

# NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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*This Past Week*

## New Weightlifting Equipment in the Gym



Northern recently expanded the gym's weightlifting equipment, adding power racks to the lineup of mechanisms. These machines allow users to combine multiple machines into one. This addition is going to allow more weight room space so eventually more cardio equipment can be purchased. More free space is open for other types of training. The equipment is in the weight room and can be used by everyone during open weight room hours. Gym hours vary by semester. Please contact the Athletics Office by phone at (406) 265-3761 about the facility hours.

## Staff Members Win Tickets to the Ball



The 37<sup>th</sup> annual *We Love Northern Ball* is this weekend and everyone is in high gear to make sure everything is perfect for this year's event. There are still a few tickets available by calling the Northern Alumni Foundation at 265-3711.

Former Chancellor, Dr. Frank Trocki generously donated two tables to the ball so MSUN staff members could attend. One of the tables was used as a drawing. The four winners of two ball tickets were: Doug Kallenberger, Terri Hildebrand, Jane Stuart, and Amy Crowder-Klobofski. Pictured above is Doug Kallenberger picking up his two complimentary tickets.

## The Dating Doctor- David Coleman



Students, faculty, and staff alike, came, out of both desperation and curiosity, to take in Dating Doctor David Coleman's presentation this past Wednesday. This 14-time National Speaker of the Year gave honest answers to the toughest relationship questions. Coleman's program titled, "Making Relationships Matter," taught attendees how to create and maintain healthy relationships. Coleman's presentation unveiled approaches to living a daily life that is fulfilling and focused on getting the most from and providing the most to every relationship in your life. Topics included: Who controls relationships and why, basic differences between men and women, arousal points for men and women, the "attraction factor," how to be more physically and emotionally romantic with others, discerning healthy vs. unhealthy relationships, and steps to follow to ensure that all your relationships matter. For a further description, please visit [www.DatingDoctor.com](http://www.DatingDoctor.com).

## Extended University Hires New Curriculum Developer



Please welcome Dr. Lindsey Brandt-Bennett to the MSU-Northern community as curriculum developer in Extended University. In 2015, Dr. Brandt-Bennett assisted the Extended University office with several special projects, including developing grant proposals relating to curriculum and technology for culturally diverse and at-risk populations. Dr. Brandt-Bennett has several years of experience as a graduate student instructor and tutor through her advanced studies at the University of Montana, University of North Carolina, and Duke University. Her research has focused on German language and culture as well as pedagogy and workforce alignment in education. She also spent a year in Berlin as a Fulbright Research

Grant recipient, where she was able to tour technical schools and observe how the German education system structures curricula and apprenticeships to ensure workforce alignment. Dr. Brandt-Bennett will be working in the Extended University office (CH 110G, ext. 3775) and is looking forward to using her skills and experiences to assist faculty in any way she can.

## Learning Success Center Hires Writing Editor

This semester, the Learning Success Center has added a writing editor to their team. John Paul Schmidt is acting as a resource to students and instructors who would like assistance with their writing skills. He is a part-time writing editor out of the Learning Success Center and is available for both in-person and online assistance. His hours at the library are 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday or by appointment. If you would like to contact him with any questions or comments, feel free to do so at (406) 879-6108 or by email at [john.schmidt6@msun.edu](mailto:john.schmidt6@msun.edu).



John Paul is currently an adult basic education teacher at HRDC 4 and came to Havre in 2013 to work as a writer for the Havre Daily News, where he was employed until October of 2015. He has the unfortunate affliction of having a desire to write throughout his entire life.

## Artist of the Month - Kris Shaw with "Yellow Hat"



For February, Black History Month, the Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs has invited local artist Kris Shaw with her piece "Yellow Hat."

This is a watercolor in terracotta tones in an image size of 13" by 19 1/2" and 19 1/2" by 26" (matted). Shaw describes this piece as an androgynous African-American individual, who "might represent a girl or a boy." That is the beauty of art: everyone can decide on his/her own meaning." Some commented that the piece depicts a beautiful tribal woman. Shaw adds, "it is a matter of looking into the eyes, and see if one can find a deeper meaning. That is the connection that people might get through art." She also interprets her creation as someone who "sticks their neck out" to help others.

