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Video – MSU-Northern Puts Safety First



Safety has always been our top priority at MSU-Northern. This fall we're putting safety first.

Coalition Hosts Sixth Annual Hill County Suicide Awareness Walk



The Hill County Suicide Awareness Coalition hosted the 6th Annual Hill County Suicide Awareness Walk Thursday night (September 10th), which is also World Suicide Prevention Day. The Coalition distributed masks to the participants with their logo and this year's theme, "Connect to Protect."

Participants gathered at the clock tower and listened to this year's keynote speaker Darla Tyler-McSherry, a Big Sandy native who is the Director of Student Health Services at MSU-Billings. Darla shared her personal message of "ask in earnest" in preventing suicide. She shared how her father took his life on their family farm in 2016 and how that impacted her and her family. The event ended with the group going on a gentle one-mile walk around the MSU-Northern campus in memory of the people who committed suicide.

Course Design Workshops Help Faculty Succeed



Jason Geer and Lindsey Brandt-Bennett demonstrate some of the new technologies that MSU-Northern instructors will be using this fall so students can participate online.

Throughout July and August, MSU-Northern's Office of Teaching and Learning Excellence (OTLE) organized a series of course design workshops to help MSUN instructors prepare for fall teaching during the Covid-19 pandemic. The workshop was offered six times throughout the summer and was attended by 51 faculty instructors from across campus (including several adjunct faculty). MSU-Northern used a portion of the CARES Act funding it received to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic to provide stipends to faculty who attended.

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Giving Life Through Giving Blood



David Harris and Allen Sims helped check in all of the faculty, staff, and students who gave blood during the annual Red Cross Blood drive. There is a huge need for blood right now because of COVID-19 and the fires and flooding happening around the country. For many people, these donations will be a matter of life and death. Thanks for giving... you make Northern proud.

Did you know...

- Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood
 - Approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U.S.
 - Nearly 7,000 units of platelets and 10,000 units of plasma are needed daily in the U.S.
 - Nearly 21 million blood components are transfused each year in the U.S.
 - The average red blood cell transfusion is approximately 3 pints
 - The number of whole blood and red blood cell units collected in the U.S. in a year is 13.6 million
 - The number of blood donors in the U.S. in a year is 6.8 million
 - Although an estimated 38 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood at any given time, less than 10% of that eligible population actually do each year
 - Blood cannot be manufactured - it can only come from generous donors
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New Dean of Students Corey Kopp



MSU-Northern's is pleased to announce Corey Kopp as our new Dean of Students. Corey comes to Northern from Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD, where he served as the Director of Campus Life for six years.

Prior to that, he served as the Director of Residence Life and of Housing, with additional experience as a Resident Director at the University of Puget Sound and Skagit Valley College. He earned his bachelors in criminal justice & sociology from Gonzaga University and his masters in student personnel administration from Western Washington University.

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New Career Center Director



This summer Lisa Moisey joined the MSU-Northern family as the new Director of Career Services and Industry Relations.

Lisa comes to Northern from Bear Paw Development Corporation, where she worked as the Director of Community Development and managed a portfolio of over \$9 million in federal and state grants. Prior to that, she served as the Program Manager for Missoula County Parks, Trails & Open Lands where she directed capacity building and program awareness initiatives. She earned her bachelors in geography at the University of Minnesota.

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Important Announcements

Students... Register to Vote

Federal law mandates that colleges and universities provide their enrolled students who are eligible to vote with voter registration forms in election years. This email contains a link to the [Montana voter registration application form](#) and links to helpful voter registration information. The upcoming elections for both federal and state offices occur Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020.

If you are not yet registered to vote, the [Montana voter registration application form is available online.](#)

[This website will allow you to confirm whether you are registered to vote in Montana.](#)

[Find additional information here](#) if you are unsure about your eligibility to register to vote in Montana or if you just want to learn more about the process.

