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This Week on Campus

Staff and Faculty Orientation



This Wednesday MSU-Northern's faculty and staff attended their annual orientation. The morning activities included the state of the campus address by Dr. Limbaugh as well as the recognition of MSU-Northern employees celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, or 30 years of dedication and hard work. Bill Danley topped the list with 40 years of service. The afternoon was filled with a host of professional development workshops.

Recognizing 35 Years of Service



During the staff and faculty orientation meeting the Chancellor unveiled a new program to highlight all faculty and staff who had worked at Northern for at least 35 years. The program will place a plaque on one of the newly painted maroon benches. Several of the recipients were on hand to accept this honor. Chancellor Limbaugh explained, "This program will help students understand that Northern did not just spring up out of nothing but was built through the efforts of some very dedicated and committed people."

Recipients will be allowed to choose their favorite bench on which the plaque will be installed. From now on such plaques will be presented at the annual retirement reception.

Work Begins to Preserve Donaldson Hall



Work has begun to repair Donaldson Hall for future academic and institutional growth. Preservation repairs will be made to the exterior masonry, and efforts will be undertaken to solve the water drainage issues.

"Our goal is to stabilize the building in order to preserve it for future use. Donaldson is one of the most iconic buildings in the community, and we cannot afford to abandon it to the elements. This project will help stop the deterioration and buy us another ten or more years so we can define its future and secure additional funding for a complete renovation," explained Brian Simonson, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration.

As a State building, funding for this kind of maintenance is typically derived from the Governor's Long Range Building Project budget. At this juncture, no dedicated funding for Donaldson was apportioned. But the Chancellor and the State are committed to the building's future, so several sources of funding combined to make this project happen.

Donations Help Diesel Program



(L to R) James Limbaugh, Rick Clark, Greg Kegel, Jack Ferry, and Steven Don were on hand to receive two generous gifts for Northern's diesel program. Rick Clark from N C Machinery (Caterpillar) in Tukwila Washington, and Jack Ferry from Tractor & Equipment Company in Great Fall, Montana, teamed-up once again this year to donate funds towards the betterment of MSU-Northern's diesel program. Tractor & Equipment Co. donated the first \$10,000; then Caterpillar matched the amount with a second \$10,000. The total \$20,000 will be used towards MSU-Northern diesel scholarships as well as program development. Thank you Caterpillar and Tractor & Equipment Co. for supporting our diesel program and students!

All American News

Northern QB Derek Lear was named NAIA Preseason All American usacollegefootball.org

Important Announcements

Attention all Students

This is an Important Reminder:

Your college bill for the upcoming semester has been sent to your myInfo account.

Don't forget - it is required to fill out your Student Insurance and Payment Form in order to avoid late fees or class cancellations, so confirm your attendance and Make Your Payment Today!

For more information about your payment options, visit
Our MSU-Northern Business Services Office (Cowan Hall 207), or www.msun.edu/busserv
To access your Payment and Insurance Form
<http://www.msun.edu/busserv/docs/PaymentandInsuranceForm2.PDF>

Important Dates

Last day to:

- Add a first-half semester class is Thursday, August 29, 2013
- Add full semester class is Thursday September 5, 2013

- Drop a first-half semester class without a "W" Thursday September 5, 2013

See the Registrar's office for more information

Continuous Improvement Plans Due

Attention faculty and staff, your data entry for the Unit Continuous Improvement Plans and the Student Learning Assessment Plans for last year (2012-2013) is due. If you have not submitted your plans yet please use the following links to the database:

<https://ia.msun.edu/SitePages/TheHome.aspx>

<http://ork.msun.edu:8080/NWFPlan/>

Information Technology Services Update

By Carlo Dacumos

MSU - Northern Faculty and Staff - Welcome to the Fall 2013 semester! My name is Carlo Dacumos and I'm the new Chief Information Officer at Northern. I'm very excited to be joining a great University and I look forward to helping Northern leverage technology to support and enhance teaching and learning. Since my arrival on July 1st, I've begun a comprehensive technology assessment at the University, focusing on Information Technology (IT) Strategic Planning, IT Service Delivery and Information Security.

