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Feature Video - Nursing Student Spotlight

Rob has always wanted to be a nurse, so he went back to school.

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This Past Week

MSU-Northern's Plumbing Program Ranked 10th in the Nation



College.com recently ranked MSU-Northern's Plumbing program as 10th in the nation. They scored each school using multiple factors including affordability, flexibility, and student success. Plumbing degree programs can help trades' workers begin their careers. To learn more about the best colleges for plumbing degree programs, as well as scholarship and career outlook information--[Click Here](#)

MSU-Northern wrestling selected Cascade Collegiate Conference Team of the Week



The Lights Wrestling team was named the Cascade Collegiate Conference Team of the Week for Feb. 5-11. In their final dual action before the inaugural CCC Championships, the No. 13 ranked Lights defeated No. 6 and conference foe the University of Providence 27-15.

We Love Northern Ball Raises \$28K for Scholarships



The 2018 'We Love Northern' Ball, A Midsummer Night's Dream, was a great success. Even with the snow and wind, close to 300 people came out Saturday night to support student scholarships. Attendees were able to purchase raffle tickets and bid on several Montana Experience Packages ranging from a trip for six to the Fort Peck Theatre to dinner and a whiskey tasting. A Northern student, Karl Anderson who sold the crowd with his charisma, conducted the auction. The dance floor opened with Missoula based band Cash for Junkers entertaining the crowd late into the evening. The night came to a close and \$28,000 were raised for student scholarships!

Volleyball Team Enjoys New T-Shirts



The Volleyball Team got new T-shirts this week to help them celebrate their coach's native country of Kenya. The shirts have the slogan, "Kenya Dig It." Head Volleyball Coach Rose Obunaga played for Kenya National Women's Team in the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia, and the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece. Special thanks to Steve Hesske for helping to make the shirts.

Campus Celebrates Valentine's Day



Students decorated heart shaped cookies, and the Sweetgrass Society sold Valentine's Day arrangements to raise money for their club.

Lecture Helps Students Speak Up



Speak Up, Responding to Everyday Bigotry was the civil discourse presentation for the month of February. Dr. Samantha Balemba, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, and Cristina Estrada-Underwood, Director of the ODAMP, facilitated this workshop. Participants had the opportunity to receive information about appropriate responses to incidents of bigotry in everyday life and in all settings as well as how hurtful comments, words, gestures, or explicit violence affects not only those who are targeted, but also those who witness them ultimately shaping the culture of communities. Participants had the opportunity to perform role-playing in different scenarios and at the end, they also received a booklet with information about stopping bigotry, which was sponsored by the Southern Poverty Law Center. Thank

you to all who attended as well as those who supported this workshop, particularly Byron Ophus, Assistant Professor of Business as well as Student Activities and Library staff.

Important Announcements

Important Dates for Spring Semester 2018

Last Day to Drop a Class with a "W"

Wednesday, March 21st

Deferred Installment Payment Schedule: (\$30 processing fee is added)

- * 75% of total fees due: Friday, March 2nd
- * 100% of total fees due: Friday, April 6th

Upcoming Events

February Activities

- 16 Skylights/Lights Basketball vs Carroll (Gym, 6/8 p.m.)
- 16 Public Skate (Havre Ice Dome, 5:45 p.m.)
- 16 Backcountry Film Festival (MAT Theatre, 6:30 p.m.)
- 17 Bridal Fair (Holiday Village Mall, 10 a.m.)
- 17 Skylights/Lights Basketball vs Rocky Mountain College (Gym, 6/8 p.m.)
- 18 Public Skate (Havre Ice Dome, 5 p.m.)
- 19 President's Day (No classes, Offices closed)
- 20 Intramural Activity (Gym, 8-10 p.m.)
- 21 Public Skate (Havre Ice Dome, 5:45 p.m.)
- 21 Student Support Services Lunch and Learn (CH211, 12-1p.m.)
- 21 Skylights/Lights Basketball vs University of Providence (Gym, 6/8 p.m.)
- 22 Theatre Thursday (Ballroom, 7:30 p.m.)
- 23 Public Skate (Havre Ice Dome, 5:45 p.m.)
- 25 Public Skate (Havre Ice Dome, 5 p.m.)
- 26-27 Intramural Activity (Gym, 8-10 p.m.)
- 27-28 Frontier Conference Playoff Basketball, TBD, (Gym, 7 p.m.)

Chinese/Lunar Year - Feb. 16

This year Chinese/Lunar year will be celebrated Friday, February 16. The Chinese/Lunar calendar is based on the monthly cycles of the Moon's phases as opposed to the solar calendars, whose annual cycles are based only directly on the solar year. According to the Chinese Zodiac, this year is the year of the dog. In many Asian countries like China-of course-Japan, Korea, Laos, and Vietnam, just to cite some, Lunar year is observed (it is also observed in Asian territories). Joining the celebration, the MSUN Food Court will be serving a Chinese menu the entire week (open for lunch and dinner from 11.00 am -8.00 pm) Our best wishes to the students and the families in the area who will be celebrating New Year next week.

