

Northern Network News



The Official Newsletter For MSU-Northern

April 15, 2011

SkillsUSA



Montana's SkillsUSA held their 40th annual State Leadership & Skills Conference on the MSU-Northern campus this week. MSU-Northern has hosted the event since 1972. SkillsUSA is a nationally based club for high school and college students that offers competitive opportunities through which students are able to learn the skills needed for their specific area of interest in the workforce. Dedicated SkillsUSA students from around the state gathered to participate in the various competitions this week. SkillsUSA is a well-participated club in Montana- with 33 schools participating and bringing 375 students to compete, 275 judges, and 58 advisors. The categories available included Quiz Bowl, welding, automotive service technology, various drafting opportunities, diesel technology, carpentry, cabinet making, 3-D visual animation, and many others. The winners of each category have an opportunity to compete on a national level this summer. To view the video made on this year's SkillsUSA Conference visit:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyd3MVmh_g8

REGISTER TODAY FOR SUMMER CLASSES

Registration is now open for summer classes! The schedule is online at www.msun.edu/distance or Banner Web- MyInfo. If you are planning to attend summer session, please register early. Low enrolled classes are subject to cancellation and enrollment in each class will be reviewed the last week in April.

Recycling Facts & Tips

Spend less time in the shower. By just reducing your shower time by about two minutes, you can save up to 1,000 pounds of CO₂ from being emitted into the air. This is because you are using less electricity to heat the water, but you're also conserving water at the same time.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events April 16

Miller Analogy Test (MAT)
Testing for Master's Degree
Applicants

MSUN Rodeo @ Big Sky
Regionals

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Lights & Skylights
Rummage Sale

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Montana Actors' Theatre
Open House and Volunteer
Drive

April 18

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Coed Softball

April 19

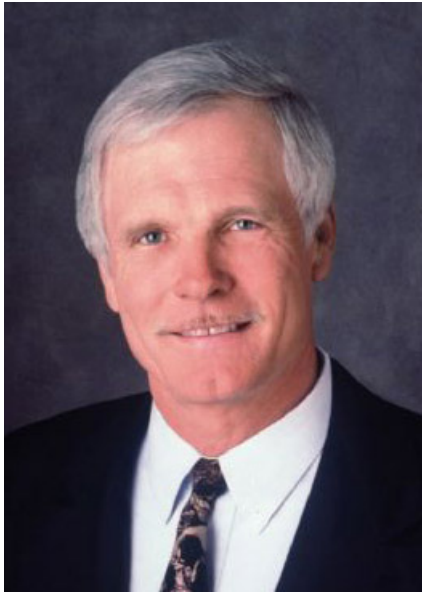
Start Time 8:00 AM
Student Senate Elections

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Campus Improvement Day

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Coed Softball

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Wall Climbing

8:00 PM



Ted Turner to Speak at MSU-Northern's Commencement

Saturday, May the 7th marks the end of another academic year at Montana State University-Northern. This year's graduating class will have the opportunity to hear from one the nation's most famous entrepreneurs when Robert Edward Turner III, known to much of the world as Ted Turner will speak at MSU-Northern's Commencement Ceremony. Turner has deep connections with our great state. His 113,000 acre ranch- Flying D Ranch- in southwestern Montana focuses on bison herd management, reintroduction of the West Slope Cutthroat trout, and wolf population recovery. Turner even named his restaurant after Montana. In January of 2002 the first "Ted's Montana Grill" was opened in Ohio. "Turner's Montana Grill" has expanded greatly since then, encompassing 46 restaurants nationwide. Montana's branch of the

restaurant lies within the Baxter Hotel in Bozeman.

These are only a few of the many accomplishments Turner has achieved. His connections with Montana are tiny fragments of how widely influential Turner is and has been. Northern is very honored to welcome Ted Turner to its 2011 Commencement Ceremony.

Business Problem Solving Competition

On April 11-12 students attending two-year colleges throughout Montana spent one and a half days developing solutions to a real problem which was posed by the USDA - Gallatin National Forest. The competition provided the opportunity for students to hone their business and problem solving skills while working with their faculty advisors.

Leaders on campus and MSU-Northern business students involved in the student organization, Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), were campus hosts throughout the event. Amy Meyer, Andrea Mack, Haley Lippy, Hannah Somers, Jack Curtiss, Jason Castillon, Marissa Mahkuk, Shawn Brodowy, and Tiffany Raney represented MSU-Northern as campus hosts.

The business problem solving competition was a success. "Students enjoyed themselves. They were challenged and responded. I am proud of the students for what they accomplished. I left with a good impression of MSU-Northern," were comments from the faculty advisors.