Effective strategic planning should be an inclusive process conducted jointly through Technology Governance with key stakeholders and senior leadership, and together, we will develop a technology roadmap that best serves the institution. Why is it important to invest time to perform strategic planning? Because technology must align with Northern's strategic plan and vision, support and enhance pedagogy and Provide Northern's students a first-class learning environment. I'll discuss IT Service Delivery and Information Security in future newsletters.



I am very fortunate to work with a great Information Technology Services (ITS) team. They are six hard-working, knowledgeable and dedicated team members who work behind the scenes to ensure high availability of the IT services Northern relies on to instruct students and conduct the business of the University. Some of the work the ITS team has performed to prepare for the Fall semester include the complete retrofit of Brockmann 202, installing and configuring software for computer labs and classrooms, authoring data backup procedures, updating Northern's website, upgrading our Storage Area Network and publishing User Guides for the Smart Classroom equipment.

I will communicate important information to the campus community via ITS Alerts, Announcements and Updates. The goal is to ensure timely communication that will keep users informed of scheduled and unscheduled service outages and immediate security risks. You should have already received several ITS Alerts this month.

Lastly, I believe open communication is crucial to our success and I pledge to make myself available. If you have any questions, recommendations or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can always be reached via email at cio@msun.edu. Have a great semester!

Career Center Update

By Mary Heller

Welcome back to campus Northern community! The Career Center had a very busy summer.

Jen Henderson and I were able to successfully enroll 56 co-ops between employers and our students. The programs that the students represented were: Agriculture, Automotive Technology, Business, Community Leadership, Computer Information Systems, Diesel Technology, and Health Promotion. The students were

sent to locations across the United States including California, Nebraska, Alaska, North Dakota and - of course - Montana.

Several of the employers were new to our students and the Cooperative Education program. While combing through the employer evaluations, I am happy to report that our co-op students received very good reviews from the new, and established, employers. We have received responses from 48 employers for those 56 co-ops.

I am excited to be approaching a new semester at Northern. Students have already been coming to the Career Center for help with Fall Co-ops, employment opportunities and resume building.

Jen Henderson and I will continue to do our best to help our students achieve success with their Cooperative Education requirements and future employment. Have a great semester!

During the Summer

Staff Appreciation Luncheon



On June the 4th, Northern hosted a Staff Appreciation Luncheon. This event provided the opportunity to thank MSU-Northern's industrious staff for their hard work in support of our students. This year, Jim Potter dressed up like game show host Monty Hall and led the group in their own MSUN version of "Let's Make a Deal." Numerous exciting prizes were given away including 'We Love Northern Ball' tickets, athletic event passes and a campus reserved parking permit. The grand prize was a barbeque grill, awarded to Margaret Christofferson.

Jette Graduates from HERS Institute

Tracey Jette graduated from the Denver 2013 HERS Institute for Women in Higher Education leadership which connected 70 women from across the US who are currently in or are seeking to move into leadership roles in higher education. The interactive conference included current issues in higher education such as student diversity and financial challenges (both student and institutional). However, the most powerful presentations were from women currently in leadership positions. She heard from Provosts and Deans, Finance Directors, IT Directors and University Presidents. She was able to assess her current leadership style and work/life beliefs and learned ways to grow and develop within her unique style. It was a life and career changing experience that she will be able to draw upon for years to come. Her participation was sponsored by MSU President Waded Cruzado.

MSU-Northern Starts New Learning Success Center

MSU-Northern is pleased to announce that they will be opening a new learning center for their students this fall. The center will provide students with any tutoring and support necessary to succeed at Northern.

The MSU-Northern Learning Success Center will be located on the main floor of the Vande Bogart Library and will support all students through a variety of services including tutoring, teaching study strategies and techniques, and workshops that will enhance classroom learning.

