

## *This Past Week*

### **Governor Bullock Announces Grants for MSUN Research Projects**



This week, Montana Governor Steve Bullock joined MSUN Chancellor Greg Kegel and Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian announcing \$800,000 in grants for cutting edge research projects taking place at Montana State University-Northern Advanced Fuels Center. The funding comes from \$15 million that Bullock, and representatives from Montana's colleges and universities, secured during the 2015 legislative session. This award was part of Montana's first ever large-scale research initiative. The announcement took place at the Advanced Fuels Building at MSUN.

"Today, we're not only making investments into these research projects, we're also helping to define what Montana's economy looks like for years to come," Bullock said of the award. "The projects, and so many others like them throughout our state, will put people to work and ensure our state continues to be seen as a leader for research and innovation."



The initiative is called the Montana Research and Economic Development Initiative. All of the selected proposals needed to meet one or more of the following criteria: to address a Montana problem, to create Montana jobs in existing economic sectors, or to help spur new companies in Montana. Projects were selected through a competitive process. The \$800,000 project through MSUN aims to advance bio-based chemicals and next-generation fuels from Montana's agricultural crops.

## Diesel Advisory Board



This Thursday, Northern held a diesel advisory meeting which included various presentations concerning progress in the diesel program. The board members and attendees spoke on topics such as media promotion, fundraising for the new building, and recruiting strategies. Jim Potter presented Northern's new recruiting video, initiating conversation on the subject and inviting feedback from the board.

## Distance Learning Receives Grant for American Indian Education

The U.S. Department of Education recently notified Montana State University-Northern, that the university has been awarded a \$1.9 million grant from the Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) program. The grant money will be utilized over a time span of five years.

The NASNTI program provides grants and other assistance to non-Native institutions that serve Native Americans, in order to enable the institutions to improve and expand their capacity to serve Native Americans and low-income individuals. The funds from this grant will be used to improve retention and increase the American Indian students' completion rate of their bachelor's degrees.

"MSU-Northern has the highest percentage rate of Native students of any university in the Montana University system at twelve percent," said Chancellor Greg Kegel. "We would like to see it grow to 20%. This grant will enable Northern to recruit and market Northern to the Native American populations in this region the way it should be done," Kegel continued. "It will also help with retention. We lose our Native students faster than any other demographic, and this grant will help us address these issues."

"The primary focus is to reach out to experts in the field, including at the regional tribal colleges and national figures," said Randy Bachmeier, grant director. "These experts will help us develop and implement culturally appropriate models and strategies of mentoring, tutoring, teaching, and socially engaging our American Indian students."

The official start date of the grant was October 1, 2015. During the first year, Northern will hire and train the staff needed to execute the grant goals and remodel the necessary classrooms on campus in order to best implement curriculum that meets Native Americans' learning styles. Montana State University-Northern is the only university in Montana's history to be awarded a NASNTI grant.

"Northern is very excited about what this grant will allow us to do for our students," said Kegel.

## Alumni Chinese Auction



This past weekend, the Northern Alumni Foundation held their annual Alumni Chinese Auction. Every year this event provides funds for student scholarships at MSU-Northern. This year was an especially great success with around 200 attendees and donations totaling about \$23,000. Nearly fifty student/athletes attended as servers, offering their assistance throughout the evening. Five great raffle items garnered much financial support. Three of the raffle prizes were guns, and the other two items, a set of twenty-four bottles of wine and a barbecue, also encouraged many raffle ticket sales. The Lights basketball team unveiled a surprise raffle item, a ball signed by the complete team. All of the activities of the night fulfilled their purposes, igniting excitement and support for scholarships for our student/athletes. If you were unable to attend this fun fundraising event and would like to donate to student scholarships, call 265-3711 or stop by the Alumni Foundation office at 305 Cowan Hall.

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Legends for Lights Pheasant Jamboree

The Northern Lights Athletic Scholarship Foundation is continuing their annual fundraising tradition with the much-anticipated Legends for Lights Pheasant Jamboree. The jamboree began last night and will continue until October 11<sup>th</sup> with enjoyment for all who attend, funds and awareness for Northern athletic scholarships.

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 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 two days of pheasant hunting on 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.

## Student Spotlight- Erin Jensen

By Kimmi Boyce



Erin Jensen is one of Northern's Skylight volleyball players, and though she is dedicated to her sport and team, her life goals are not one-dimensional. Alongside volleyball, Jensen is pursuing two degrees in business management and animal science. When afforded the time, she often goes snowmobiling or bakes for enjoyment. Jensen's varied interests made for quite a jam-packed summer. She took on two separate internship/co-op positions; the first was with a bank and the second with a private ranch.