Shaw added that the process of creating this piece was peculiar as she gradually was discovering how the final work was going to look like not having a pre-conception. Most recently, Shaw has been experimenting with ledger art and for those purposes, she has been using old music sheets of melodies she learned to play years ago (she plays violin and mandolin, in addition to singing).

The MSUN Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) invites local and regional artists to exhibit their pieces, preferably those that have some link to multicultural themes. For more information, contact [mcc@msun.edu](mailto:mcc@msun.edu) or call (406) 265-3589.

## Denise Brewer Retires After 27 Years



Last Friday was Denise Brewer's last day at MSU-Northern. Friends, family and co-workers gathered in the Student Union Building to wish her all the best in her retirement. During her time at Northern, Denise was the one mainstay of the student activities program at Northern. She was, and still is, more than just an employee (or retiree) she was what Northern was and is still all about and that is: "the student"! It is safe to say that Northern is a much better place due to the hard work of Denise Brewer. Now with her retirement, Northern will never be the same and all associated with Northern will greatly miss her.

Thank you, Denise, for your dedication to Northern and most of all thank you for your dedication to the students of Northern for the past 27 years!

## Important Announcements

2/5/2016: Last day to drop a first-half semester class without a "W"

## Student Excellence Award Nominations Due- Feb. 26

The Student Excellence Award is Northern's most prestigious student award. It's time to nominate the students who have truly been shining Northern Lights this year. The deadline for nominations is: 5 p.m., Friday, February 26, 2016.

Undergraduate Nomination Criteria (up to 10 recipients):

- Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to educational goals through academic achievement and participation in extracurricular activities
- Any current student who will have earned the equivalent of 60 semester credits by the end of the spring 2016 semester, and was enrolled at MSU-Northern for fall 2015 semester, is eligible.
- The nominee must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75.

Graduate Student Criteria (1 recipient):

- Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to educational goals through the academic achievement and participation in extracurricular activities, including demonstration of leadership in their work setting and/or community.
- Any current graduate student who will have earned the equivalent of 50 percent of the graduate program's credits by the end of the spring 2016 semester and was enrolled at MSU-Northern for fall 2015 semester, is eligible.
- The nominee must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00.

Previous recipients of the Student Excellence Award are not eligible. Nomination forms are available at room 204 in the SUB. For more information, contact Kim Watson at [kimberly.watson5@msun.edu](mailto:kimberly.watson5@msun.edu).

## Little River Institute Indigenous Research Conference Request for Proposals

The first annual Indigenous Research Conference, sponsored by the Little River Institute, will take place on the campus of MSUN this spring, in conjunction with the Sweetgrass Society Pow-wow. The inaugural conference will be a regional gathering of scholars and students, which will take place April 28 - 29, 2016. It is intended to showcase personal experiences, recent research, and current events that impact the lives of Native American students, their families, and their communities in Montana and across Indian Country. The Little River Institute invites both students and faculty at the secondary and post-secondary levels in the region to submit proposals for presentation at the conference. For more information concerning the Request for Proposals (RFPs), please visit the conference website at <http://www.littleriverinstitute.org/> or contact the program director, Erica McKeon-Hanson, at [erica.mckeonhanson@msun.edu](mailto:erica.mckeonhanson@msun.edu). Please share the RFPs widely among your colleagues and students.

The Little River Institute on the campus of Montana State University-Northern is funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) program, with the aim of providing culturally responsive tutoring and mentoring services, faculty professional development on the topics of cultural responsiveness and technology use in teaching, and a gathering space with mentoring support for the Sweetgrass Society.

## Upcoming Faculty Workshops

### Tech Snacks: Our New Curriculum Developer

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty.

This week's topic: Our New Curriculum Developer. Are you a new or adjunct instructor who doesn't even know where to start? Are you an experienced instructor looking to update or improve your curriculum? MSU-Northern Extended University has recently filled a new position; Lindsey Brandt-Bennet is our new curriculum developer!

