



MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHERN

Northern Network News

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Leadership High School Luncheon



Since its inception in 2000, Leadership High School has been an educational program specifically designed for Havre High School juniors. The program teaches the participants to develop their leadership skills and introduces them to the many facets of Havre's community and volunteer opportunities. Last Friday (Mar. 17), Havre's Leadership High School participants came to the Northern campus for their awards banquet. MSU-Northern provided every person who completed the Leadership High School program with a \$1000 fee waiver (\$500 for both fall and spring semesters). Interim Provost Carol Reifschneider was on hand to welcome the



students to campus and make the scholarship presentations. The students had a tour of campus after the luncheon and awards were presented.

MSU-Northern Helps with Trades Day



Trades Day took place at Triangle Communications in Havre, on March 9th. More than 220 high school students from around the area were introduced to a variety of opportunities in the trades fields. The students were able to choose and attend four “zones” or sessions from among eight career areas. MSU-Northern faculty and staff were on hand to talk about our related programs and provide hands-on demonstrations.

The career opportunities presented were:

- Zone 01 - Electrician & Lineman
- Zone 02 - Mapping, Engineering & Locating
- Zone 03 - Construction
- Zone 04 - Telephone & Internet Technicians
- Zone 05 - IT & Security
- Zone 06 - Public Relations & Marketing
- Zone 07 - Job Opportunities in the Trades
- Zone 08 - Diesel Technology (See group photo above)

Brown Bag Lecture Helps Small Businesses Build a Brand



On Wednesday (Mar. 22), Assistant Professor of Graphic Design, Mary Ward, talked about, “Building a Brand for Small Businesses and Organizations.” In this presentation, Professor Ward explained the importance of building a brand for small businesses and organizations and demonstrated how to create a style guide as well as a brand kit with the online, user-friendly tool Canva Pro. This lecture was presented through MSU-Northern’s Instruction, Research, & Faculty Development Committee, in partnership with OTLE. Mary Ward holds a BFA in Graphic Design from MSU Bozeman and an MFA in Digital Media from University of Montana. She worked in the graphic design industry for 11 years before starting her teaching career at MSU-Northern.

Northern Spotlight – Dr. Barb Zuck



When business professor Barb Zuck is not teaching, she is often helping people relax with her harp. On Sunday mornings, Professor Barbara Zuck takes the drive from Havre to Chinook through the colors and wonders of each season, along with the ebbs and flows of the agricultural activities and animals embedded in life on the Hi-Line, so she can offer therapeutic harp music to residents of Sweet Home. Therapeutic harp music is meditative, and the music is intentionally offered to help people reflect, relax, and rejuvenate. Zuck uses her harp as a way to connect with residents and staff at Sweet Home. Zuck is a Certified Clinical Musician through Harp for Healing, L.L.C.

Take MSU-Northern Along... MSU-Northern Visits Iceland During Spring Break



An MSU-Northern flag tagged a ride with Emilee Luke to Iceland. She spent nine days in the beautiful country of Iceland. She rented a camper van and drove the 828 miles of Iceland's Ring Road as well as the Snaefellsnes Peninsula, or "mini Iceland." Along her journey, she explored many canyons, hot springs, waterfalls, beaches, glaciers, lighthouses, mountains, and stayed on a sheep farm. She did some whale watching in Húsavík where she saw a beautiful family of orcas! She hiked the largest glacier in all of Europe, Vatnajökull glacier, which covers about 7,900 square km of the country, accounting for 10% of the country's land mass. There she pulled out her Northern flag and displayed it for all of Iceland to enjoy.

If you have a photo of you or a friend with MSU-Northern swag (shirt, coat, pendant, flag etc...) we would like to share it with the world. Simply email it to potterj@msun.edu with a brief explanation of who is in the photo and what made that location special to you and we will do our best to share it in the NNN and on our social media page.

***SpongeBob the Musical* Is a Fun Show for the Whole Family**



Charles & Joyce Finn along with Havre High School, Montana Actor's Theatre, and MSU-Northern are pleased to present, *SpongeBob the Musical*. If you like SpongeBob SquarePants, then you will enjoy *SpongeBob the Musical*. The stakes are higher than ever in this dynamic stage musical, as SpongeBob and all of Bikini Bottom face the total annihilation of their undersea world. Chaos erupts. Lives hang in the balance, and just when all hope seems lost, a most unexpected hero rises up and takes center stage. The power of optimism really can save the world! This show will take place at Havre High and will feature HHS and MAT actors!

