

NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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This Past Week

Awards Day Celebration



This year's awards ceremony was a well-attended event full of thanks and appreciation. There were 129 scholarships that were given to 257 people. The total amount given in scholarships was \$206,861.

Student Excellence Award Winners

The Student Excellence Awards were given out during last Friday's Awards Day Celebration. The Student Excellence Award is the highest honor that a student can receive at MSU-Northern. To receive the award, the students must demonstrate a commitment to educational goals through academic achievement and participation in extracurricular activities.



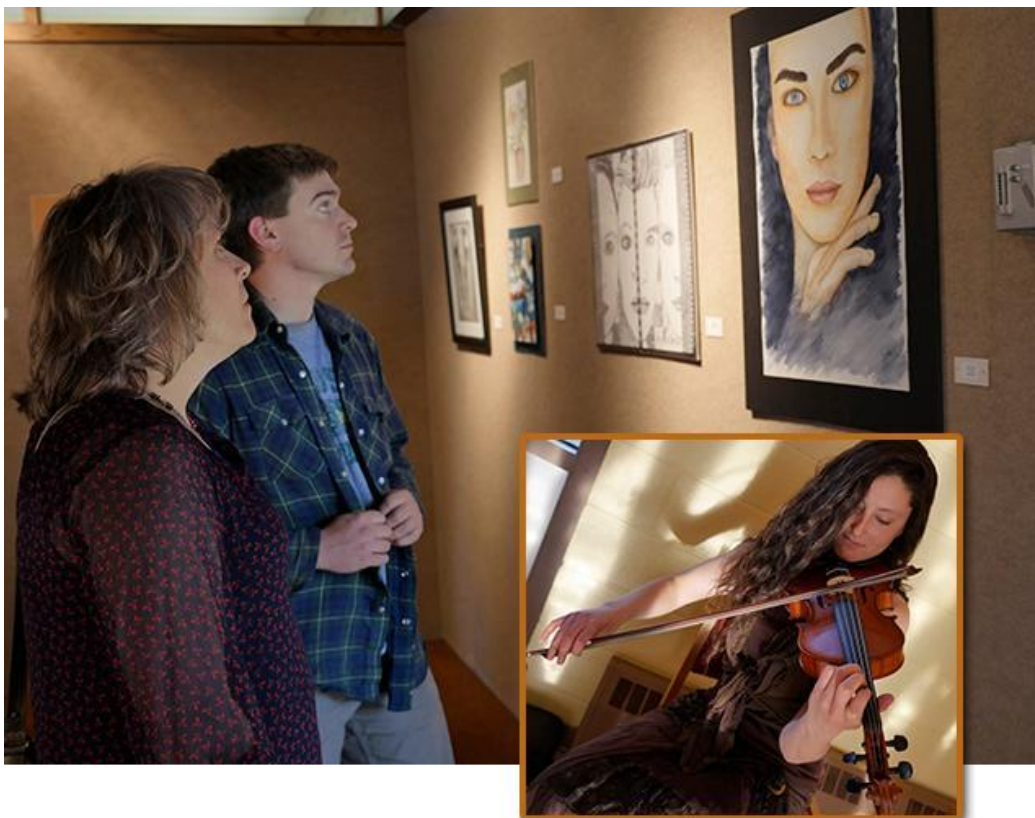
Here are this year's Student Excellence Winners (left to right) Lane Urick, Shana Henry, Garrett DeMers, Rachelle Bennett, Phillip Quinn, Kyla McNamara, Kilby "KJ" Rech, Andrew Potter, Scotti Ramberg, and Matt McKeen proudly displaying their Student Excellence Awards.

Golden N Awards



This year's Golden N award recipients were Kristi Peterson and Liz Leeds. The University thanks them for all they contribute to the Northern family and how they make Northern a better place for students to receive an "Education that Works." Kristi and Liz, you make Northern Proud!

Student Art Show



Northern's student art show opened this week. The show is entitled "Farewell to the Gallery" as this will be the last art show held in the SUB gallery. The next Student Art Show will be held in the Library. The gallery is located on the second floor of the SUB just at the top of the stairs. The show features photography, drawings, paintings, mixed media pieces, and ceramics. Stop by the SUB and check out all the inspiring art. The show runs until April 29 and is open 8-5 Monday - Friday.

Retirement Celebration



On Tuesday, the Northern family gathered to recognize some beloved individuals who are retiring this year. At the retirement celebration, John Brese, Denise Brewer, John Donaldson, Pam Hillery, and Mary Pappas received gifts and kind words from various attendees. Each one of these people has played a dynamic role in the inner workings of Northern, and they will all be greatly missed.

Northern's Havre Pride



The Northern family stepped up to the plate during the Havre Pride weekend. Northern's cleanup crew was strong and motivated as a majority of the football team came to help clean 5th Avenue and enjoy the freshly baked caramel rolls from Grateful Bread. Way to go team, you make Northern Proud!

