workers is also key, because the employers want a positive work environment.

As we prepare for the Fall 2015 Career Fair, scheduled for Monday, October 12, students should keep these key traits in mind when they interview with the visiting employers. For further information and questions, please visit the Career Center!

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