Complete the Census

Please find below some important information about the 2020 Census from <https://census.mt.gov/>:

- **If you have not yet completed the census, go to <https://census.mt.gov/> and follow the instructions to complete your census questionnaire. It's easy to do and only takes a few minutes!**
- **If you are a student going to college in Montana and living off campus, you should be counted as a Montana resident, because unlike your on campus classmates, you haven't been counted through campus housing.**
- The Census is a count of everyone residing in the United States: in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and the U.S territories.
- It only takes 10 minutes to answer 9 simple questions that will shape your community for the next 10 years.
- Your response to the 2020 Census is safe, secure, confidential, and protected by federal law.

THE CENSUS: A SNAPSHOT FOR MONTANA

- *Montana receives more than \$2 billion every year in federal funding that is allocated to our state based on census data.*
- *Census data affect your voice in Congress by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. Projections show Montana could gain a U.S. House Representative in Congress with an accurate count.*

For more information, please visit <https://census.mt.gov/>, www.facebook.com/MontanaCensus2020/, or call 406-841-2740.

Upcoming Events

Virtual Book Club – Sept. 12 & 26

In collaboration with the Coalition, the Havre-Hill County Library will be facilitating a virtual book club on “*Rising Strong*” by Brené Brown. This book explores how to “reset your life” after experiencing failure, adversity, self-doubt and learning to be brave, vulnerable and dare greatly. The discussions are scheduled for September 12th and September 26th from 3:00-4:00pm on Zoom. Email Jasmine Carbajal jasmine.carbajal@montana.edu by September 4th to register.

Join us in reading **Rising Strong** by Brené Brown in the month of September!

How will this work?

- Register by Sept. 4th
- Purchase the book or audiobook and start reading or listening
- Join the two virtual discussion times



Where can I register?

- Register by calling or emailing Jasmine at 406-400-2335 or jasmine.carbajal@montana.edu

This is a collaboration between the Havre-Hill County Library and the Hill County Suicide Awareness Coalition

You will get to enter your name for a prize when you join in the discussions!

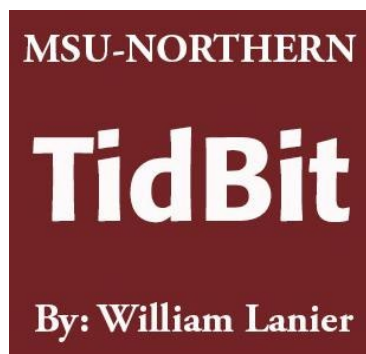
Discussions will be from 3:00pm-4:00pm on:
9/12 & 9/26

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

QPR Suicide Gatekeeper Training – Sept. 17 & 24

The Coalition is also sponsoring two virtual QPR Suicide Gatekeeper trainings during Suicide Awareness month. The training is about 90 minutes long and covers a variety of topics around suicide prevention, most importantly how to question, persuade and refer someone who may be suicidal. There are two sessions scheduled: Thursday September 17th 6:30-8:00pm and Thursday September 24th noon-1:30pm. Sessions are limited to 25 participants; please register with Amber Spring amber.spring@msun.edu.

[More Info...](#)



The 2020 Marist Mindset List is for the Class of 2024

The NNN TidBit would like to wish all Northern students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of Northern a safe and enjoyable new school year. For those of you who are new to the NNN, welcome! To returning readers, welcome back. The NNN TidBit is a weekly column centered on Northern, alumni, or various other Northern

connections. The first TidBit appeared in the January 26, 2007 issue of the Northern Network News.

Just as in previous years, I would like to start the year off with "The Mindset List." In the fall of 1997, Ron Nief, Tom McBride, and Charles Westerberg of Beloit College created the first "The Mindset List" to give faculty a sense of reference for the incoming freshman class (traditional age students). Every August since then, they have created and distributed "The Mindset List." This list is interesting for all to read and enjoy.

Keep in mind that the year on the list is now called "The Marist Mindset List." Thus, it looks substantially different than in past years. The 2020 Marist Mindset List is for the Class of 2024. As stated on their website "Under the direction of Associate Professor of English Tommy Zurhellen, Assistant Professor of Art and Digital Media Joyce Yu-Jean Lee, and Assistant Professor of Computer Science Pablo Rivas, the list for the Class of 2024 will be the first iteration fully compiled by Marist."

<https://www.marist.edu/mindset-list#2024>

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