"We want to create a welcoming and encouraging environment where learning is the priority, personal growth and development are nurtured, and long-term success is supported," explained Christine Shearer-Creman, Dean of Northern's College of Education, Arts and Science and Nursing. She continued to say, "Most college students need help at some point in their college experience. This center will make it easier for the students to find the help they need when they need it."

The Learning Success Center will provide a host of services designed to improve reading comprehension, math, writing, and study skills. It will provide special workshops and tutoring for those "high-risk" courses that often cause problems for students. Eventually there will also be online services designed to help students who are studying at a distance or late at night. All tutors will be trained to do both face-to-face and online tutoring. There will be a link to the Learning Success Center on students' Desire 2 Learn account pages to request a tutoring appointment.

Follow the Beef Tour



On the 27th of June, twenty-nine administrators and educators from MSU-Bozeman visited MSU-Northern to meet faculty and staff members and experience the campus. Their stop was part of a two-day tour of several MSU campuses and Ag Research Centers. The tour was affectionately called the "Follow the Beef Tour" and was designed to help administrators at Bozeman gain a better understanding of the MSU system.

Here is a brief slide show of their visit.

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B0Sw8rRY4ewtdG9VZXpFRWdGWUU/edit?usp=sharing>

MSU-Northern Reconsiders Secondary Education Decision

In response to community feedback, the secondary education program at Montana State University-Northern are not being terminated as previously planned. A task force will be appointed to provide recommendations with regard to this program. "We have listened to the community leaders and school representatives from across the Hi-line with regard to Northern's secondary education program," stated Dr. James Limbaugh, Chancellor. "Based on comments and suggestions received from community members all across the Hi-line and after a great deal of re-evaluation, I have decided to recommend to the Board of Regents that MSU-Northern place our secondary education programs in moratorium and not to terminate them."

Academic programs are placed in moratorium for a maximum of three years when they are undersubscribed, thus allowing time for further review. Additionally, the moratorium provides an opportunity to rework curriculum and make other changes needed to improve program viability, reinstate it, and attract student enrollment.

Students currently enrolled in MSU-Northern's secondary education programs will be able to complete their degrees.

New Faces on Campus



We have some great new people joining us this fall. Please welcome the following employees to MSUN:

Tina McCulloch, Administrative Associate II (Nursing), start date 6/24/13 Tina has 19 years of experience in the transportation industry. She has managerial, supervisory, and sales experience. She attended Gonzaga University where she studied communications.

Kristi Shettel, Director of Admissions/Recruiting, start date 6/24/2013 Kristi has more than 10 years of experience in marketing and public relations. She received a BA degree in Communication from Pacific Lutheran University and an MBA from the University of Montana.

Josh Meyer (Assistant Professor of ATDI) - Josh was previously employed as an Automotive Assistant Professor at Illinois Central College in East Peoria, IL. He received an AAS in Automotive Technology from Waubensee Community College in Sugar Grove, IL and BS in Automotive Technology from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Kim Watson (Dean of Student Engagement/Director of Residence Life) - Kim was previously employed as the Director of Residential Life at Maryville University of Saint Louis, St. Louis, MO. She received a BS in Law Enforcement Administration and a MS in College Student Personnel both from Western Illinois University in Macomb, IL.

Sherry Kegel (Director of Student Health Services/Employee Wellness) - Sherry was previously employed by the Northern Montana Medical Group. She received certification as a Radiology Technician from Billings and an RN degree from Saint Patrick's School of Nursing/University of Montana.

Mr. Carlo Dacumos as Chief Information Officer, effective July 1, 2013. Originally from Virginia Beach, VA, Carlo is a retired USAF Master Sergeant and has attained 16 years' Information Technology experience in Higher Education. In 2008, he earned a Master of Information Systems at the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 1997. Carlo's IT experience is bolstered by an Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) certification. His recent positions include Associate Vice President for Information Technology at the College of Southern Nevada and Senior Director, Technology Services with SunGard Higher Education. Carlo's wife Linda is a native of Belgium and they have one daughter, Samantha.

