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Northern Network News

The Official Newsletter of MSU-Northern - August 30, 2019

## Welcome to the Northern Network News

Welcome to the Northern Network News (NNN). The Northern Network News is MSU-Northern's weekly newsletter designed to keep you informed about all the wonderful things happening on our campus. The NNN comes out every Friday during the school year (with the exception of vacations and holidays).

If you want something included in the NNN, please submit it to [potteri@msun.edu](mailto:potteri@msun.edu) by Wednesday at noon, and make sure you indicate in the subject line "For NNN."

Jim Potter,

Director of University Relations

## Instagram Photos of New Student Orientation



Last week new students took part in orientation. Students toured the campus, registered for classes, took in workshops and enjoyed several fun activities.

[Click here to Look at some of the many fun photos from the weekend.](#)

## Faculty and Staff Orientation



This year's staff and faculty orientation recognized MSU-Northern employees celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and over 35 years of dedication and hard work. The Chancellor presented the 2018 Annual Report and reminded the campus of some of the ways we are achieving our four strategic initiatives.

## New Employees at Northern



These are some of the new employees at MSU-Northern: (L to R) Scott Schroeder, Brendan Bachmeier, Mary Ward, Anna Bowker, Stacey Fast, Wendy Tilleman, Kristi Chapman, Rory Schmidt, Jason Tanner, Paul Schuschke, Jesse Lee, Kolby Finchum, and Patricia Figueiredo.

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## The Campus Came Alive at the Havre Night Out



Students and community came together Tuesday night to enjoy a BBQ, music by Blind Luck, and the activities of the Havre Night Out. People were able to sit inside a helicopter, check out the latest firetruck, climb the National Guard's portable rock climbing wall, and take a ride in a boom lift truck provided by NorthWestern Energy.

## New Home for the Veterans Learning Center



The Veterans Learning Center (VLC), is now located in Cowan Hall Room 321. Special thanks to the MSU-Northern Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) for their help with this move. This new space is for our veterans and students who are dependents of veterans. The VLC provides a place for veterans to relax, study, and use the computer lab. In addition, there will be fresh coffee daily for all veterans (including staff and faculty) and this space will be used to teach VUB classes as well as other veteran events.

## RA's Receive Mental Health Training



RAs in photo (L to R) Kareem Elhajj, Amos Taiswa, Brett Pederson, Charles Storey, Jered Ogurek, Shelby Brookie, Grace Schwenk, Alex Messer, Colter Czymoniak, Jayne Keeley, Ben Snively, Alec Breeding, Instructor, Curtis Smeby

On Tuesday, August 20, MSU-Northern's Residence Assistants (RAs) were certified as Youth Mental Health First Aiders. Twelve RAs took the 8-hour course as part of their RA training at MSU-Northern. They learned how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses their residents might experience. RAs participated in scenarios to help them provide initial support for those students who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and to help them connect the student to appropriate care.

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## Students Enjoyed Havre Pizza Night

Kevin Ruby, Tammy Boles, Dave Krueger, Rose Krueger, and Becky Wise helped facilitate the distribution of more than 60 large pizzas during the Havre Pizza Night. The Food Court was filled with over 150 students last Sunday night—the night before classes began. They came for “A Taste of

Havre Pizza”—an introduction to local pizza cuisine. Dominos Pizza, Nalivka's Pizza Kitchen, and Pizza Hut, all partnered with Northern to sponsor this event.

## Cronk Selected As Executive Director of Northern Alumni Foundation

Following a nationwide search, the Montana State University - Northern Alumni Foundation has hired Shantel Cronk as their new Executive Director. Cronk's start date was August 21 and she takes over from Jim Bennett, who left the position in June. Cronk, a fourth-generation Montanan who grew up on a ranch along the Hi-Line, is a graduate of Chinook High School and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia College in Minnesota, majoring in both Communications and English.



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## Over the Summer...

### MSU-Northern Student Takes Second at 2019 SkillsUSA National Conference

Montana State University-Northern's Diesel Technology student Cole Rhodes from Great Falls, Montana, took second place at the 2019 SkillsUSA National Conference and Competition, which was held in Louisville, Kentucky, on June 24-28.

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### MSU-Northern Students Participate in Montana Leadership Institute

Undergraduate women from across the state participated in the third annual Montana NEW Leadership Institute June 23-27 at the University of Montana. Among those participating were two MSU-Northern students, Jaclyn Bates, junior, and Erika Anderson, sophomore. The weeklong residential program seeks to educate,



empower, and encourage college women to become politically active and to take on leadership roles.

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## MSU-Northern Auto Program Ranks 2nd in the Nation

The Best Schools (TBS) an independent organization providing insights into the field of education through articles and rankings, have ranked MSU-Northern's Automotive Program second in the nation.

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## Launching a Hockey Legacy

In April, MSU-Northern received approval from the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) to develop a hockey program and compete at the ACHA Division 2 level. The MSU-Northern Men's Hockey Club will be developed in two phases over a two-year period.

**Phase One** - Startup year (Sept. 2019-Aug. 2020) 2019-20 will be focused on promoting, fundraising, scheduling, recruiting, and building the program.

**Phase Two** - Competitive Season (Begins Sept. 2020) The first competitive season will begin in the fall of 2020 with games to be played November through March. ACHA playoffs start the 1st week of March.