Silent Witness Initiative Silhouettes

As part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Northern is taking part in the Silent Witness Initiative. All month, seventy-eight life-sized cutouts have been on display, moving to different locations around campus. These silhouettes are of Montana women and children who have been murdered by a domestic partner or family member since 1990. They serve as a reminder to us all, how devastating domestic violence truly is. Northern hopes these silent witnesses inspire everyone to take a stand against domestic and sexual violence in any way we can.

Documentary Film about Matthew Shepard

The documentary film, *Matt Shepard Is a Friend of Mine* was exhibited on Wednesday night in an effort to present sensitivity, awareness, and advocacy in regards to LGBTQ individuals and those who have been victims of hate crimes..

After the exhibition, the audience had a rich discussion of their impressions. Among other aspects, the facilitator mentioned that according the latest 2014 FBI Report on Hate Crime Statistics, 18.7 percent of the victims were targeted because of bias against sexual orientation. Furthermore, according to these same documents, the latest reports of hate crimes in Montana have taken place in the Billings and Kalispell area.

Spring Fever at Hagener Science Center Teaching Garden



The garden lies near the NE entrance of the Hagener Science Center, flanking the concrete wall (top image). It was installed by student workers in Facilities and Dr. Hildebrand (Biology) last spring (2015) using plants grown on campus as well as some donated by members of the Havre community. Our earliest bloomers include the **forget-me-nots** (bottom left). These plants make up the border and give a flowing stream appearance to the garden edge. Native, pale pink **prairie smoke** (bottom center) is a beautiful plant with distinctive, fern-like leaves. Prairie smoke may cover the native grassland communities found on the upper slopes in the Bears Paw range. Make sure to visit the garden later when prairie smoke is in seed and the term "smoke" becomes evident! Unlike many "pansy" hybrids, **true violets** (bottom right) are cold hardy and return each year. They spread easily, forming beautiful mats that may discourage other plants from growing if not thinned occasionally. Flower buds can be found on many other plants in the garden as well and you should expect a varying display throughout the growing season. Come and spend a few minutes in proximity of the teaching garden; you'll leave relaxed and with an increased appreciation for the beauty plants provide in your life. Information on each plant is provided in the table below.

Important Announcements

Attention Summer Co-op Students!

If you haven't already attended one, you must attend this meeting:
Friday, April 22 (today) at 10 a.m. Held in the Library Computer Lab

Graduation Garb- a Reminder for Spring 2016 Graduates

Do not forget to reserve your graduation cap, gown, and tassel for the upcoming graduation ceremony to be held on May 7, 2016. To place your order, please visit the MSU-Northern Bookstore (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday), you can also download and email the order form to bookstore@msun.edu, or you can place a phone order by calling 406-265-3728. Since the March 6 deadline has passed, orders will now incur an additional \$5.00 charge.

Faculty Workshops

Tech Snacks: Instructional Design Candidates

This Friday, we'll be hosting three candidates for the open instructional design job. For the candidates' presentations, each will be hosting his or her own 15-minute Tech Snack on an educational technology of their choice.

The candidates will be presenting Friday, April 22, at 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 4 p.m., all in Cowan Hall 113. Each candidate is giving a different Tech Snack, so come to all three if your schedule permits! As always, we will have coffee and snacks.

The Little River Institute Indigenous Education Conference- Apr. 28-29

The Little River Institute Indigenous Education Conference is happening next week. If you have not registered to attend, there's still time! Go to <http://www.littleriverinstitute.org/> for more information and to register. We hope to see you there!

Quality Matters - Anytime Online

Quality Matters (QM) is an organization devoted to effective design in online learning. QM offers professional development workshops and certifications that are available to instructors anytime online. QM also has a system by which instructors can get peer feedback on their online or blended courses. If you are interested, please contact Caleb Hutchins in Extended University.

Upcoming Activities

Campus Improvement Day- Today- Apr. 22

Campus Day began in 1932 as an MSU-Northern tradition to actively clean up the campus and make improvements after the long winter. In the 70s, Campus Day became Campus Improvement Day, an afternoon when students, faculty, and staff are divided into groups to pick up garbage to help beautify the campus. Come

and join in the fun and help spruce up our campus. Anyone can participate. Either join with a team, or just sign up on your own. Cleanup will take place from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. There will be a BBQ to follow.

To Kill a Mockingbird Final Weekend- Last Weekend



This weekend is your last chance to catch MAT's rendition of Harper Lee's classic *To Kill a Mockingbird*, directed by Donald Mayer. Evening shows begin at 8 p.m. The doors and backstage lounge open 30 minutes before each show. Adult tickets cost \$15. Seniors, students, and military tickets are \$10. MSU-Northern students can attend for free with their current student I.D.s. This play includes adult themes, and may not be suitable for young audiences.

Hands on History- Apr. 23

Hands on History is a fundraising event that offers activities from the past to today's children. This event will take place on April the 23rd from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Holiday Village Mall. For more information, contact Allison at 390-4936.