Realizing that she could complete a summer co-op in place of elective classes for her agriculture minor, Jensen jumped at the chance to gain experience with full-time ranchers and their stock. Like any ranch hand, her day to day schedule depended heavily on the weather. On a clear day, her work consisted of raking and baling hay and moving equipment from field to field. If rain came, she moved cows to different pastures or salted cows. Though Jensen grew up in Montana, during her co-op, she was introduced to various ranching responsibilities she had not yet encountered. Her employers gave her the opportunity to run the swather during haying season as well as bale straw, which was something else she had never done. These jobs took her out of her comfort zone but ultimately stretched her abilities to new heights. She felt much more confident in her ranching intuition after this challenging experience. She said, "Something unexpected that I've learned from this internship is knowing what needs to be done on a day to day basis. I surprised myself with how well I was able to catch on the more I did it. It's one of those jobs you really have to just jump in and try."

Jensen enjoyed so much throughout her time on the ranch, but her absolute favorite part was the people she worked with and being outdoors. She spoke of her employers saying that they never once treated her like a girl who didn't know what she was doing, even though she knew that was exactly what she was at times. Her employers treated her with respect and trained her with patience. Jensen would like to work with this ranch in the future. She said, "I simply enjoyed the work and realized how rewarding it is to put in a productive hard day's work." After graduation, Jensen plans to work for the ranch and work in Lewistown as a part-time agriculture loan officer. It appears that Jensen's Northern internships have prepared her for exactly what she wants to do with her life.



## Locally Inspired Art by Kris Martens

During the month of October, the Multicultural Center has invited Kris Martens as guest artist. Martens is a member of the Havre Art Association. She is presenting "Visitors from the East End Colony," a 15" x 19" acrylic painting on canvas. Martens started painting after an adult education class about ten years ago.

"Visitors from the East End Colony" depicts a scene of two smiling Hutterite girls. Martens adds, "Since several Hutterite colonies surround Havre, I became friends with a group of ladies from the East End Colony when they were picking apples in our neighborhood. When they can, they stop by to visit, have coffee, and sometimes, sing. The large painting is not typical to their everyday lives. When visiting, the girls like to plop down on my sofa and comfortable chairs and relax, as furniture at the colony is basically simple, unstuffed, and functional. I have always loved the polka dot scarves and dark plaids and prints of their attire."



Everyone is invited to visit the Multicultural Center and admire Martens's art. The Center is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The MSU-N Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) invites local and regional artists to exhibit their pieces, preferably those that have some link to multicultural themes. For more information, contact: [c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu](mailto:c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu).

## Movie to Recognize Coming Out Day

In recognition of Coming Out Day, the Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) in conjunction with the Student Support Services-Counseling Office projected the movie "My Life in Pink." The film talks about the life of a 7-year-old, Ludovic, who thinks he will be a girl when he grows up. However, Ludo only finds rejection, isolation, and guilt. The movie is presented from this tender child point of view. It is originally in French and at the end of the nineties it won the Golden Globe Award as best foreign film. The purpose of exhibiting this film was to offer to the Northern community a heart-warming positive conversation about gender identity. According to statistics, children are coming out at a younger age compared to previous decades.

## Important Notices

### Stock Up on School Spirit Threads

The MSUN Bookstore will be open this Saturday, October 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Lights will be playing at home on Saturday, so show your school spirit, and visit the MSUN Bookstore for your Northern logo items.

### Important Dates

- 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

## Upcoming Faculty Workshops

### Tech Snacks: Video Captions Made Easy - Oct. 9

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty. This week's topic: How to caption your videos. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance is becoming more important as video and audio media proliferate in e-learning. There is an easy way and a hard way to caption your videos. This Friday, we will show you the easy way. As always, we'll have snacks and fresh

coffee. Tech Snacks is happening today (Friday, October 9) 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*

### **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.

### **Deaf Workshop - Oct. 13**

October is National Disabilities Employment Month. To raise awareness, the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP), Extended University, and the Learning Success Center, are sponsoring the presentation, "Shawn's Perspectives on Deaf Community and Deaf Services," by Shawn Tulloch. Tulloch is a Program Manager of Deaf Services in the Disability Employment and Transitions Division at the Department of Public Health and Human Services in Bozeman. She will present a valuable look at college life and campus services from the perspective of a deaf student. Shawn has worked for 17 years as a teacher of the deaf, and is a member of the Montana Association of the Deaf and Gallatin Association of the Deaf. There will be a sign language interpreter during this presentation, which will take place October 13, 2015 at noon at the MSU-N Fireside Conference Room. Those interested please contact [c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu](mailto:c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu) or x 3589.

## **Safe Zone Training - Oct. 14**

Safe Zone Training Module one will be offered October 14 at noon at the Fireside Conference Room. Margaret Mahoney, Criminal Justice faculty, will be facilitating this training which will include terminology, definitions, and language usage about LGBTQ identities (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer). Register in advance by contacting [c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu](mailto:c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu) or x 3589. For more information you could also contact [amber.spring@msun.edu](mailto:amber.spring@msun.edu) or x 3783.

