

Northern Network News



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MSU-Northern Appoints Interim Dean

MSU-Northern's Chancellor Dr. Joseph Callahan announced last week that Dr. Carol Reifschneider has agreed to be the Interim Dean of MSU-Northern's College of Education, Arts and Sciences and Nursing (CEASN).

The decision to hire Dr. Reifschneider on an interim basis came as a direct result of a wide range of input including the faculty of the CEASN.

Dr. Reifschneider commented, "I am honored to be selected as MSU-Northern's Interim Dean. I look forward to working with Northern's

faculty, staff, alumni, friends and, especially, its students to enhance the educational experience for our students."

Dr. Reifschneider has an impressive portfolio which includes a Ph.D. and M.S. in Environmental Health Science and a B.A. in Environmental Studies from the University of Kansas. Before coming to Northern in 1995 she taught in the Civil Engineering Department at North Dakota State University and in the Microbiology and Civil Engineering Departments at the University of Kansas. While at Northern she has taught a number of biology, chemistry, and water quality courses in the Science department. In addition she has taught Wastewater Microbiology for Northern's Montana Environmental Training Center in conjunction with the State of Montana's Department of Environmental Quality.

Dr. Reifschneider has also sat on numerous committees at Northern. Some of these committees include: Academic Senate, Admissions and Standards, Assessment Committee, Co-Chair of the Northwest Accreditation Committee, Water and Wastewater Operators' Advisory Council, The Cultural Development Committee, Financial Aid Committee, Lecture Series Committee and the Founder's Day Committee. Chancellor Callahan said, "Dr. Reifschneider is an outstanding choice as she brings a wealth of experience gained from being the chair of the CEASN and will be able to hit the ground running."

This position has been vacant since Dr. Jim Longin retired in 2008. Since that time, the responsibilities have fallen on the Provost. This interim position will begin effective August 15th and will extend through June 30, 2012.

Calendar

July 19

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
ASMSUN Summer Meal

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Kicks at 6

July 20

Great Northern Fair

July 21

Great Northern Fair

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
ASMSUN Summer Meal

July 22

Great Northern Fair

July 23

Great Northern Fair

July 24

Great Northern Fair

July 25

Skylight Volleyball Kids Camp

July 26

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11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
ASMSUN Summer Meal

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Kicks at 6

July 27

Skylight Volleyball Kids Camp

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Sounds on the Square

Alum Receives Award



Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, far left, presents Capt. Keith Hamilton, NAVFAC Southwest Commanding Officer, with the Field Acquisition Activity Award during the 2010 Navy Acquisition Excellence Awards at the Pentagon on June 13. NAVFAC Southwest received the award for its support of Marine Corps initiatives and the fast track award of the \$349 million hospital replacement at Camp Pendleton.

Pam Pratt (4th from right) is a 2002 graduate of MSU-Northern where she graduated with a Business Technology degree and an Accounting Minor. In 2008, Pam was selected as the Command Acquisition Employee of the Year for Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest. In 2009, she was awarded the NAVFAC Southwest Excellence Award for Managerial Excellence. Pam has worked for the Department of the Navy as a civilian Contract Specialist since her graduation.

Currently, she is the lead supervisor, Contracting Officer, of the Central Integrated Product Team (IPT). Her team is responsible for awarding construction and related support requirements for all the United States Marine Corps bases in Southern California and Yuma, Arizona. In the last two years alone, her team has awarded over 2 Billion dollars in construction and related services, in support of the warfighter. She directly supervises 30 contract specialists and 4 procurement technicians. Pam attended the awards ceremony at the request of the Chief Contracting Officer to represent the Command at the 2010 Navy Acquisition Excellence Awards at the Pentagon June 13.

Express Experience Events Help Students

The Admissions Office teamed up with Advising and held four Express Experience events this summer on the Northern campus. The events were held on May 4th, May 31st, June 16th, and July 11th. The students checked in at 10 a.m. followed by a welcome and a presentation by Ligia Arango about how to succeed in college. The four events hosted over 80 students from all over Montana as well as some out of state students. Those in attendance were able to get the last of their details taken care of to attend in the fall. The day's activities included Advising & Registration, a free lunch served by food service, getting their pictures taken for their student ID cards, presentations by Financial Aid, the Career Center, and Student Support Services, a tour of campus, and a closing where we gave out prizes from the Northern Bookstore. At the end of the day, they were given the option of looking at the residence halls or being directed to another office they needed to see. Faculty and staff were in attendance to help get the students registered and to help advise them on which classes

July 28

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
ASMSUN Summer Meal

July 29

Skylight Volleyball Team Camp

July 30

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would be the most beneficial to take their first semester at Northern for the program of study they were going into. This is the second summer that the Express Experience events have been held on the Northern campus, and we plan to continue to host them to help students with the last details they need to take care of and make their experience with Northern that much better.

Grant for New Motorcycles



The Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety program which is housed at MSU-Northern received a \$164,500 grant from the state of Montana to replace some of their old and worn out motorcycles. The grant will allow them to purchase 35-40 new motorcycles, one 24 foot enclosed trailer and three small open trailers. The goal of this grant is to help train novice motorcyclists on newer motorcycles to improve riding skills and become safer motorcyclists on Montana's roadways before purchasing their own motorcycles. Currently MMRS has a fleet of motorcycles that are completely outdated-some motorcycles are over 20 years old. This poses a major issue for the motorcycle safety community. Motorcycle riders are receiving safety instruction on motorcycles in which they themselves will not be operating on Montana roadways. Furthermore data suggests that many motorcycle fatalities in the United States are accountable to riders operating bikes on which they were not properly trained.