Lindsey is available to work with faculty to help you create and update classroom materials and content. From syllabi to final assessment, Lindsey can help! Come meet Lindsey, and hear about what she can do for you. Bring your ideas and questions. We'll bring the coffee and snacks.

Tech Snacks is happening Friday, February the 5th at 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. in Cowan Hall, Room 110, and again at 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. in the Brockmann Center Conference Room.

## 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

### We Love Northern Ball - Feb. 6



Get ready for a glamorous night on the red carpet at the annual We Love Northern Ball! Enjoy a night under the Hollywood Lights, including fine dining, dancing, entertainment, and NO auctions. Just pledge ONE GIFT to the scholarship fund for your chance to win an amazing getaway package! Tickets and table sponsorships are available by calling the Northern Alumni Foundation at 265-3711. General seating tickets are \$100 each, reserved tables are \$1,000, and Premiere Tables (all beer and wine included) are available for \$1,500. All proceeds from the evening will fund scholarships for students at MSU-Northern. See you February 6 at the We Love Northern Ball!

### Spring Career Fair and Co-ops - Feb. 8

The Montana State University-Northern Spring 2016 Career Fair is set for Monday, February the 8th and will take place in the MSU-Northern Armory Gymnasium from 9 a.m. until noon. The career fair is open to registered employers, all currently enrolled MSU-Northern students and alumni seeking various job opportunities. There will be employers interested in students from every academic program offered at MSU-Northern. For more information, read the article entitled "From the Career Center" in the Weekly Column section of this week's NNN.

### Chinese New Year Celebration - Feb. 8

In celebration of the Chinese New Year, the year of the monkey, Northern is hosting a get together during which attendees can learn about Chinese culture in fun and engaging ways. On February 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom, there will be Chinese refreshments as well as a presentation on how to make a "fu" (Chinese word for "luck") sign which is a Chinese decoration hung upside down on door frames and windows to bring good fortune, blessing, and happiness. There will also be a chopstick technique class. Come down to the SUB Ballroom to learn a bit more about this beautiful culture and New Year celebration. This event is sponsored by the MSUN Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP)

### Safe Zone Module II - Feb. 10



Those who have taken Safe Zone module I, are eligible to participate in Module II. This second training will take place February 10th from 12.00 p.m. to 1.30 at the Fireside Conference Room. Participation in this module is required to become a recognized "Safe Zone Ally". The focus of Module II is Ally Development and will be facilitated by Amber Spring, Student Support Services Counselor. This workshop will focus on building a network of LGBTQ allies at MSU Northern and the greater community. Participants will learn what it means to be an ally, skills to become an advocate, and how to challenge heterosexism.

Following the training, participants will be given a Safe Zone placard that they may place in their office to identify themselves as individuals who have chosen to educate themselves about LGBTQ issues. These placards will become symbols of safe and welcoming places on campus for members of the LGBTQ community.

Contact Amber Spring to register: [amber.spring@msun.edu](mailto:amber.spring@msun.edu) or 265-3783, or Cristina Estrada-Underwood: [c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu](mailto:c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu) or 265-3589.

## **Bingo Night - Feb. 10**

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern are hosting monthly bingo nights this semester. They had previously scheduled the next bingo night for February the 3rd, but are changing the date due to a last minute event with David Coleman "The Dating Doctor." So, the next bingo night will be February 10 at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Students will play several rounds of regular bingo for prizes, and at the end of the evening, the winner of blackout bingo will receive a 7" Android tablet.



## **Singer/Songwriter Lakin to Perform - Feb. 11**

Powerful musical performer, Lakin will be performing at MSU-Northern on February 11 at the Student Union Ballroom at 7 p.m. Lakin is a young singer/songwriter with a voice sweeter than honey, whose combination of genre-defying musical styles, stunning melodic gifts, beauty, and warmth shine through in her heartfelt lyrics and powerful performances.