## **Bingo Night- Oct. 14**

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern host monthly bingo nights during the semester. The next bingo night will be October 14 at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Students will play several rounds of regular bingo for prizes, and the ASMUSN will give away a 7" Android tablet to the winner of the blackout bingo at the end of the evening. Refreshments will be available.

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

The Chancellor's Lecture Series presents "Hidden in Plain Sight" - a collection of photographs and 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**

MSU-Northern's student clubs will be hosting a fundraising barbeque to strengthen the resource fund the campus clubs share and use to host 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. and will include a full pork barbeque meal. Local businesses have donated supplies to cover the cost of food, so all proceeds from the occasion will support student clubs. Rather than charge a set fee, the Inter-Organization Council (I.O.C) will ask the attendees to donate funds.

During the meal, and throughout the duration of the event, community members will have opportunities to meet with Northern's club members to learn what they are about and what activities they are involved in - namely what part each club plays in the dynamic of Northern life. This luncheon will be a great opportunity for community and business leaders to network with some of Northern's very driven and involved students and leaders. New ties could be fostered by this fundraiser, and the effects could benefit the campus and community alike. To complement the meal and social aspect of the event, the MSU-Northern Ambassadors will be providing tours around campus for those interested in learning more about MSUN, and SkillsUSA will be providing rides in the iconic "Goose" touring vehicle. 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 remaining dates are, 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!

## **Northern Native Alumni Association meeting - Oct. 21**

The next Northern Native Alumni Association meeting will take place on October 21, 2015 at 6.00 pm at the Multicultural Center, Cowan Hall 308. The guest speaker is Yvonne Tiger, University of Oklahoma Native Alumni. She will be talking about the activities this organization is currently promoting. All Northern Alumni are encouraged to attend and participate. For more information, contact [c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu](mailto:c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu) x3164.

## **2nd Annual Festival of Nations, A Day in Colombia - Oct. 24**

The Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) in conjunction with the MSU-N Diversity Committee are celebrating United Nations Day (October 24, 2015) with their 2nd Annual Festival of Nations, A Day in Colombia, this year's country's guest of honor. The dancing troupe "Mi Colombia Linda" (My Beautiful Colombia) from Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada will be performing traditional Colombian rhythms like cumbia, sanjuanero, and joropo. In addition to these dances, MSU-N student Nicola Ivanovic will be presenting information about his country, Serbia, and Ophelia Gustafson will be representing Hawaii dancing hula. There will be country displays, vendors of some international items, international food for sale by the MSU-N Diversity Committee, and a silent auction. This festival will take place October 24 starting at 11.30 am at the MSU-N Sub Ballroom. Adults are \$3, kids \$1, and children under 5 are free. Also there is free admission for those dressed in traditional international attire. All proceeds are to support MSU-N diversity programs. Tickets are on sale at Ben Franklin Crafts, Bear Paw Meats, and at Cowan Hall 308, Multicultural Center. For more information contact [c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu](mailto:c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu) or x 3589.

## *Weekly Columns*

### **TidBits**

By Bill Lanier

Since the early years of Northern, the education program has produced many outstanding educators, and this has continued through the present. Many of these educators have gone on to very successful careers not only as teachers, but as administrators. A few alumni in their current locations and administrator positions include: Larry Crowder, Culbertson, Montana, superintendent; Andy Carlson, Havre, Montana, superintendent; Kent Kultgen, Helena, Montana, superintendent; Nate Achenbach, Choteau, Montana elementary principal; Kerry Parsons, Great Falls, Montana, CMR High School principal; Kim McKenzie Ray, Great Falls, Montana, elementary school principal; Matt Molyneaux, Chinook, Montana, high school principal; Mark Irvin, Havre, Montana, middle school assistant principal.

But how many Northern alumni have had a school named after them? There is at least one, the late Steven R. Jasinski had a school in Arizona named after him several years after he passed away. See this 2007 Havre Daily News article written by Northern alum, Alan Sorenson:

<http://www.havredailynews.com/story/2007/10/11/local/arizona-school-named-after-havre-native-steve-jasinski/474307.html>

Please e-mail me at [wjlanier1963@yahoo.com](mailto:wjlanier1963@yahoo.com) if you know of other schools named after alumni, and I will include others in future NNN TidBits.

### **@ Your Library**

By Vicki Gist

On Thursday, October 15, please join the Chancellor's Lecture Series Committee and the library staff as we host Jill Brody, who will talk about her "Hidden in Plain Sight" photography collection. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Vande Bogart Library. The collection will be on display in the library during October. For more information, visit the Chancellor's Lecture Series website at <http://msun.edu/news/calendar/events2015/ChancellorSeries.aspx>.





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On a different note, if you would like to participate in the Big Library Read program, you will find current books "The Door in the Hedge" by Robin McKinley and "In the Shadow of Blackbirds" by Cat Winters available through MontanaLibrary2Go (found on our databases page). These books can be downloaded as e-books and read on your favorite e-reader, smart phone, tablet, or laptop. The books will be available until October the 21st.