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## MSUN Safe Zone in Hill County

Over the summer, Amber Spring provided Safe Zone training to the Hill County Health Department. All employees of the health department completed the LGBTQ awareness and education workshop (Module 1) and the ally development training (Module 2). The entire staff became allies and is displaying their Safe Zone placards in their offices.

A reminder that MSU-Northern Safe Zone continues to provide trainings on campus for staff, faculty, and students. The Safe Zone is designed to promote an inviting and inclusive environment that is emotionally and physically safe for LGBTQ students, staff and faculty.

Contact Amber Spring [amber.spring@msun.edu](mailto:amber.spring@msun.edu) or 265-3599 for additional information about Safe Zone training sessions.

# Upcoming Major Events

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## **MSU-Northern Community Orchestra Rehearsals Begin – Sept 3**

If you play an instrument and would like to be part of the MSU-Northern Community Orchestra then come to the first rehearsal on Tuesday, September 3, from 7-9 p.m., in the second floor band room in Pershing hall.

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## **KNMC DJ Informational Meeting - Sept 5**

**Want your own radio show? Learn how.**

KNMC, MSU-Northern's campus radio station, is having an informational meeting for new and returning DJs on Thursday, September 5, at 6 p.m. in the SUB Fireside Room.

KNMC is free-form commercial free radio that is operated entirely by students and community members. You can host a show alone or with a friend. The content of radio shows are left entirely up to YOU! Scholarships available.

**Your station. Your music. Your voice.**

Tune in locally at 90.1FM or stream <http://www.msun.edu/knmc>.

KNMC has been a proud part of MSU-Northern since 1954! Join the tradition.

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## **Fifth Annual Suicide Awareness Walk – Sept. 12**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Suicide Awareness Walk is scheduled for Thursday, September 12, on the MSUN Campus. The theme this year is “It’s time: To ask, To listen, To support.” Participants should begin gathering at the clock tower on campus (behind Cowan Hall) at 6:30 p.m.

Thanks to the generous support of community businesses and individuals, t-shirts will be provided free until they run out. A remembrance wall will be set up for those wishing to celebrate the life of a loved one through posters, photos, etc. Speakers will begin at 7:00. As stories are healing, an opportunity for community members to share how suicide has affected their lives will follow the speaker.

The walk around campus will commence following the sharing. Participants will then be asked to come together in the MSUN/MAT Theatre for a short (20-minute) play, "It's Time" written by local author, Mark Cichosz. The play focuses on the thoughts and emotions of those affected by suicide.

For additional information, contact Amber Spring at [amber.spring@msun.edu](mailto:amber.spring@msun.edu) or 265-3599 or check out the event on Facebook!

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## Veterans Learning Center Open House – Sept 20

The official open house for the Veterans Learning Center will be September 20 from 12-1 p.m. for all student veterans, student dependents, and veteran faculty and staff and then 1-2 p.m. for any other faculty and staff that would like to attend. There will be food and refreshments for veterans.

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# Campus Calendar

## Friday, August 30

- Skylight Volleyball @ Arizona Christian University Tournament

## Saturday, August 31

- Skylight Volleyball @ Arizona Christian University Tournament
- S·A·T·U·R·D·A·Y Market - 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Lights Football @ Arizona Christian University - 7:00 PM

## Sunday, September 01

- Library CLOSED
- Skylight Volleyball @ Park University-Gilbert - 12:00 PM

## Monday, September 02

- Holiday ~ Labor Day Holiday ~ No Classes, Offices Closed
- Library CLOSED

## Tuesday, September 03

- Last day to Add \*AND\* to Drop classes without receiving a "W" grade

## Friday, September 06, 2019

- Skylight Volleyball @ University of Providence Tournament - 1:00 PM

## Saturday, September 07

- Skylight Volleyball @ University of Providence Tournament
- S·A·T·U·R·D·A·Y Market - 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Lights Football @ Rocky Mountain College - 1:00 PM

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# TidBit

By: William Lanier

The NNN TidBit would like to wish all Northern students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of Northern a safe and enjoyable new school year. For those of you who are new to the NNN, welcome! To returning readers, welcome back. The NNN TidBit is a weekly column centered on Northern, alumni, or various other Northern connections. The first TidBit appeared in the January 26, 2007 issue of the Northern Network News.

Just as in previous years, I would like to start the year off with "The Mindset List." In the fall of 1997, Ron Nief, Tom McBride, and Charles Westerberg of Beloit College created the first "The Mindset List" to give faculty a sense of reference for the incoming freshman class (traditional age students). 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 chances are it will 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. The students entering this fall (2019) are addressed as the class of 2023. For the previous 21 lists, it was affiliated with Beloit College and was "The Beloit College Mindset List." This is the first year the affiliation is with Marist College and is now called "The Marist College Mindset List." Ron Nief, Director Emeritus of Public Affairs at Beloit College, created this year's "Marist Mindset List" along with educators Tom McBride, Charles Westerberg, Martin Shaffer, and Tom Zurhellen. Here is this year's list:

[https://www.marist.edu/-/marist-news-the-first-marist-mindset-list-is-released?fbclid=IwAR2PFBsPUQBe9HokbOPqjTmKxkUBtfMK3DxBv9W\\_BtG\\_L7T3m8Xc4E1A8q4#.XWVOnqp8dME.link](https://www.marist.edu/-/marist-news-the-first-marist-mindset-list-is-released?fbclid=IwAR2PFBsPUQBe9HokbOPqjTmKxkUBtfMK3DxBv9W_BtG_L7T3m8Xc4E1A8q4#.XWVOnqp8dME.link)

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