



MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHERN

Northern Network News

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Northern Faculty Attend National Conference on Indigenous Student Success



Four faculty members from MSU-Northern recently traveled to Oklahoma City to participate in the national conference titled “Supporting Indigenous Students Success at NASNTI Institutions” held by the QEM Network on November 5-6 at the OKANA Resort in Oklahoma City.

Representing MSU-Northern’s College of Arts, Sciences & Education, the group included teacher education faculty Dr. Burke Wallace and Dr. Praveen Dubey, and English faculty Dr. Valerie Guyant and Dr. Mattius Rischard.

Dr. Dubey and Dr. Rischard delivered formal presentations at the workshop, sharing case studies about MSU-Northern's efforts in education and English disciplines to support Indigenous students. Dr. Wallace and Dr. Guyant participated in workshops, networked with peer institutions, and explored institutional strategies for enhancing opportunities for Indigenous learners.

The conference focused on institutional change for the success of students at NASNTI ("Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions") campuses, provided a forum for faculty and practitioners to discuss concrete ways to expand opportunities for Indigenous students. For MSU-Northern, this engagement underscores the university's commitment to inclusive excellence, student success, and strengthening ties with Indigenous student populations.

Please join us in congratulating Drs. Wallace, Dubey, Guyant, and Rischard for their leadership and representation of MSU-Northern at this national forum.

MSU-Northern Commemorates Veterans Day with a Warm Meal and Gratitude



In heartfelt recognition of Veterans Day, MSU-Northern paused to honor those who have served our nation in the Armed Forces. While the university was closed on Tuesday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day, the celebration continued on Wednesday, November 12, with an Appreciation Lunch held in the Veterans Lounge on the third floor of Cowan Hall.

The gathering brought together veterans, their families, and members of the campus community to share a warm meal featuring homemade chili, cornbread cupcakes, and dessert. It was a time of gratitude, camaraderie, and reflection on the sacrifices made by those who have defended our freedoms.

Veterans Day is observed each year on November 11—the date marking the armistice that ended the hostilities of World War I between the Allied nations and Germany. The truce took effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of

the eleventh month in 1918, symbolizing hope and peace after “the war to end all wars.”

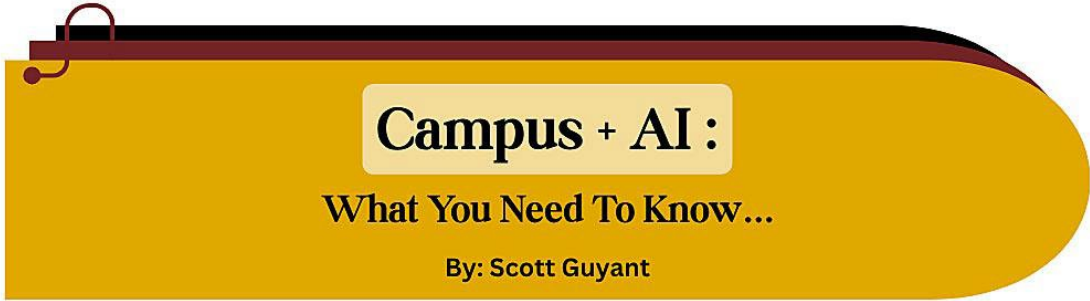
MSU-Northern proudly extends its thanks to all veterans and their families for their courage, service, and enduring dedication to our country.

MSU-Northern Celebrates Native American Jewelry Week with Creative Workshop



One of the highlights of the week was the Indigenous Jewelry Workshop, hosted by the Little River Institute (LRI) on Tuesday, November 12, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The workshop, led by artist Bridgette Shields, welcomed participants of all skill levels to learn about jewelry-making techniques and create their own meaningful pieces.

Native American jewelry has a rich and diverse history that spans centuries and tribes across North America. Traditionally, jewelry was made from natural materials such as shell, bone, turquoise, coral, and silver—each carrying cultural and spiritual significance. For many tribes, jewelry serves not only as personal adornment but also as a form of storytelling, symbolism, and identity. Designs often reflect a deep connection to the land, family heritage, and spiritual beliefs.



Campus + AI :

What You Need To Know...

By: Scott Guyant

By Scott Guyant and assisted by ChatGPT version 5.0 Thinking

Part Two: What ethical use looks like:

Students:

- Brainstorm topics, map keywords, translate jargon, generate study questions.
- Revise heavily in your own voice; note what you changed and why.
- Keep evidence of your process (prompts, drafts, fact-checks).
- For group work, agree in writing on allowed AI uses and who will verify results.

Faculty & Librarians:

- Set discipline-aware guidelines that specify what's allowed (idea generation, editing, coding help) and what isn't (full drafts, fabricated citations, confidential data).
- Require students to: (1) include an AI Use Note, (2) keep prompts/outputs with drafts, and (3) fact-check in library databases.
- Assess the *process* (annotations, revisions, bias checks) alongside the product.
- Partner on "AI-aware" research: use AI to refine search strings, then confirm with subject databases and cite human-authored sources.

