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## MSU-Northern Lights Placed Third at the Frontier Conference Cross-Country Championships



Last Friday (Nov. 6), MSU-Northern hosted the Frontier Conference Cross-Country Championships. The Lights finished third with a team score of 2:19:54.10 and the Skylights took fifth place with a team score of 1:48:22.2.

There were 35 runners competing in the men's race. Field Soosloff led the Lights running at 26:42.90 taking 3rd place. Brady Albus took 16th place with a time of 28:01:.50. Liam Baez-Terry passed the finish line in 19th place and right behind him was Kai Krumwiede in 22th.

There were 40 individuals running in the women's race. Sophomore Allison Tigert led the Skylights, as she crossed the finish line in 13th place with a time of 20:20.40. Kaylee Nystrom crossed the line in 21th place with a time of 20:59.9. L'Tia Lawrence crossed the finish line in 27th place with a time of 22:01.6. Grace Schwenk ran a time of 22:05.5 crossing the finish line in 28th place. Raini Jonson passed the finished line at a time of 22:55.0 in 31st place.

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## Lorren Schlotfeldt Receives the 2020 Montana Registered Apprenticeship Service Award

In recognition of National Registered Apprenticeship Week (November 8 through 14), The Montana Department of Labor & Industry presented two awards yesterday (Nov. 12).

The 2020 Montana Registered Apprenticeship Service Award went to Lorren Schlotfeldt, an instructor at Montana State University-Northern, for providing 14 years of exceptional instruction and helping plumbing apprentices pursue successful careers.

The second award was the 2020 Outstanding Education Partner Award, which went to MSU-Northern for being a leader in apprentice education. MSU-Northern started Montana's first plumbing technology program and continues to expand apprenticeship education opportunities across the state.

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## MSU-Northern RN Pass Rate Exceeds National Average

The third-quarter National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) pass rates are in and MSU-Northern's nursing pass rate for 2020 is 90.91%. This rate is above the current national pass rate of 87.53% and the current Montana pass rate of 89.29%. This current pass rate is one of the highest for MSU-Northern in the past 7 years.

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## MSUN Little River Institute Receives 1.5M NASNTI Grant Award

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, the Little River Institute at Montana State University-Northern is pleased to announce the awarding of \$1,495,819 from the Department of Education's Native American Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) program. This five-year program will expand upon the work of the Little River Institute, begun during the first five-year NASNTI award, to increase on-time graduation rates of Native American students at both the bachelors and associates levels and increase the retention rates for all Native American students.

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## Student Support Services Receives Five-Year Grant Renewal



*Stop by Cowan Hall 211 anytime to meet the staff (L to R) Ali Bettinson, Assistant Director; Patricia Blankenship, Administrative Associate; and Rachael Meares, Tutor and Resource Coordinator.*

The Student Support Services grant at MSU-Northern was renewed for another five years as of September 1, 2020. Although the SSS grant has been present on this campus for over 30 years, each new grant cycle brings evolution and opportunity for improvements. We're excited to share some of those changes and new additions with the rest of the university! First, the goals of this grant cycle vary some from the goals of the last.

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## Mayo Clinic Recruiting MSU-Northern Nursing Students

MSU-Northern is pleased to announce that the Mayo Clinic is actively recruiting our nursing graduates. In 2019, the Mayo Clinic hired one of Northern's ASN graduates, which is believed to have opened the door for the Mayo Clinic to start recruiting our students.

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## MSU-Northern Named the 22nd Best Online College with Open Admissions

Onlineu.com has recently named MSU-Northern as the #22 best online open admission college in the United States. They highlighted open admissions colleges with a 98%+ acceptance rate that offer three or more online degrees, and ranked them based on their graduation rate and graduate salary data from PayScale.

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## Important Announcements

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### MSU-Northern Virtual Book Buy Back

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  - Ship books
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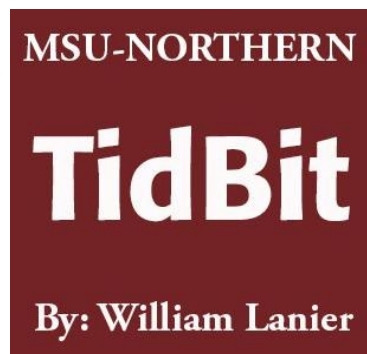
### MSU-Northern Bookstore Rental Book Returns

Please mail or bring in all MSU-Northern Bookstore rental returns to the below address. They are due no later than December 18<sup>th</sup>. If they are late you will be charged the non-return fee. If you need to mail the return, Media Mail through

the post office is less expensive. Please call with any questions: 406-265-3728.

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Rental Returns  
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Havre, MT 59501



On October 20, 2020, Northern Alumni, Nathaniel Mount, was sworn in as the Chief Judge at Fort Belknap. Nathaniel graduated from Northern in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a minor in Native American Studies. After leaving Northern, Nathaniel earned his law degree from the University Montana. He came back to Fort Belknap and served one term on the Fort Belknap Tribal Council.

Nathaniel's brother, Kent Mount, also graduated from Northern with a Bachelor of Science in Health & Physical Education (K-12). Kent currently lives in Fort Belknap and coaches in Harlem.

Prior to Nathaniel and Kent attending Northern, their father Harlan Mount also graduated from Northern in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Technology and a minor in Interdisciplinary Studies: History. In 1993 Harlan became the Fort Belknap Council President. In the June 25th, 1996 Havre Daily News, it was reported that at the age of 32, Harlan became the youngest council president to rule over a tribal nation. Currently Harlan serves as the Executive Director at Fort Belknap Housing Authority.

Congratulations and thank you to the Mount family for setting the example on giving back to your community. You all make Northern Proud!

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