She grew up in an entertainment based family in Riverside, California and went on to major in jazz studies at Long Beach State. Lakin has cultivated a loyal fan base throughout Southern California, opening for such major acts as Sheryl Crow, Colbie Caillat, Brian McKnight, Sheila E., and Gladys Knight.

On her excellently received album, *If Night Turns to Daylight*, Lakin displays her multiple talents of writing, performing, arranging, and producing. Her striking collection of songs represents a revolution of the spirit-reflecting themes that go beyond the superficial and into

the deeper human experience of the reconciliation of the soul. Her music is sure to penetrate not only the listener's ear, but the listener's heart.

Admission for this performance is free to MSU-Northern students, faculty and staff. Community members may attend for \$5/adult and \$3/students.

Visit [www.lakinmusic.com](http://www.lakinmusic.com) for more information.

## MSUN Wrestling Takes on Iowa Hawkeyes - Feb. 12

The poster features a central image of two wrestlers in action. On the left, a wrestler in a maroon singlet is being held by a wrestler in a blue singlet. On the right, a wrestler in a maroon singlet is being held by a wrestler in a blue singlet. The Iowa Hawkeyes logo is in the top left, and the Northern Lights logo is in the bottom right. Text includes 'TICKETS • 265-3761', 'RESERVED: \$15 • GENERAL: \$10', 'IOWA HAWKEYES', 'VS', 'ARMORY GYMNASIUM', 'FEB 12 @ 7PM', and 'NORTHERN LIGHTS'.

MSU-Northern, 6 time NAIA National Wrestling Champions, take on one of the top wrestling dynasties in the nation, the Iowa Hawkeyes, 23 time NCAA National Wrestling Champions. Don't miss this powerhouse match. Get your tickets today! Watch the Iowa Hawkeyes go head to head against the Northern Lights on February 12 at 7 p.m. in the MSU-Northern Armory Gym. For tickets, call 265-3761. Students, staff and faculty can get in free with a current I.D. but are encouraged to get their general admission ticket in advance from the athletic office. If you want a reserved seat, it will cost \$15.

## Friends of Havre/Hill Library Pie Social - Feb. 12

The 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Friends of the Havre/Hill County Library Pie Social will take place on February 12 from noon until 4 p.m. this year. Each February, community members bake pies, and friends of the library come to buy a slice and a cup of coffee. There will also be various cookbooks on sale at the event. All proceeds go directly to the library, so whether you'd like to bake a pie and donate it or simply stop by for a yummy slice of pie, you can support our local library with your participation in this annual event.

## Community Celebrates Chinese New Year Celebration - Feb. 13

The Havre Foreign Friend's Club is inviting the community to a second Chinese New Year celebration. It will take place February 13th at 7.00 p.m. at the China Garden Restaurant in the Holiday Village Mall. This event is supported by China Garden and the ODAMP. Those who are interested, please contact the MSUN Multicultural Center 265-3589 for more information.

## Spring 2016 Indigenous Movie Nights

This movie series is sponsored by the Native American Studies Program, and highlights films written, directed, produced, and cast by American Indian and indigenous artists and filmmakers. Following each film there will be a short discussion about the major themes and issues within the stories. Everybody is welcome. Light refreshments will be available. All movies will be held in Hensler Auditorium, ATC Building from 6-8 p.m. The films this year are:

### **ON THE ICE - Tues. Feb. 23**

Tragedy, friendship, and responsibility in an Iñupiat community

### **EMPIRE OF DIRT - Wed. Mar. 23**



Three generations of First Nations women struggle to bridge the generation gap and deal with the demons of their past.

**RHYMES FOR YOUNG GHOULS - Thurs. Apr. 14**

Teenage Revenge in the "Kingdom of the Crow"

**Chancellor's Lecture Series:**

There are four lectures scheduled for the 2016 spring semester. Please mark your calendars and join us for some stimulating and entertaining lectures.