Heather Thompson (Assistant Professor of Business) - Heather was previously employed by the Colorado Community College System as a Business Instructor. She received a BS in Science & Biology with a minor in Chemistry from Metropolitan State College of Denver, an MBA from Colorado Technical University, and PhD in Management, Organizational Change and Development from Colorado Technical University.

Sue Fuson (Associate Professor of Teacher Education/Elementary Education) - Sue was previously employed by Cameron University in Oklahoma as an Associate Professor in the Education Department. She also worked as a School Psychologist for the Norman Public School System. She received a BS from the University of Oklahoma in Secondary Education, MA as a Reading Specialist: K-12, and Doctorate of Education with a major in Administration from the University of Oklahoma.

James Corner (Custodian II in the gym) - James was previously employed by C.M. Management as a custodian. He graduated from Havre High School.

Nikki Carlson (Administrative Associate III in the SUB) - was previously employed by MSUN as a Custodian II. Prior to that, she worked as a reporter for the Havre Daily News. Nikki received her BA in Journalism from Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Nebraska.

Ligia Arango (Coordinator of the Learning Success Center) - was previously employed by MSUN as the Director of the Advising Center. Ligia received a BS Degree in Biology from the Universidad Pontificia Javeriana in Bogota, Columbia and Master's in General Science Education from MSUN.

Rebecca Burnell (Admin/HR Support) -- was previously employed with Stockman Bank as a Real Estate Loan Officer. Rebecca attended both MSUN and MSU-Billings and studied general business.

Cynthia Sharples (CRRN for Nursing) -- was previously employed by Sharples Jewelry. Cynthia received her ASN and BSN from MSUN.

Jack Hollowell (Assistant Men's Basketball Coach) --was previously employed by Oregon State University as the Student Manager for men's basketball. He graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in English.

Upcoming Events



New Student Orientation

The Northern orientation team is excited about this year's orientation. We have completely reorganized, reprioritized, and made fun mandatory! We have set up a lot of hands-on, entertaining, and get-to-know-the-campus activities for incoming students to partake in. Along with these activities they have the opportunity to win some great prizes such as, a 32" flat screen TV with a built in DVD player, a Blu-Ray Disc Player, a Samsung Digital Camera, and multiple goody baskets filled with items to ensure they'll have a great year! We're ready to get this FUN started!

Friday, August 23, 2013

- 8:00 a.m. to Noon New Students Residence Hall Check-In
- 1:00 p.m. Registration Session (all students who have not registered for classes)
- 4:00 pm Opening Session w/Welcome from Chancellor Limbaugh
- 5:00 pm New Student BBQ
- 6:00 pm Student Activities
- Parent/Family Member session
- Bonfire (weather permitting)

Saturday August 24, 2013

- 8:30 am Continental Breakfast for New Students and Families
- 9:00 am Opening Session
- 9:45 am Snack Bingo
- 11:00 am Great Northern Race (includes lunch for new students)
- 1:30 pm Faculty Insights
- 2:00 pm Closing Session with drawings for prizes

Sunday August 25, 2013

- 1:00 pm Offices open (Admissions, Business Services, Registrar, Financial Aid, Advising)
- 3:00 pm Offices close

MSU-Northern
welcome
2013 week

Backyard Movie

Friday, August 23rd, 8:30 PM, Behind MacKenzie Hall



Wet Willy slip & slide

Sunday, August 25th, 3:00 PM, Sled Hill



I Survived My 1st Day
of College ice cream social

Monday, August 26th, 8:00 PM, Morgan Hall Lounge



Waffle Wednesday

Wednesday, August 27th, 8:30 PM, MacKenzie Lounge



Chi Alpha

Thursday, August 28th, 7:00 PM, Red Room, Morgan Hall



XA Camp Out

August 31-September 1, Rotary Pond, Bears Paw Mountains



for more info contact Jim 406.390.7338
Chi Alpha Campus Ministries

Northern Alumni Auction

The annual Northern Alumni Auction will be held September the 21st right after the Lights Homecoming Football game. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. with an all you can eat taco cart at 5:30 p.m. The auction begins at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available from the Alumni Office. Stop by Cowan 307 or Call 265.3770 to purchase yours today! Come for some camaraderie an exciting auction that supports student scholarships! Don't forget your one-dollar bills for the Chinese auction!!

