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The Official Newsletter of MSU-Northern - April 15, 2022

MSU-Northern Scholarship and Awards Ceremony



Click on the video link above to watch the entire Scholarship and Awards Ceremony

MSU-Northern Family Celebrates Student Achievements



Last Friday (April 8) there were 296 scholarships given out to 184 students. The total amount of scholarships given out was \$247,485. That represents \$22,000 more than last year! The celebrations included more than scholarships: they also presented the Student Excellence Awards recipients, and the Golden N Awards.

Four MSU-Northern Students Rock SkillsUSA

Written by MSU-Northern SkillsUSA President Riley Mortenson:



MSU-Northern students and SkillsUSA members (L to R) Hunter Velk, Jordan Ketcham, Nicole Burnside, and Riley Mortenson competed in SkillsUSA competitions. Nicole and Hunter competed in diesel tech, Riley competed in job interview and Jordan competed in combination welding. Nicole and Riley took first place at the state level, they are now fundraising to head to nationals in Atlanta Georgia in June. Photo by Jason Geer

On April 7th, four MSU-Northern students traveled to Helena College to compete in the 51st State SkillsUSA Leadership Conference. That afternoon they had their respective orientation meetings followed by Opening Ceremonies at East Helena High School. On the 8th, Nicole Burnside and Hunter Velk competed in the Diesel Technology competition and Riley Mortenson competed in Job Interview.

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Golden "N" Recipients Named



The Golden "N" is awarded annually by the MSU-Northern Student Senate. Students select winners based on their overall readiness to help students achieve. The Golden "N" Award is the most prestigious award an MSU-Northern faculty or staff member can receive. This year's recipients of the Golden "N" award were (L to R) Amber Spring, Laura Gomez, and Carol Reifschneider. Congratulations, you make Northern Proud!

Six Students Received Student Excellence Awards



On Friday (April 8), during the Montana State University-Northern's Annual Awards Day Celebration, six students received Student Excellence Awards. The Student Excellence Award is the highest honor that a student can receive at MSU-Northern. This year's recipients are: (L. to R.) Shay Waldbillig, ShaAnn Danelson, Grace Schwenk, Kaci Nicholson, Tristin Gauer, and Jennell Huff (not pictured).

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44th Annual Powwow Returns to MSU-Northern



MSU-Northern's Sweetgrass Society was honored to host the 44th annual powwow in the Armory Gymnasium last weekend (April 8&9). This is the first year back since Covid caused a two-year delay. It was great to see everyone enjoying this cultural celebration again. The powwow featured over 100 dancers registered in categories for males and females ages 18 to 54 and golden age dancers 55 and older. The dance competition included categories for men's traditional, grass, fancy, chicken, and Crow style. The women's categories featured traditional, jingle, fancy and Crow style.

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Outstanding Career Tips Over Lunch



MSU-Northern Career Center hosted a Lunch and Learn on April 12 for those students who wanted to learn more about career management topics. Adam Somers, Regional HR Manager for C&B Operations, was the guest lecturer. He shared how to prepare your resume, cover letter, and thank you letter. He also shared excellent tips and recommendations on how to research jobs, prepare for an interview, and negotiate a salary.

MSU-Northern Hosts USS Montana Submarine Bell Ceremony



MSU-Northern is proud to be the host of the bell ceremony that is touring Montana. Local Veteran Cal Burr was given the honor of ringing the bell three times in honor of our veterans, future veterans, and our first responders. This is the ceremony bell for The USS Montana, which is the newest Virginia-class fast-attack nuclear submarine. It is scheduled to be commissioned for service on June 25, at Naval Station Norfolk in Virginia.

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Students get the “Scoop” on Counseling



This week’s Wellness Wednesday featured a scoop of ice cream and the inside scoop on what counseling can provide for individuals struggling with stress, grief, substance abuse, relationship issues, life transitions, and mental health disorders. Students had the opportunity to learn how to find a counselor, what they can expect in their first appointment, and about the many counseling services available to MSU-Northern students.