**Neal Lewing: "Meagher of the Sword: Montana's First Governor, Thomas Francis Meagher" - Mar. 1**

**Jack Glatzer: "Solo Violin Recital with an Integration of an Art and History Program"- Apr. 13**

All presentations are free and open to the public. All presentations begin at 7:30 p.m. in Hensler Auditorium, Applied Technology Center.

For more information, please call MSU-Northern at (406) 265-3700.

Please visit the website to see the Spring 2015-2016 Chancellor's Lecture Series:

<http://msun.edu/news/calendar/events2015/ChancellorSeries.aspx>

## *Weekly Columns*

### **FROM THE CAREER CENTER**

By Mary Heller

The Montana State University-Northern Spring 2016 Career Fair is set for Monday, February 8th and will be held in the MSU-Northern Armory Gymnasium from 9am - Noon. The Career Fair is open to registered employers, all currently enrolled MSU-Northern students and alumni seeking various job opportunities. There will be employers interested in students from every academic program offered at MSU-Northern. This event will give Northern students and alumni the chance to meet with employers from all over the United States. The Spring Career Fair is closed to employer registration now with 40 employers registered.

Every Career Fair, employers have an opportunity to become one of the two Gold Level Sponsors of the event. The higher registration cost entitles them to receive a larger front table set-up at the Fair, a full page color ad in the Student Guide and some advertising perks on and off campus. The Spring 2016 Career Fair Gold Sponsors are GE Transportation of Havre and Wartsila of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. There are also four Maroon Level Sponsors for this event; Frontier Electric from Clancy, Montana; Mountain View Coop of Great Falls, Montana; Northern Rockies Medical Center of Cut Bank, Montana; and Torgersons LLC of Great Falls, Montana. These Maroon Level Sponsors receive tables near the front of the Gym, a half-page black and white ad in the Student Guide and advertising.

Most of the companies attending the event are from Montana, however many of them have job opportunities out-of-state. The Armory Gym will also see many new employers including the Havre Police Department, Montana Rail Link, and RJS & Associates from the Rocky Boy Reservation. Joining the new employers will be representatives from local businesses including Tilleman Motor Company, Northern Montana Health Care, Rural Employment Opportunities, and USDA Montana Farm Service Agency.

Havre will see an increase in traffic the week of February 8 with some companies arriving at the airport as well as others driving into town the day before. The Fair is only held the one day, but many employers will stay the afternoon and on Tuesday to conduct interviews with enrolled students and alumni for various internship and fulltime employment opportunities. Students and alumni interested in finding out which companies are interviewing and when the interview times are can log onto their CareerExpress account or contact the Career Center for more information.

All currently enrolled MSU-N students and alumni are welcome to attend the event and sign up for on-campus interviews. They will need to have a profile, with an edited resume, on the University's on-line career system called CareerExpress and are encouraged to register early for the Fair on that site.

For more information please contact the Career Center at 265-4198 or visit <http://www.msun.edu/career/>

## TidBits

By Bill Lanier

For the second week in a row I will be honoring a Northern retiree. At the end of December Pam Hillery retired from Northern and her position as the Tutor Coordinator for Student Support Services. Pam worked at Northern for nearly six years and during her brief history at Northern she definitely touched the heart and soul of many faculty and staff. But most importantly the students of Northern! To Pam each and every student that sought her assistance was a treasure and deserved her very best.

But it is her work and volunteering outside of Northern that Pam may be especially known for. She was on the Havre City Council two different times, an advocate for Recycle Hi-Line and a long-time member of the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club of the Hi-Line. Pam is the current President of this board and has been for several years. In December, she was awarded the "Champion for Youth" by the Boys and Girls Club of the Hi-Line for all her work with the Boys and Girls Club of the Hi-Line.

In my opinion, Pam's biggest contribution to society has been her strength, class, grace and dignity in handling life with ALS. In 2013 Pam was diagnosed with ALS and since that time she has documented her life through a blog:  
<http://eachdayisjoyful.blogspot.com/>



PLEASE read this and you will be amazed, thankful and humbled all at the same time. Pam is one of the most amazing people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. In reality we along the Hi-Line, have been the fortunate ones to have been in her presence. Thank you Pam!

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