Alumni Weekend is BACK!

Join us Nov. 29th and 30th for the Northern Alumni Games. This year will be the 1st annual Alumni vs. Alumni games. We will start off the weekend with Alumni Volleyball Nov. the 29th at 7 p.m. with a social to follow. Saturday will feature both the women's and men's Alumni vs. Alumni games starting at 1:30 p.m. Then stay for the first conference home opener when the Lights and Skylights take on Carroll College!

It's your time to get back on the court and in the stands during the alumni athletic weekend. The choice is yours: play, coach, spectate or maybe do it all! The alumni athletic weekend is about you and giving you a chance to catch up with past teammates, friends and get your feet back in the newly renovated Armory Gym!

MSU-Northern Community Orchestra Begins Tuesday

MSU-Northern Community Orchestra will begin its second season next Tuesday August 27 at 7:00 p.m. in Pershing's second-floor music room. This season will feature a jazz concert during Festival Days and their fall concert featuring *Rhapsody in Blue* with guest piano soloist Marge Holt.

The group is open to accepting skilled musicians who possess the ability to read music well and who desire to gain orchestra experience. High school and college students may use this opportunity to gain one college credit in the arts and humanities general education category. Community members are encouraged to join as well.

The orchestra will rehearse weekly on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. beginning September 11. For more information call Rhonda Minnick at 265-5987.

Chancellor's Lecture Series

Designed to create a campus and community-wide conversation, the 2013-2014 MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture Series will consist of talks on vital topics by distinguished guest speakers. All are welcome and admission is free.

Our first speaker will be Hipolito Rafael Chacon who will present on Tuesday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Applied Technology Center, Hensler Auditorium. His presentation is titled, "Art of Glacier National Park."

From its creation over a hundred years ago, Glacier National Park has been a mecca for visual artists who have found much to appreciate in its natural and scenic beauty. Chacon presents the rich visual history of the park, especially the role played by the Hill family and the Great Northern Railway in developing the park's infrastructure as well as promoting this national treasure. The lecture focuses on the early years of tourism in the West and the importance of art as a lure to tourism.

This year's Chancellor's Lecture Series will also include:

- Neal Lewing Singing the Lewis & Clark Legacy Thursday, October 10, 2013
- Dan Thyer The Sundance Kid in Montana Thursday, November 7, 2013
- Scott Prinzing American Indian Music Tuesday, November 19, 2013
- Ralph Esposito Jingdezhen: The Porcelain City Tuesday, March 4, 2014

For more information on these speakers please use the following link:

<http://msun.edu/news/calendar/events2013/ChancellorSeries.aspx>

Spring Break 2014 - PARIS, FRANCE



Have

you ever wanted to see famous structures up close? Have you ever wanted to eat a fresh, authentic croissant or baguette? Have you ever wanted to see the "Mona Lisa" or the "Venus de Milo" or the multiple "Water Lilies"?

Spring Break 2014 - planning is now underway for a trip from Great Falls to Paris for a week city-stay. Join the conversation on Wednesday, August 28th, at 5:15 p.m. in the Vande Bogart Library Conference Room.

Mission Statement

"MSU Northern, a teaching institution, serves a diverse student population by providing liberal arts, professional and technical education programs ranging from certificates through master's degrees. The university promotes a student centered and culturally enriched environment endorsing lifelong learning, personal growth and responsible citizenship. The university partners with a variety of community and external entities to enhance collaborative learning, provide applied research opportunities, stimulate economic development and expand student learning experiences."