

Northern Network News



The Official Newsletter For MSU-Northern

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Orientation



Twenty-Three Students were on hand Tuesday morning for new student orientation. Enrollment for this semester looks good. All students are encouraged to make their fee arrangements with the business office so they are not dropped from classes.

No School Monday

Monday is Martin Luther King Day, therefore, the campus will be closed.

Economic Impact Report

Bozeman -- Montana would have 13,500 fewer jobs and more than \$1 billion less in personal income if the Montana State University system of four campuses and the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station did not exist, according to a recently released economic impact report.

The report also highlights the value of a college degree: Montana citizens with a bachelor's degree will earn \$569,000 to \$814,000 more over their lifetime than those holding only a high school diploma.

The report was commissioned by MSU to measure its impact on Montana's economy. It is the most complete study ever done on the university, covering its campuses in Bozeman, Billings, Havre, and Great Falls as well as the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station, which conducts agricultural research in centers across the state.

The report's research and analysis was done by Patrick Barkey, director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research, a research center within

Recycling Facts & Tips

A 4 foot stack of newspaper equals a 40 foot evergreen tree.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 14

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Lights Wrestling @ Clackamas
Community College

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Skylights Basketball @
Montana Tech

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Lights Basketball @ Montana
Tech

Jan. 15

9:00 AM
Lights Wrestling @ Clackamas
Open

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Skylights Basketball @ UM-
Western

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Lights Basketball @ UM-
Western

Jan. 17

Martin Luther King Day ~ No
Classes, Offices Closed

Jan. 18

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Wall Climbing
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Comedian Michael Dean Ester

Jan. 20

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
5-on-5 Basketball Meeting
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Lights Wrestling vs. Northwest
College

the University of Montana's School of Business Administration. Barkey did a similar economic analysis for the Missoula campus of UM in March, however, the UM and MSU analyses used slightly different models and their results cannot be compared.

One of the key findings of the report is the value a college degree has in boosting a person's lifetime earnings. A 25-year-old Montana man with a four-year college degree will enjoy, on average, earnings over his working life that are worth \$814,000 more than he would realize with only a high school degree. For a woman, the extra earnings amount to \$569,000 on average.

The MSU system has a combined enrollment of nearly 22,000 students being served at four campuses and through Internet-delivered courses.

The premise of the study was to compare the actual economy with a hypothetical economy in which the university does not exist.

For the state as a whole, the presence of the MSU system increases annual wages across Montana an average of \$1,087. Additionally, the MSU system generates \$253 million in state tax revenue, which means the state receives \$2.60 in tax revenues for every \$1.00 of tax support. And finally, Montana is the beneficiary of \$349 million annually in investment spending thanks to the MSU system.

MSU-Northern

- **Jobs:** The Havre campus contributes 800 jobs in a region of Montana where job availability is crucial.
- **Income:** These jobs mean an additional \$82 million in personal income.
- **Tax Revenue:** MSU-Northern produces a two to one return on investment of state dollars. The \$9 million state investment resulted in \$18 million in state tax revenues in 2009.
- **Compensation:** Annual wages are \$94 higher across the state because of the presence of MSU-Northern.
- **Investment Spending:** An increase of \$14.7 million in investment spending in the Montana economy occurs every year due to the operation of the Northern campus.

The complete MSU Economic Impact Report can be found on-line at: <http://www.msun.edu/news/>

Jan. 21

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
5-on-5 Basketball Rosters Due

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Skylights Basketball vs. Carroll College

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Lights Basketball vs. Carroll College

Jan. 22

9:00 AM
Lights Wrestling @ Jamestown College Open

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Skylights Basketball vs. Rocky Mountain College

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Lights Basketball vs. Rocky Mountain College

Youth Build Graduation



On December 22, 2010 16 Youth Build students completed their program. Six of them also completed their GED. A brief graduation ceremony was conducted to mark this important achievement.

Library now open until 10:00 p.m.

The Library has adjusted its hours to better meet the needs of our students. The hours for Spring Semester 2011 are as follows:

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday Closed

Sunday 1-9 p.m.

Closed this Monday for Martin Luther King Day

These are the regular hours. For changes in hours due to holidays or breaks, please see the Library Home Page.

