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The Official Newsletter of MSU-Northern - March 13, 2020

Message from the Chancellor

Spring break is upon us, and I hope that you are able to spend that time rejuvenating as we gear up for the rest of the semester. The health and safety of all our faculty, staff, and students is very important, and we have been monitoring the coronavirus outbreak very closely so that we can make decisions as necessary. We appreciate the guidance of the Commissioner's office on how best to implement the recommendations of the CDC, and have made the following decisions for the MSUN campus:

- Campus remains open. This includes the residence halls, food service, Financial Aid, Admissions, the Registrar's office, the library, the Student Union Building, and the rest of campus. The only change will be how students attend some of their classes.
- Per the Commissioner's direction, MSU-Northern is starting the processes of transitioning as many classes as possible to online and WebEx. Hands on labs and clinical will continue as usual.
- Students will be notified via email and Brightspace as classes make the transition.
- In accordance with the CDC's guidelines regarding social distancing, all large events of 20 attendees or more (outside of course labs) on MSU-Northern's campus have been cancelled/postponed through April 12.
- To safeguard our campus population, I am implementing a travel restriction on all campus-sponsored travel outside of the state through the end of the semester.
- We will continue to monitor the situation daily and will communicate any additional decisions or changes. Please visit our website www.msun.edu for updated information. We will also share news on all of our social channels, the NNN, and email as decisions are made.

Gregory D. Kegel
Chancellor, MSU-Northern

What Can I do to Protect Myself from COVID-19?



The Best Way to Wash Your Hands



Spring Break Travel Guidelines

COVID-19 Information



Spring break is next week, and we wish you a fun and safe time away from school. As the global outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) intensifies, it is important to take precautions and be aware of health risks as well as potential impacts to your travel plans.

If you are planning to travel outside Montana, the Office of Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) has issued some simple guidelines to help you stay healthy and protect our campus

community upon your return.

[Read more...](#)

NSLS Hosted “The Disruption Mindset”



MSU-Northern’s chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) hosted a livestream workshop entitled “The Disruption Mindset” by Charlene Li on March 10. In her session, she defined disruption and then

explained how you can apply the disruption mindset to make changes in your life.

Afraid of Friday the 13th?

Today is Friday the 13th, people who have an irrational fear of this date have a Frigga triskaidekaphobia. The term comes from the name Frigga who is the Norse goddess for whom Friday is named. Today, Friday, March 13, 2020, presents the first of two Friday the 13ths in 2020. Any calendar year has a minimum of one Friday the 13th, and a maximum of 3 Friday the 13ths. The last time we had only one Friday the 13th in a calendar year was in May 2016 and the next time won't be until August 2021. Three Friday the 13ths last took place in 2015 (February, March, November), and will next happen in 2026 (February, March, November). This year, 2020, has two Friday the 13ths: March and November.

[Learn more...](#)

Mamma Mia - Postponed



The Montana Actors' Theatre production of Mamma Mia scheduled to run March 13-28th is now postponed.

Following the advice of the Commissioner of Higher Education, MSU-Northern has made the decision to cancel all on-campus activities for the next month. As the resident theatre company of MSUN, MAT is included in the canceled activities and will suspend productions accordingly.

Mamma Mia will be presented in mid-April. Dates will soon be made available to the public.

For those who have already purchased tickets, you will be contacted by MAT personnel in the next few days with options for refunds or exchanges.

Following MAT events (Ticked Off! Dinner Theatre & Charlie and the Chocolate Factory) will also incur some scheduling changes. Please contact either Jay or Grant with questions or concerns. This will be the most expedient manner for information. MAT will continue to provide information to its patrons and supporters via email, social media, print media and the radio.

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding in this matter.

Sports Complex Ground Breaking – Postponed

The groundbreaking for the new sports complex has been postponed due to the forecast of bad weather.

Upcoming Major Events

Spring Break – March 16-20

No classes, Offices will be open

Spring Break Library hours:

- Saturday & Sunday (Mar. 14&15) - closed
 - Mon-Friday (Mar. 16-19) open 8 AM - 5 PM
 - Saturday (Mar. 20) - closed
 - Sunday (Mar. 21) - Open 1:00 PM – 10:00 PM
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Campus Calendar

Friday, March 13

- Golden N Nominations DUE - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday, March 14

- Library CLOSED

Sunday, March 15

- Library CLOSED

Monday, March 16

- Spring Break
- Library Hours for Spring Break - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday, March 17

- Spring Break
- Library Hours for Spring Break - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday, March 18

- Spring Break
- Library Hours for Spring Break - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday, March 19

- Indigenous Gathering
- Spring Break
- Library Hours for Spring Break - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday, March 20

- Spring Break
- Library Hours for Spring Break - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday, March 21

- Library CLOSED

TidBit

By William J. Lanier

TidBit Notes on the 2019-2020 Northern Wrestling season

With the wrestling season concluding last week at the National NAIA Wrestling Tournament, here are my TidBit notes on the season.

The three wrestlers who participated at the National Tournament represented Northern tremendously. Congratulations to Nick Kunz on winning his weight class and becoming the 33rd National Champion for Northern. Congratulations to Isaac Bartel for placing 2nd and becoming a three-time All-American for Northern. While Chase Short did not place, he did contribute to the teams' points and helped Northern secure a 12th place finish. This may not seem outstanding, it is when you realize that Northern only had three wrestlers competing. In fact, every team that placed ahead of Northern had more than twice the number of entrants as the Northern Lights.

Keep in mind that all three will be returning next year for their senior seasons. Nick and Chase are well within reach of 100 career next year, as they have 79 and career 84 career wins respectively. Isaac has 114 career wins and that places him 12 wins away from Turk Lords for 9th place all-time at Northern and 22 wins away from Tyson Thivierge for 4th all-time at Northern.

Northern has now had 39 consecutive years with at least one All-American and 37 consecutive years with at least two All-Americans. Also, for the past 37 years Northern has finished in the top 16 at the national tournament.

Great job Lights! Keep in mind that next year will be the 50th year for Northern wrestling.



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