Bear Paw Bowmen Annual Spring Shoot- Apr. 24

At the Eagles campground in the Bears Paw Mountains, bowmen from Havre and the surrounding areas will gather this Sunday for the Annual Spring 3D Shoot. Register by 8 a.m. The scorecard deadline is 3 p.m. There will be concessions, raffles, and door prizes. Dress for Montana weather. No rangefinders or alcohol will be permitted on the course. Check out bearpawbowmen.com and with questions, call Clyde at 406-265-4572 or Nick at 406-390-0402 or Mark at 406-265-1640.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April 27: HONOR DENIM DAY

Wear denim to protest the Italian Supreme Court's overruling of a 1999 rape conviction. It was overturned because the justices thought that because the woman was wearing tight jeans, she had to have helped the rapist remove her jeans, therefore implying consent. Promote the discussion of the misconceptions that surround sexual violence. #DenimDay

MSUN Safe Zone Extension- Apr. 27

The 2nd and the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., MSUN students, faculty, and staff and the community are welcome to attend the LGBTQ MSUN Safe Zone Extension group (the next meeting is April 27). The purpose of these meetings is to establish a safe and welcoming environment for LGBTQ individuals and allies. Meetings will include meaningful conversations and support. Everyone is welcome to attend, regardless. For more information, contact the MSUN Multicultural Center at mcc@msun.edu, or call 265-3589.

40th MSUN Sweetgrass Society Powwow- Apr. 29-30

The 40th Annual Sweetgrass Society Powwow will be held on April 29-30 in the MSU-Northern Armory Gymnasium. Grand entries will be Friday, April 29 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April the 30th at noon. For more information, contact Jamie Underwood at 265-3526 or junderwood@msun.edu

Autism Awareness Walk/Run- Apr. 30

The Autism Awareness Walk/Run is set to take place on Saturday, April 30. There will be two courses, one is a mile and the other is five kilometers. Everyone who wants to attend should meet at Northern Montana Hospital's Community Fitness Park. The 5K run will start at 9:30 a.m. and the one mile at 9:45 a.m. There will be prizes for the winners, activities for children, information on autism, and a free T-shirt for all who participate.

MSU-Northern's Founders' Excellence Award Dinner - May 6

The Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held in conjunction with MSU-Northern's Founders' Excellence Award presentation ceremony on May 6 in the Student Union Building Ballroom. This year's Hall of Fame inductees are Jaci Heny ('07) and Chad Edgar ('99). The Founder's Excellence Award recipients are George Bandy and family and Tom Baker. This is a special night to honor those that have helped to make Northern a great institution. Reservations are \$30 per person and include a three course meal.

To reserve your seat or for more information, please contact the Northern Alumni Foundation Office at 406.265.3711 or alumni@msun.edu.

Weekly Columns

From the Career Center

How Important Is the Graduate Survey?

By Mary Heller

Last week I wrote an article for up-coming graduates. Faculty, this one's for you.

Do you want to know where the graduates in your program are placed and whether or not they're actually using their degree to launch their careers? Have you had an employer, student or parent ask what the placement rate is for your program? Can you tell anyone who asks where your graduates are working, if they're working in their degree area and the average salary they are making? Final question: do you have time to track each graduate in your program to find out the answers to these questions?

The 2016 Graduate Survey is available in hardcopy form at the Career Center, so please send your graduates in to pick it up. The online survey will be available by May 9th. Jennifer Henderson and I will be at the 2016 Graduation ceremony practice the evening of May 5th to pass them out to those graduates who will walk the stage on the 7th.

If you want to continue to market your program to potential future students, please have this year's graduates fill out the survey.

For further questions, contact Mary Heller or Jennifer Henderson in the Career Center.

TidBits

By Bill Lanier

In addition to Denise Brewer, there are several others retiring from Northern that need to be mentioned, Custodial Supervisor John Brese, nursing faculty member Mary Pappas, Director of Student Support Services, John Donaldson and Tutor Coordinator, Pam Hillery. Having worked closely with all of these individuals, I can say without a doubt that Northern will never be the same. Denise, John, Pam and Mary, thank you for mentoring, guiding and assisting the many students that have passed through Northern over the past 30 plus years.

Since the semester is ending in the near future, I have decided to throw in an extra TidBit. Northern Alum, Brad Miller, was recently appointed as the Executive Director of the American Association of Credit Union Leagues. Miller graduated from Northern in 1987 and also received the Student Excellence Award that spring. He is the

younger brother to former Alumni Association President (and 2006 Founder's Excellence recipient) Dr. Kirk J. Miller. Here is a link to the press release on Miller's appointment:

<http://www.cutimes.com/2016/03/30/aacul-appoints-brad-miller-executive-director?slreturn=1459377214>

With one more NNN to go for the 2015-16 school year, according to my calculations, this is the 300th issue of the NNN. Congratulations Jim Potter!

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