Open Forum

Yesterday, Chancellor Frank Trocki held the first Open Forum of the New Year. He updated everyone on what is happening with the legislature.

Next Tuesday, January 18 is Northern's official presentation to the legislature. They also introduced some of the new people at Northern who were in attendance.

New faces and changes at Northern:

Cassie Ladenburg is the new Academic Affairs Office Manager. Cassie received her BA in Business with an emphasis in information systems from U of M. Previously, she was employed with Independence Bank. Cassie is a member of the VFW Havre Rifle Club. She is also a member of the Hi-Line Therapeutic Riding Association, a program designed to help disabled children with horseback riding therapy.

Will Lorett is the new Library Tech II. Will received his BS in Biology from Northern. He was employed as a student worker in the library for four years. Also during his student years, Will served as a Science Tutor, LDSSA Vice President, and the Math & Science Club PR Officer.

Jebediah Gaffney is the new Assistant Professor of Psychology. Dr. Gaffney received his BA in Psychology from the University of Massachusetts and his MA in Forensic Psychology from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. In addition, he received an MA and PhD both in Clinical Psychology from Yeshiva University. Dr. Gaffney has worked as a group therapist, adjunct professor, guest lecturer, and assistant research scientist. He is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor. He said, "I find teaching to be one of the most rewarding jobs I have ever had."

Vonnie Pattison is the new Assistant Professor of Nursing in Havre. Vonnie received her LPN from the University of ND, ASN from Regents College/University of the State of New York, her BSN in Nursing from MSUN, and MSN from the University of Phoenix. She is licensed as an RN in Montana. Previously, she worked as an RN in the following areas: OB/GYN, chemical dependency, and nurse supervisor.

Vicky Plagenz is the new Assistant Professor of Nursing in Lewistown. Vicky received her BSN from Marian College, and her MSN from the University of Wyoming. She is licensed as an RN in Montana. Previous nursing experience includes pediatric specialty care, OB, neo-natal intensive care, mental health, orthopedics, and oncology.

Amy Crowder-Klobofski is the new Instructor of Nursing in Havre. Amy received her ASN and BSN degrees from MSUN. She is currently working on her Master's degree in Clinical Nurse Leadership at MSU-Bozeman.

She is licensed as an RN in Montana. In previous experience she worked as a CRRN for the MSUN nursing program and also as a unit nurse in a hospital.

Sarah Griffith is the new Admissions Evaluator II. She received her BS in Business Administration with an emphasis in Small Business Management from MSUN. Prior to the Admissions Dept, Sarah worked for 5 years in the Northern Bookstore. Sarah received the prestigious "Golden N" award in 2009. The Golden N is a special honor given by Northern students to employees they consider especially caring and helpful. Sarah is also certified as a personal trainer for First Aid/CPR.

Norton Pease is the new Chair of EASN. Norton received his BFA from Iowa State University and MFA (Painting) from Washington University. Awards include the Janice Peterson Anderson Award in Design. Exhibitions include 44, Berkeley Art Center, Berkeley CA Group Show, and Double Space, NY,NY solo exhibition. Prior to his position as Chair, Norton served as Associate Professor of Art and Graphic Design at MSUN. In previous employment, he worked as an adjunct professor for Baruch College in NY, Felician College in Rutherford, NJ, and Raritan Valley Community College in NJ. Norton serves as the United Way Hill County Representative.

Last Day to add a Course

The deadline for adding a course to your schedule is fast approaching.

The last day to add a course is as follows:

Last day to add full-semester courses: Monday, 1/24/2011

Last day to add first-half-semester courses: Tuesday, 1/18/2011

We Love Northern Ball

The 25th Annual We Love Northern Ball will be taking place on February 12, 2011 in the Student Union Building. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with no-host cocktails and dinner following at 7 p.m. Come and enjoy dancing to the music of the Milk River Band from 9 p.m. to midnight. Live and silent auctions will be held until midnight. All of the proceeds from the Ball

go towards student scholarships. Tickets are \$50 per individual. A 10-seat table reservation can be purchased for \$600. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (406) 265-3767.