Illusionist Zak Mirz Wows the Crowd



It was an exciting night at the MSU-Northern SUB ballroom as renowned illusionist Zak Mirz wowed those in attendance with an hour of amazing and incredible tricks and illusions. There were also opportunities for audience participation as a number of students assisted Mirz onstage with his routine.

Besides being a magic advisor to David Blaine's special "The Magic Way," Zak FOOLED Penn and Teller on the hit TV show "Penn & Teller: Fool Us!," appeared on the Travel Channel's "Magic Caught on Camera," and has created a deck of cards to raise both money and awareness to fight human trafficking. Photo by Emily Luke

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

University Day Friday, April 15

- No classes, offices open
- Food Court Hours 10am-5pm
- Brunch Menu & C-Store Only
- Library Open 8am-5pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

One Acts: Writing, Development and Performances – Apr. - May

Explore the process of writing your own script! This session will help you develop a one-act play through a series of writing exercises and creative development. The class will then cast and rehearse the finalized scripts for a public presentation in May. (Laptops are encouraged.)

MSUN/MAT Theatre 4pm-6pm

April 11, 13, 18, 20, 25 & 27

May 2, 4, 9, & 11

[Learn more...](#)

Retirement Reception – Apr. 19

Four staff and faculty members have retired since last year's retirement reception. They are: Lori Borth, Vicki Gist, Dr. Steve Hesske, and Dr. Carol Reifschneider. Join us Tuesday, April 19, from 3:30-5:00, for some goodies in the SUB Ballroom as we honor and reflect on their 114 years of collective dedication to MSU-Northern.

Blue / Orange – MAT Theatre Apr. 21-23, 28-30

In a London psychiatric hospital, an enigmatic patient claims to be the son of an African dictator—a story that becomes unnervingly plausible. BLUE/ORANGE is an incendiary tale of race, madness, and a Darwinian power struggle at the heart of a dying National Health Service. This show contains language and themes around racism that some audience members may find offensive.

[For Tickets...](#)

Brown Bag Lecture #3 - “The Value of Implementing an Oil Analysis Program” - Apr. 22

MSU-Northern will be continuing its Spring 2022 Brown Bag Lecture Series on Friday, April 22, with a presentation by Brandon Matson, Charlie Mack, and Keith Jensen, MSU-Northern Assistant Professors of Diesel Technology. The event will be held from 12:00pm to 1:00pm in Hensler Auditorium in the ATC Building, and is open to the public.

In their lecture, “The Value of Implementing an Oil Analysis Program,” Matson, Mack, and Jensen will present an oil analysis program that they have developed as part of a joint research project. They will discuss their results and show how oil analysis, when implemented correctly, is an investment that can ultimately result in cost savings on repairs and unscheduled downtime. With oil analysis, failures can be identified before they become catastrophic failures.

Matson, Mack, and Jensen are all graduates of MSU-Northern’s diesel technology program. Upon completing their degrees, all three worked in the diesel industry, gaining a combined 30 years of experience before returning to MSU-Northern as faculty. Their research on the benefits and strategies of implementing an oil analysis system is a project that they have implemented as part of their master’s degree coursework.

MSU-Northern’s Brown Bag Lectures are open to the public and are designed to share some of the exciting academic work happening at MSU-Northern. The series is organized by MSU-Northern’s Instruction, Research, & Faculty Development committee, in partnership with the Office of Teaching & Learning Excellence, and is sponsored by the Office of the Provost. After the April 22 event, the series will reconvene in September 2022 with monthly lectures throughout the academic year.

Sack lunches are provided but limited, so attendees are encouraged to RSVP by Tuesday, April 19th, at <https://www.msun.edu/otle/brownbag.aspx> or by calling 406-265-3775.