MSU-Northern business faculty are already preparing for the 2nd annual Business Problem Solving Competition.

Comedian Pete Lee

April 20

Student Senate Elections

8:45 AM - 2:15 PM
TekNoXpo 2011

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Tucker Montgomery Folf
Tournament

April 21

2011 Northwest Diesel
Instructors Conference

End Time 3:00 PM
Student Senate Elections

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Ping Pong Tourney

April 22

2011 Northwest Diesel
Instructors Conference

MSUN Rodeo @ Dawson
Community College

University Day ~ No
Classes, Offices *OPEN*

April 23

MSUN Rodeo @ Dawson
Community College

5th Annual Yuri's Night - April the 12th



Human spaceflight became a reality 50 years ago with the launch of a bell-shaped capsule called "Vostok 1." The capsule was carrying Soviet Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, who took his place in history as the first human to leave the bounds of Earth and enter outer space. Thirty years ago, the first STS Space Shuttle with Captain John Young as Commander of the flight was launched. To celebrate these anniversaries, MSU-Northern hosted a spectacular space event on April 12 from 4 P.M.-midnight in the SUB Ballroom, called "Yuri's Night." Much fun was had by all who attended.

National Library Week

This week was National Library Week. Tuesday was National Library Workers' Day. Wednesday was National Bookmobile Day, and Thursday was Support Teen Literature Day. If you haven't stopped into the library this week, be sure to drop by and show your appreciation to the workers who keep our extraordinary library running smoothly.

Montana Actors' Theatre Open House and Volunteer Drive

Join us at the MSUN/MAT Theatre any time between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. April 16 to learn more about Montana Actors Theatre (MAT)! Tour the theatre, learn about volunteer opportunities and have some refreshments. There are many ways you can be involved with MAT even if you are not an actor. We can always use help with make-up, building sets, sewing costumes, cleaning, set and light design and much more. There will be drawings for door prizes, such as free tickets to MAT productions.

Lights and Skylights Rummage Sale

Our basketball teams are raising money by holding a combined rummage sale on campus this weekend. The fun begins Saturday morning at 9 A.M. and will run until 2 P.M. in the gym. If you have any items you'd like to donate, please contact Shawn Huse at 406-265-4131 or Chris Mouat at 406-265-3584 (Lights and Skylights basketball players will pick up items if need be.)

Please show your support for our teams, and come to the Lights and Skylights Rummage Sale.

Student Art Show

On April the 18th thru the 29th, Northern students will be displaying their creative works during the Student Art Show. A reception will be held Monday evening at 6 PM, April 18, the show will be held in the Student Union Art Gallery. Works in the exhibition will include drawings, paintings, ceramics, multi-media and digital pieces created by the talented students of MSUN.

Please come and support the artists of our campus.

Campus Improvement Day - April the 19th

Since 1932, Northern has set aside a day for general campus clean-up and campus improvement. This year's Campus Improvement Day is set for April the 19th at 1 P.M. and is sponsored by the Associated Students of MSU-Northern. Students, faculty and staff who participate in this event will receive a free t-shirt and may attend dinner that evening in the SUB Dining Hall. Some of the projects assigned this year will be raking, painting of the Hello Walk (where necessary), and general cleanup. Departments on campus are encouraged to clean-up their own area. This is a day to take pride in Northern and make it the best it can possibly be.

Join a team or work on your own. Campus Improvement Day registration forms are available at the SUB Information Desk. Teams meet at 1 P.M. in the SUB Lobby to receive your t-shirts, work assignments and cleaning materials.

Campus Corps Workshops

Wednesday, 4/20

Organization & Time Management, Jennifer Wells
Cowan Hall 317, 5:30 P.M.-6:30 P.M.

Thursday, 4/28

Project Management & Volunteer Recruitment
Cowan Hall 317, 5:30 P.M. -6:30 P.M.

10th Annual Tucker Montgomery Folf Tournament

The 10th Annual Tucker Montgomery Folf Tournament will be held on April 20 at 3 P.M. on the campus of MSU-Northern. Registration forms are available on line at <http://www.msun.edu/stuaffairs/stuactivities/docs/2011Spring/FolfTournamentRegForm.pdf> The tournament includes singles, doubles and team divisions. Registration forms are due at the SUB Information Desk by April 19 at 5 P.M. The first 25 students to sign up will receive a free folf disc. T-shirts will be available for all participants. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each division and a free BBQ will follow on the SUB East Lawn.