Pep Band Looks for New Members

MSU-Northern's Pep Band is starting to practice this semester and it is looking for new members. If you know how to play an instrument, you are welcome. For more information on how you can get involved, call Jim Potter at 265-3727 or e-mail him at potterj@msun.edu.

SERIOUS COMEDY EVENT

Comedian Michael Dean Ester explains "The Reason You Are Here" to MSU-Northern students on Tuesday, January 18th at 8 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Nominated "Comedian of the Year" by Campus Activities Magazine and "Performer of the Year" by the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities, Michael Dean Ester delivers punch lines, valuable advice and his upbeat style encourages people to think while they laugh. His message is a simple one: People who love what they do never have to work for a living. His career is living proof. Ester has appeared on NBC, E! Entertainment Television, New Joke City with Robert Klein, and in the movie "Senseless" with Marion Wayans and David Spade. He is heard nationwide on XM Satellite Radio's Comedy Channel. This performance is sponsored by ASMSUN Program Council and is free to students, faculty, staff and community.

Continuing Student Scholarships

We want to remind MSU-Northern continuing students to apply for scholarships. You cannot receive scholarships if you never apply for them. Continuing students can fill out the On-Line Scholarship Application or fill out a paper application and turn it in to the Financial Aid Office to apply. Instructors will have access to the application or students can pick them up at the Financial Aid Office. Most of the scholarships are awarded by the appropriate department or the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarships for continuing students are available in the following areas: Agriculture, Athletics, Automotive, Business, Diesel, Education, Engineering, English, History, Humanities, Industrial Technology, Math/Science, Miscellaneous, and Nursing.

Scholarships requiring additional applications:

Carla Albrecht Memorial Scholarship
Dave Duensing Scholarship
Montana Water Environment Association Scholarship
Norma Gillies Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Patti Fisher Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Vietnam Veterans Chapter 420 Scholarship
Northern Alumni Association Scholarships

MLK Day of Service

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "**Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'**" Each year, Americans across the country answer that question by coming together on the King Holiday to serve their neighbors and communities.

MSU-Northern Campus Corps invites you to join them in starting the year off right by making an impact in our community. Start a project of your own or help the students with their projects:

Visit the Hi-Line Boys and Girls Club on Tuesday, January 18th from 4-5 p.m. to read books to the kids and hand out bookmarks with quotes from Dr. King.

Campus Corps is teaming up with NorthCentral Montana Youth Build on Wed, Jan 19th from 9-11 a.m. to remove snow at various houses of senior citizens in our community (bring a snow shovel if you have one). If you know of a senior citizen in need, please contact Del at 265-3577.

Contact Del, Campus Corps Team Leader, at 265-3577 to volunteer or to let him know about the volunteer activity you will be participating in.

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Outlook Tip

Create an email shortcut for speedier messages

If you send email to the same person several times a day, frequently entering the same address can feel inefficient, even with Outlook's AutoComplete feature. So if you send a lot of mail to the same person, you can create an email shortcut on your desktop. Then when you want to send a message, all you have to do is double-click the shortcut and it will open a blank, pre-addressed message, ready to go.

To create a desktop shortcut for sending messages to the same person, do the following:

1. Right-click the desktop, choose **New**, and then select **Shortcut**.
2. In the **Create Shortcut** dialog box, type <mailto:emailaddress>. Don't enter any space characters between the "mailto:" and the email address. Example:
mailto:President_Cruzado@montana.edu
3. Click **Next** and enter a descriptive name for your email shortcut.
4. Click **Finish**.

To use the new shortcut, just double-click it. Outlook (or your default client) will open a mail window and fill in the **To:** field using the address you provided when you created the shortcut. Write your message and send!

Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

This past semester (Fall 2010) ended the tenure for long time faculty member Dr. Brian Gilmartin. Dr. Gilmartin began teaching at Northern Montana College in the Fall of 1988. To put this in perspective when he first started teaching at Northern, Ronald Reagan was President, a first class postage stamp was \$0.25, a gallon of gas was \$1.08, a dozen eggs was \$0.89, a gallon of milk was \$2.30 and here on the Northern campus Dr. William Merwin was the President. Thank you Dr. Gilmartin for all you have done for Northern over the past 22 years!!!!