A simple disclosure you can adopt today

AI Use Note (1–3 sentences):

"Used [Tool (what AI you used), version if known] to or for [purpose—e.g., propose counterarguments, generate topic sentence]. I verified factual claims in [this database/source] and revised in my own words. Prompts and key outputs are included in my draft packet."

Quick pre-submission checklist

- **Privacy:** Did I remove or avoid sensitive data?
- **Verification:** Did I confirm facts and replace any fabricated citations?
- **Bias pass:** Did I check for missing voices, stereotypes, or skewed examples?
- **Disclosure:** Did I include an AI Use Note and keep prompts/outputs with drafts?
- **Originality:** Is my thinking and voice clear?

Bottom line

Ethical AI on campus isn't about fear or finding loopholes; it's about using powerful tools responsibly while keeping learning authentic and credit where it belongs: with you.

Check out this report that was just released. It has some very interesting data about AI: <https://clarivate.com/pulse-of-the-library/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Schedule

- Nov. 26 No Classes, Offices OPEN
 - Nov. 27 No Classes, Offices Closed
 - Nov. 28 No Classes, Offices Closed
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UPCOMING EVENTS

More National American Indian Heritage Month Activities – Nov. 10-24

Rock Your Mocs! – All November

Wear your moccasins throughout November to show your support and celebrate Indigenous culture.

Braids, Bandanas & Scarves Week – Nov. 17-21

Proudly wear your braids, bandanas, and scarves in celebration of Indigenous heritage.

Community Meal - Nov. 24

On Monday, November 24 at 11:00 AM, you're invited to enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread at the Little River Institute, upstairs in the SUB. Soup will be served until gone—come share in fellowship and community.

The MSU-Northern Community Orchestra Presents “Seriously Swing’n Jazz”



The MSU-Northern Community Orchestra invites you to an evening of toe-tapping tunes at their concert, *Seriously Swing’n Jazz*, on Thursday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Little Theatre in Cowan Hall.

This lively performance will feature a mix of classic and contemporary jazz favorites, including *I’m Getting Sentimental Over You*, *It’s Only a Paper Moon*, *Pennsylvania 6-5000*, *Hello Dolly*, *Pure Imagination*, *The Lady Is a Tramp*, *Can’t Help Lovin’ Dat Man*, and more.

Under the direction of Rhonda Minnick, and featuring vocalists Kristi Peterson and Jeffrey Patterson, this concert promises an entertaining evening for music lovers of all ages.

NEXT WEEK

Saturday, November 15,

- Lights Wrestling @ Grand View Open
- Lights Football @ Dakota State University -12:00 PM

Monday, November 17

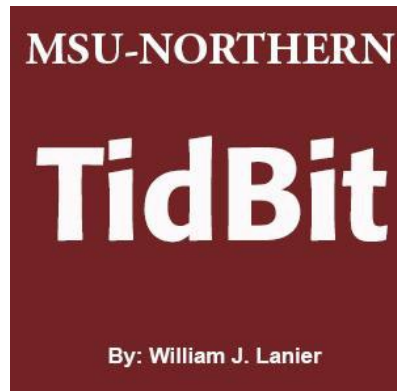
- Registration for Spring Semester 2026 - New Students

Thursday, November 20

- Seriously Swing'n Jazz - 7:00 PM Cowan Hall Theatre

Sunday, November 24

- Community Meal - 11:00 AM at the Little River Institute.



(#446) Remembering Twelve Fallen NMC Vet's

With the recent Veterans' Day holiday, I wanted to highlight once again twelve Northern Alumni who lost their lives in the Vietnam Conflict. These twelve are immortalized on a plaque that is currently in the Veterans Learning Center (room 321) in Cowan Hall.



These twelve are **Larry Edwards Schwarz, Duane L. Cottet, Leroy C. Cech, James F. Fuhrman, Greg N. Henderson, Roger J. Kojetin, Ronald J. Moe, Charles W. Han, Joseph C. Klemencic, Reid E. Grayson Jr., Todd Duan Kelso, and Edmund J Schmidt.**

For many years, the plaque had been at the entrance to Cowan Hall; a few years ago, it was moved to its current location. The plaques state "IN MEMORY OF FORMER N.M.C. STUDENTS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE VIETNAMESE CONFLICT N.M.C. VETS' CLUB. The plaque may be missing a name. If you know anything about any of these Veterans, or if any names are missing, please let me know.

VETERAN'S LEARNING CENTER

My goal is to gather information on each of these Alumni and place it in the Veterans Learning Center so that future Northern students will remember these heroes.

If you have any additional information or names, please e-mail me at wjlanier1963@yahoo.com.

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