Tucker Montgomery was a former MSU-Northern student from 1999-2001. During his time at Northern, Tucker belonged to the Alternative Outdoor Sports club that was instrumental in the planning and implementation of the MSU-Northern Folf Course.

TekNoXpo

MSU-Northern's 3rd annual Technology-Knowledge-Exposition (TekNoXpo) will begin on Wednesday April 20, 2011. Interested students must be signed up by the 15th of April. The event will take place outside the Applied Technology Center (ATC) beginning at 9:00 A.M. Students should arrive at 8:45 A.M.

This yearly event allows 200 Montana high school juniors and seniors to gain more knowledge about Northern, its programs, faculty, other students, and industry supporters. Students will be split into teams, taken on tours of the campus, and will experience demonstrations and hands-on opportunities given by the College of Technical Sciences. During the TekNoXpo, students will be given the opportunity to take part in the Big Equipment Rodeo. This rodeo includes three different events which are: Skid Steer Races, Backhoe Basketball, and the Excavator Simulator. The students will actually be able to run the machinery for this unique rodeo. There will also be a BBQ lunch.

Students can sign up with their high school counselors or RSVP to Cori Hindoien by phone or e-mail at: 406-265-3542 or cori.hindoien@msun.edu. Or contact Hayley

Childers at: 406-265-3558 or hayley.childers@msun.edu to register. There is a limit of 200 students for this event, so interested students should sign up as soon as they can.

Health Spring Tour

Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming Health Insurance Spring Tour scheduled for April 21 from 8-10 A.M. in the SUB Ballroom. Many of our healthcare administrators will be there as well as representatives from the OCHE office to discuss the changes in detail. Additional sessions will be scheduled for those unable to attend (more on this later).

The new Choices Workbook is now on-line at www.mus.edu/choices if you would like to take a look. Hard copies will be sent out shortly.

Northwest Diesel Instructors Conference 2011

On April 21 and 22, The 2011 Northwest Diesel Instructors Conference will take place on the Northern campus. Registration is free, and conference hotel room rates are available. The conference begins at 7 A.M. in the ATC Building lobby area. A complete schedule can be found on Northern's website. There will be more than ten prominent speakers at this conference, so don't miss out. For more information contact Lourdes Caven at (406) 265-3736 or lourdes.caven@msun.edu

Go online to register at: <http://www.msun.edu/ndic/registration.htm>

Spring Sprint - April 28

The ASMSUN Intramural/Recreation committee is sponsoring a Spring Sprint (fun run) on the campus of MSU-Northern on April 28, 2011 at 5 P.M. Registration forms are available at the SUB Information Desk. There will be a 1 mile and 3 mile walk/run. Food and refreshments will be served after the run and prizes will be awarded. For more information, contact Denise Brewer at 265-3732.

Donate Life Today

A single organ, eye, and tissue donor can save or enhance the lives of more than 50 people. Organ and tissue transplants offer patients a new chance at healthy, productive, normal lives and return them to their families, friends and communities. You have the power to change someone's world by being a donor. It's about living. It's about life.

MSU-Northern is competing with other universities in Montana to see who can register the most donors. This registry drive is throughout the month of April. MSU-N Campus Corps members will have tables set up periodically in the SUB and Cowan Hall to help you get signed up. If you are already a donor, you can still register online and help MSU-Northern in this friendly competition. Go to www.donatelifetoday.com/campus and click on the green sticky note. Make sure you select MT-Montana State University-Northern when you enter your information.

Become a Donor today!

Skylight Basketball Raffle

The Skylight's basketball team is selling raffle tickets for a drawing that will take place on May 5, 2011. There will be over 50 prizes available. The top prizes are a 42-inch Samsung plasma television and a hand-made stained glass "Skylight Basketball" piece. Other prizes include a riding snow tube, athletic apparel, Pro VI golf balls, and so much more! Each raffle ticket is \$1.00, so find a Skylight basketball player and get your name in the raffle today!

MSU-Northern 2011 Summer Hours

Effective May 9 - August 19, MSUN official summer office hours are:

7:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Monday - Thursday with offices closed on Fridays.

All summer courses and workshops will be conducted at the time and place scheduled.

If necessary, please call: 406-945-4297 OR 406-265-3702

Havre Pride Day

Please help promote the recycling drive and clean-up on April the 30th, Saturday, at the Havre Fire Station for Havre Pride Day.