This musical features all your favorite characters in their natural environment. It also features original songs by Yolanda Adams, Steven Tyler and Joe Perry of Aerosmith, Sara Bareilles, Jonathan Coulton, Alex Ebert of Edward Sharpe & the Magnetic Zeros, The Flaming Lips, Lady A, Cyndi Lauper, John Legend, Panic! At the Disco, Plain White T's, They Might Be Giants, T.I. David Bowie, Tom Kenny & Andy Paley.

Show dates are March 24, 25, 30, 31 and April 1 shows are at 7:00pm and two Saturday matinees on March 25 and 31. Tickets are available online or at the door, Adults \$12, College Students/Seniors/Military \$10, Grades 6-12 \$8, Children up to grade 5 \$5 This show is general admission. You will not be able

to choose your seats when you purchase tickets. Doors open 30 minutes prior to show time.

[Click here for tickets...](#)

Founders Excellence Recipients Announced

The Northern Alumni Foundation is pleased to announce this year's Founders Excellence Award winners are Kurt Johnson and Pam L. Veis. The Founders' Excellence is an award given to deserving individuals in honor of their professional accomplishments, loyalty, and service that have enhanced the development of Montana State University-Northern.

This celebration for Johnson and Veis will take place on April 14, 2023, in the MSU-Northern SUB Ballroom. Cocktail hour starts at 5:30 and the Prime Rib dinner will begin at 6:30 pm. The Founders' Excellence Award Dinner is open to the public. Tickets are \$40 per person...please RSVP by April 10th (406) 265-3711.

Kurt Johnson

Kurt Johnson, class of '85 was born and reared in Cut Bank, Montana. After high school he wanted to attend MSU-Bozeman, but a last-minute decision put him at MSU-Northern. He received a degree in agricultural business and had hopes of taking over the family farm. After college Kurt worked in the motel business for 25 years while starting a family of his own. He is currently the owner of Vic's Place Lounge and Casino and continues to serve the Foundation as past Chair of the Board of Trustees.



Kurt is always there to lend a helping hand when it comes to Northern. He knows Northern was so good to him and he likes to give back. As a business owner he appreciates the impact this college has on the community, "We help Northern get going and in return they help us." Kurt is very active in the Havre community and a true family man. He serves on the NLASF board of trustees, and he is father to five children, grandfather to 12! We appreciate all of his hard work and dedication to MSU-Northern.



Pam L. Veis

Pam was born in Shelby, Montana, and graduated from North Toole County High School in Sunburst, Montana, in 1981. The following year, she attended Northern Montana College (MSUN) on a Presidential Scholarship where she earned her associate degree in nursing in 1984.

Following her graduation from NMC (MSUN), Pam embarked on a 29-year career in community mental health as a Psychiatric RN/ Adult Case Manager. Pam has sat on various boards including the Montana Actors Theatre/MAT, the Bullhook Community Health Center, Hi Line Women's Coalition, Downtown

Havre Matters, the Hi-Line Arts Council, and the Hill County Community Foundation, which she has served as Chair for the past 8 years.

Pam first graced the Northern stage over 40 years ago. She has been involved with Montana Actors Theatre/MAT since its inception. She has been acting and directing professionally with the Fort Peck Summer Theatre for the past 16 years. From the arts to athletics, Pam and her husband, Gerry, are avid supporters of MSU-Northern. They were involved in the "Adopt A Light" program for 17 years. They have been married for 39 years and have two adult children, Mikyla (Robert Mueller) and Tanner (Chelsea Nottingham).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Registration for Fall Semester 2023 Schedule:

- Mar 27: Graduate & Post-Baccalaureate
- Mar 28: Seniors (90 or more credits earned*)
- Mar 30: Juniors (60-89 credits earned*)
- Apr 3: Sophomores (30-59 credits earned*)
- Apr 5: Freshmen (0-29 credits earned*)
- Apr 17: New Students

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING CLEANING DONATION DRIVE – Mar. 24

Today is the last day of the Spring Cleaning Donation Drive. As you do your spring-cleaning, please consider donating items to the MSUN Community Center. Donation boxes will be set up outside of Student Health Services in the SUB 8 am-5 pm today (March 24).

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the Community Center Coordinator at communitycenter@msun.edu or Amber Spring at 406-399-1919 or amber.spring@msun.edu

Chinook Dinner Theatre – Mar 24-25

Havre Dinner Theatre – Apr 7-8

Montana Actors Theatre is pleased to present *Almost Austen or Basically Bronte: A Farce in Two Acts*. Jane Austen has writer's block. Just as she's fallen into a slump, her study is invaded by the Bronte sisters. They're all ghosts, forced to roam the world until one is deemed the greatest writer. They try to outdo each other in writing an original short story. The audience chooses the winner. The grand prize? Paradise! The resulting tales are strewn with off-color jokes, nausea-inducing puns, & the occasional appearance of an unexpected fruit. Let the best woman win!