Skylights BB Dinner Raffle – Apr. 22

Charlie’s Aunt Dinner Theatre

- (Chinook) – Apr. 22 & 23
- (Shelby) – Apr. 29 & 30
- (Lewistown) – May 6 & 7

· (Havre) – May 19-21

A new script written by Martin Holt based on the original play by Brandon Thomas, *Charlie's Aunt* is a comedic farce, perfect for dinner theatre! Charlie and Jack love Amy and Kitty. Amy is about to go away, and Charlie thinks he may miss his opportunity to ask for her hand. Then he discovers that his aunt, a Brazilian woman he hardly knows, is coming for lunch. How fortuitous! Now the aunt can chaperone while the boys ask the girls to marry them. Naturally, things don't go as planned. Donna Lucia, the aunt, is late, and their friend, Lord Fancourt Babberley (Babbs) shows up in drag. He is convinced to pretend to be Donna Lucia, and a wild afternoon of mistaken identity, young love, old love, angry uncles, and one beautiful, exotic aunt ensues. In the end, just as it looks like Uncle Stephen is going to ruin everything, the real Donna Lucia steps in and graciously puts an end to the madness. All the lovers end up together and happy, except for Uncle Stephen, who was starting to fall for Babbs.

For Tickets

Earth Day/Spring BBQ - Apr. 27

Congressional Primary Debates – Apr. 28

Founders Excellence Awards Ceremony – Apr. 29

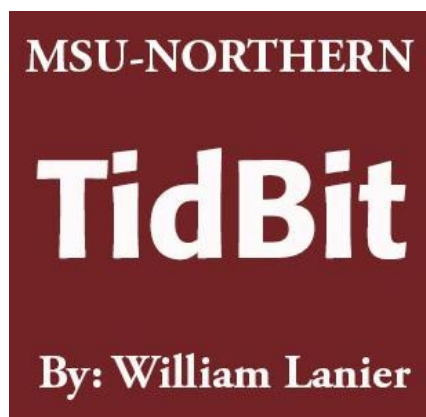
The Founders' Excellence Award Ceremony is coming up on Friday, April 29th! Tickets are still available to join the MSU-Northern Foundation in honoring Dr. Joseph Callahan and Clyde R. Thomas Jr. for their incredible service to Northern. Tickets are \$30 per person and includes dinner. Doors open at 5pm in the SUB Ballroom. RSVPs are required to attend, so please call (406) 265-3711 to reserve your seat, or email alumni@msun.edu.

Nurses Pinning – May 6

3-5 pm at 5th Avenue Christian Church the Nurses Pinning ceremony is free and is open to the public.

MSU-Northern Commencement - May 7

Saturday, May 7, marks the end of another academic year at Montana State University-Northern with the graduation of the 2022 class. This year's commencement speaker will be Brian Hoven. The ceremony is for students who complete degree requirements by the end of the upcoming summer sessions. The ceremony is free and open to the public. There will be no reserved seats for individuals. A section of lower bleacher seats will be reserved for the handicapped. Handicapped parking spaces are limited.



#365 More Alumni Updates

The NNN TidBit would like to congratulate these Northern Alumni for their recent accomplishments.

Jonathan Crosby was recently recognized as the co-classified staff member of the year. for Polson School District #23. Jonathan is a paraprofessional for Polson School District. On a side note, Jonathan is an Eagle Scout

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Several former Northern student wrestling stand outs participated in the Open Class at the 2022 Montana Open.

Open 140, Landon Bailey placed 1st (3-0)

Open 150, Duell Stadel placed 1st (4-0)

Open 150, Robert Pair placed 4th (2-2)

Open 150, Mike Hipple placed 6th (1-3) - injury default

Open 160, Matthew Weber placed 1st (3-0)

Open 185, Chris Nile placed 2nd (4-1)

Open 200, Willie Miller placed 2nd (4-1) including a 5-0 decision against current University of Providence wrestler Liam Swanson

Open 285, Toby Chef placed 1st (2-0)

These eight wrestlers were all on the team named "Northern Has Beens"

If you know of any Northern Alumni (including yourself), that you would like to see highlighted, please send an e-mail to wjlanier1963@yahoo.com

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