Please start collecting your plastics and other recyclables at home and at work so that they can be recycled on April 30. RECYCLE HI-LINE will be taking: Aluminum cans, metal products and scrap, office paper, newspaper, catalogs and magazines, junk mail, cardboard and boxboard (cereal, cracker, etc. boxes) No. 1 plastic (water, pop bottles) and No 2 plastic (milk jugs) (must be RINSED and with NO LIDS. Step on them to decrease volume.)

Look on the bottom of your bottles- the numbers are in a little recycle triangle symbol.

Havre Pride Day Activities:

- Havre Shriner's Pancake Breakfast 7 A.M. - 1 P.M. at the Elks Club
- Bring your picked-up garbage and recyclables to SEPARATE bins:
 - The Fifth Street location (Fire Station) Garbage bags can be picked up there 9 A.M. to 12
 - Zip Trip in Highland Park- Bring your recyclables from home. Keep picked up recyclables in a separate bag. Bins will be open all day.
- MSU-Northern clean-up 9 A.M.- noon
- Beerfest at the Palace Bar 7 - 11 P.M. for a \$5.00 cover charge which includes the auction, raffle, and live music! Proceeds will go to: Recycle Hi-Line.

For more information on Havre Pride Clean-up please contact Kim Cripps at 265-0905 or e-mail cripps@bresnan.net. For more information on recycling and beerfest, please contact Recycle Hi-Line (Candi Zion) at 265-9533 or e-mail jslive@mtintouch.net. For more information on Montana Energy Corps please contact Carrie Johnson at 265-3699 or e-mail carrie@opportunitylinkmt.org.

Submit WellAwards Credits

It's time to submit Wellawards credits!! Go to: www.montana.edu/wellness; click the WellAwards button (upper right hand corner of the homepage).

Credit submission deadline: April 30, 2011

Those who earned 15 credits or more and submit their credits by April 30 will qualify for a \$100 award check. Award checks will be sent in late May.

ATTENTION Parents of Northern Students

Show them you care and send them a finals week care package.

Care packages are \$20.00 and they include: backpack, pencils, food, drinks, coupons to various places in Havre for free food and much more!! Go to www.msun.edu/alumni and select **Care Packages** in the left-hand column.

Alumni

As a graduate of NMC or MSU-Northern, you are one of a unique and distinguished group. We hope that like us you consider every day a great day to show your Northern spirit, and we hope you will find that by being an active member of the Northern Alumni. You will gain great benefits and opportunities. If you would like to join a growing association that is working towards a better relationship with current and future alumni go to our web site to sign up! www.msun.edu/alumni (website will be up soon) with your membership you will receive some great perks. Here are just a few:

- Alumni Rate to home Northern sporting events \$5.00 adult, \$3.00 student and seniors
- 10% off Northern Bookstore - in store and on-line
- 20% off a round of golf at Prairie Farms Golf Course
- Buy one round get one free at Beaver Creek Golf Course
- 15% off Storewide at Master Sports
- 5% off Adventure With Friends - unique adventure vacations
- Save on your auto insurance with Liberty Mutual
- Free membership to CashCourse - Define your finances. Define your future
- Free membership to Working Advantage

PCI Updates

Is PCI (Publishing Concepts) a legitimate company?

The answer is YES, the Northern Alumni Association has hired PCI to work on an Alumni Directory. The last directory was done in 2006 and it is time to create another edition. If you could please take a few minutes and call PCI to update your information it would be greatly appreciated.

Call 1-866-571-0468 to update your information. Thank you from the Northern Alumni Association

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Outlook 2010

Insert a Screenshot in a Message

When you want to save a thousand words by e-mailing a picture of a dialog box, browser screen or anything else that appears on your desktop:

1. Open a new mail message,
2. While in the body of the message click on the **Insert** tab, then in the **Illustrations** section click **Screenshot**.
3. A dialog box shows you all the windows currently open on your desktop. You can:
 - a. Choose the window you want to insert by clicking it, ~or~
 - b. You can click on **Screen Clipping** at the bottom of the dialog box. Your screen will fade and then you can use the mouse to click to draw a box on screen. When you release the mouse button after drawing your box, the area you selected will be inserted into your message.

Note: Although this is a handy tool, please use it judiciously - the screenshots and screen clippings are very large files!

Tidbit

By Bill Lanier

On Wednesday of this week the 40th Montana SkillsUSA state conference and competition concluded with the awards ceremony and closing. SkillsUSA formerly known as VICA, has held their state conference and competition on the Northern campus for the past 39 years (began in 1973). The year 1973, coincidentally is also the same year that long time faculty member William Danley began his teaching career at Northern. Of course Jan Brady, Dean of Extended University was already in her 2nd year at Northern when VICA began their competition on the Northern campus in 1973.