Defensive Tactics Demonstration - Feb. 25

Dr. Samantha Balemba and Dr. Jack Bieger will be conducting a defensive tactics demonstration for CJ students and women who want to get some assault / rape prevention and or fighting techniques. Dr. Bieger will be wearing a special assault suit so students can gain some actual contact experience. Bring significant others for more fun. The training will be February 25, 2018, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Gym weight room.

Comedian Barry Brewer - Mar. 28



Born and raised on the South Side of Chicago, Barry Brewer began his comedic career in 2001. He has since traveled the country and abroad performing at the nation's top comedy clubs, colleges and events. As a stand-up comedian, Barry has performed on a number of high profile platforms including television appearances on national networks, such as Comedy Central (Gabriel Iglesias Presents...), BET (Comic View) and TvOne (Who's Got Jokes).

His desire to express his comedic talent has expanded into the area of film. "The Parking Lot" and most recently, "The Perfect Plan" (2013) starring comedian Tommy Ford (Martin) in which he wrote, executive produced and starred. With his exceptional comedic style and relatable delivery, Barry Brewer is a star on the rise and one of Hollywood's fresh, new entertainers to watch. This event will be March 28, in the SUB Ballroom at 8:00 p.m.

Movie "Instructions Not Included" - Feb. 21

This family comedy, "Instructions Not Included" (No se aceptan devoluciones), will be shown Wednesday, February 21, at 6.00 p.m. in Hensler Auditorium. This English/Spanish movie talks about the story of little Maggie (age 6-years-old) who grows up in LA with her Mexican father always hoping to meet her American mother. One day, her mother shows up only to change everybody's lives forever. This movie is free to all.



Book Club: I Tituba, Black Witch of Salem - Feb. 26

In celebration of African-American History Month in February, the English Department and the Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) are sponsoring the book conversation on this novel written by Maryse Condé. This historical fiction novel was originally published in French in 1986, but it was translated into English in 1992. It won the French Grand Prix award for women's literature. *I Tituba, Black Witch of Salem*, is about the life of Titubal, a biracial girl born in Barbados to a young slave woman and an English sailor. She is an orphan who grows with an old spiritual herbalist named Mama Yaya. Tituba soon gets involved in the Salem Witch Trials, a situation that only sets her up for more hectic events in her life. Those who are interested might request a copy of the novel to the ODAMP any time before February 26, 2018. The conversation will take place Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at 5.00 p.m. at the Multicultural Center, Cowan Hall 308.

Safe Zone Module III: Unpacking and Undoing Individual Heterosexism - Feb. 28

This workshop is a conversation to identify the beliefs and practices that intentionally or unconsciously privilege heterosexuality as the only sexual orientation, and how in some cases these practices constitute microaggressions. The facilitator of this workshop is Cristina Estrada-Underwood, Director of the Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP). This workshop will take place Wednesday, February 28, at the Fireside Conference Room, from noon to one. Participants must have completed Module I, Awareness and Education. For more information, contact the ODAMP at 265-3589 or mcc@msun.edu

Conversations with a Safe Zone Ally

For those who would like to talk to an ally, there will be an ally available at the Multicultural Center, Cowan Hall 308: February 21st; March 7th and 20th, and April 4th and 25th, all these days at 6.00 pm.

Safe Zone provides a safe and welcoming environment for LGBTQ individuals and allies: meaningful conversations and understanding.

BPA Raffle - April

MSU-Northern's Business Professionals of America (BPA) club is hosting two raffle drawings. The first raffle is for two reserved seats in the gym, good for all Northern-sporting events for the 2018-2019 season. The second raffle is for a reserved parking spot for the 2018 football season. Both drawings will be in the spring after sports have concluded.

Tickets for both raffles are \$5 each. Winners of the raffles will be contacted by phone. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact BPA President, Tana Marble at tkmarble95@gmail.com. Funds raised will be used to help finance BPA's trip to the National Leadership Conference in Dallas, TX this May. Last year all five students placed top three in at least one of their competitive events. In fact, Northern had three National Champions! Great job BPA!

Thank you for supporting MSU-Northern's BPA club!

Diverse Northern (Radio Program) - Every Thursday

The show airs every Thursday during the school year from 11.00 a.m. to noon at KNMC, 90.1 FM and online by linking to www.msun.edu/KNMC. Diverse Northern includes music in languages other than English as well as invited guests with information about campus life and community affairs. Like us on Facebook Diverse Northern: <https://www.facebook.com/DiverseNorthern/> and Like on Facebook KNMC: <https://www.facebook.com/KNMC-901-FM-College-Radio-132839406764397/>. If you would like to participate in the show as a guest, contact the Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) at 235-3589 or mcc@msun.edu. If you missed the live editions, you can always listen to the podcasts now available on the Diverse Northern Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/DiverseNorthern/>.

Weekly Columns

TidBit

By Bill Lanier

This weekend the Northern wrestling team will be competing in their first ever Cascade Collegiate Conference wrestling tournament. The NAIA changed their procedures for qualifying for the National wrestling tournament from Regional to conferences. Northern and University of Providence (formerly UGF) aligned with the CCC.

Did you know that the Cascade Collegiate Conference Commissioner is a Northern graduate? Commissioner Rob Cashell earned his Master's Degree from MSU-Northern.

Good luck to the current Cascade Collegiate Conference wrestling team of the week Northern Lights in this weekend's conference tournament!