New Paint on Morgan Hall



Morgan Hall is just one of the buildings on MSU-Northern campus being painted this summer in preparation for school starting.

Department Logos



In a further effort to improve Northern's "Brand" and image, Northern's University Cabinet has agreed to allow departments to have a Departmental logo if they feel they need one. The logo uses the normal Northern logo but adds a second line to distinguish the department, program or college. In order to maintain the brand people wanting one of these logos must request them through the University Relations Department. These logos are an option and we request that you do not replace your letterhead and business cards because of the new logos.

Great Northern Fair Booth

Attention all friends and fans of MSU-Northern. While at the Great Northern Fair stop by the Northern Alumni Association and Youthbuild booth to see this year's upcoming athletic schedule, renewed alumni events and learn about the positive impact Youthbuild has on our community. Come see all the changes to the Northern Alumni Association. Also check the plans for Homecoming 2011 - It's a new party!

Save the Date!!

Northern Homecoming September 16th and 17th
Northern Alumni Scholarship Auction October 22nd

Northern Adds Men's Golf

MSU-Northern is adding men's golf this fall and coach Dave Boles has signed four recruits for the new program.

Boles, who also coaches Northern's women's golf team, has signed Jeremy Jensen of Havre and Kris Brett of Grand Junction, Colo. Both are transferring to Northern from North Idaho College, which had advanced to

the NJCAA national tournament the past two years.

Also signing with the Lights are former Havre High standouts Matt Hedstrom and Brett Normandy.

Library Hosts Archiving Conference

On June 22, Randy Silverman with the Western States and Territories Preservation Assistance Service (WESTPAS) presented a group from the Hi-line with information on protecting cultural collections. His emphasis was on the importance of preventing accidents from happening. He also stressed the importance of having more than one person know which items in a collection are a priority. Some items in a collection are irreplaceable while others are not. The next segment of this seminar (August 17) will focus on repairing damaged items, identifying possible problems and preparation for possible disasters.

Film Crew Comes to Havre

The filming of the movie "Winter In The Blood" is scheduled to begin next month. The fundraising campaign was successful at meeting its goal of raising \$60,000 in small donations (more than 410 people contributed!) from folks who want to see this independent film shot here on the Hi-Line this summer.

The film production folks are looking for a few host families willing to share their home with a film intern while Winter In The Blood is being shot in our backyard. If you can provide accommodations for these young people, or know of someone who can (or have another creative idea about how to house these interns), please call Patrick Cook directly at 406-396-4628 or e-mail him at his personal address, which is pcook21@gmail.com.

Beginning on Monday (July 18), there will be two interns here on the Hi-Line that will need housing through early September. They are from the University of Montana and the University of Austin. Also, beginning on August 9th, there will be an additional 8 interns from Longhouse Media in Seattle joining the crew to help with the production of the film.

Northern Alumni Membership Drive

The Northern Alumni Association would like to invite you to become a member and receive great benefits. The Alumni Association has decided to go a new direction. Instead of the annual phone-a-thon they are having a membership drive. The money raised with the membership drive will help with all the events and functions that they like to offer for their current and future alumni. Also, the funds help build their scholarships so that they can continue to provide 17 alumni scholarships. Please consider becoming a member of the association and enjoy the great package of benefits they have provided. You can go to their website to sign up!! <http://msun.edu/alumni> and click on Become a member with benefits. If you do not want to receive the benefits and would like to donate, please mail your donation to MSU-Northern Alumni office Box 7751, Havre MT, 59501. Please designate where you would like your donation to go in the memo. If you have questions, please feel free to call them at 265-3770. Thank you!

Chancellor's Lecture Series

Designed to create campus and community-wide conversation, the 2011-2012 MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture Series will consist of seven talks on vital topics by distinguished guest speakers. The MSU-N Lecture Series Committee is a Chancellor Charter Committee whose members consist of students, faculty, and staff. The committee will oversee and organize events, performing all tasks from booking speakers and hotel

rooms to coordinating publicity and media coverage.

The campus community and general public are cordially invited to attend all of the lectures, and admission is free. The seven lectures are:

Bob Hall

"Nonviolent Sexuality: Making Peace with Passion"

Thursday, September 8, 2011; Student Union Ballroom; 7:30 p.m.

Ian B. Davidson

"Financial Outlook"

Thursday, September 22, 2011; Hensler Auditorium; 7:30 p.m.

Kevin Michael Connelly

"Double Take"

Thursday, October 20, 2011; Student Union Ballroom; 7:30 p.m.

Keith Bear

"The Spirit of the Flute and Storytelling"

Thursday, November 3, 2011; Student Union Ballroom; 7:30 p.m.

Ann Shaw

"Roscoe and Tooley: Montana Runaways"

February 2012; Date to be Announced; Hensler Auditorium

Julia Galloway

"Ceramics in Montana"

March 5 - 9, 2012; Student Union Ballroom; 7:30 pm, followed by a Gallery Walk.

Steven Running

"Climate Change and Quenching the Thirst"

Tuesday, April 10, 2012; Hensler Auditorium; 7:30 p.m.