All Dinner Theatre tickets are \$35 for one or \$65 for two. Reserved tables of 8 for \$300. Add 8 tickets to your cart and we will automatically reserve a table for you! Price includes dinner and the performance. Show Locations and times:

Chinook Eagles Club – March 24, 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Havre Eagles Club – April 7, 8 at 6:00 p.m.

[Click here for tickets...](#)

Bikini Bottom Bash – Mar 25

Come to Havre High School this Saturday, March 25, at 5 pm, and join SpongeBob and all the cast for an exclusive event featuring Krabby Patty meals from the Krusty Crab, Plankton's Formula Drinks, games, and activities including face painting, crafts, and pictures with the cast. Each Bikini Bottom Bash ticket also includes a ticket to the 7 pm performance of The SpongeBob Musical. \$50 for the first ticket and \$25 for each additional ticket.

[Click here for tickets...](#)

MONTANA GROW YOUR OWN EDUCATORS – Mar. 28

Come celebrate student achievements from the past year! Students, parents, counselors, and administrators are all invited to attend.

On March 28, 2023, 5:00 PM-7:30 PM, in Great Falls College MSU HERITAGE HALL, 2100 16TH AVE. S.

Park in the front lot & enter through the main entrance.

Please email Angela DeWolf King at aking@montana.edu to RSVP.

Great Northern Bull Dazzle – Mar. 31 & Apr 1

Havre Literary Night – April 14

Montana State University-Northern and Montana Actors' Theatre are pleased to present the Havre Literary Night on Friday April 14, at 7:00 pm, in the MSUN Little Theatre. It will be a night of fiction, poetry, & photography featuring three local and award-winning authors:

- Charles Finn – 2022 Montana Book Award Winner
- Gwen Hart – X.J. Kennedy Poetry Award Winner
- Roger Hart – McGlenn fiction contest Winner and Photographer
- Barbara Michelman – 2022 Montana Book Award Winner

This event is free and open to people of all ages. Refreshments will be available.

[Click here to download flyer...](#)

WOMEN IN STEM - April 18

APRIL 18, 2023 12:05-12:55PM STUDENT UNION BUILDING (SUB)

Teresa Brockie, PhD, RN, FAAN is an Indigenous nurse scientist and educator whose research focuses on achieving health equity through community-based prevention and intervention of suicide, trauma, and adverse childhood experiences among vulnerable populations. She is an Assistant Professor at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing with a Joint Appointment in the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg Center for Indigenous Health. Ph.D, Master of Science in Nursing, RN, Assistant Professor at Johns Hopkins. Sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Little River Institute at MSU-Northern.

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, March 27

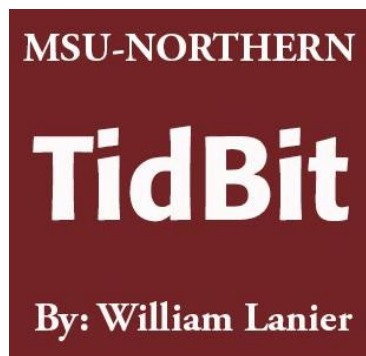
- Registration for Summer 2023 Begins
- Registration for Fall Semester 2023 - Graduate & Post-Baccalaureate

Tuesday, March 28

- Registration for Fall Semester 2023 - Seniors

Thursday, March 30

- Registration for Fall Semester 2023 - Juniors
- University Advisory Council meeting 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM



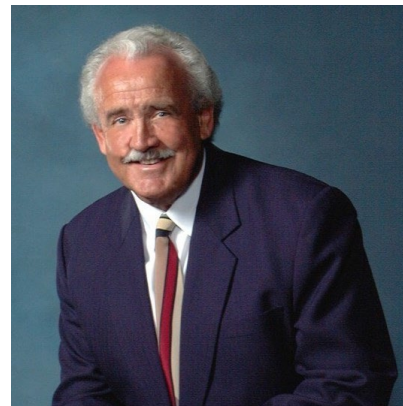
(#389) Remembering President Dr. William Merwin

Back in the fall of 1985 as a resident assistant and during our week long training session, is when I first met then NMC president, Dr. William C. Merwin. He came around the corner in Morgan Hall and stated, "Hello, I am Bill Merwin, I am your new president." I remember this like it was last week. Our half hour time slot easily went more than two hours. During this time, he learned a great deal about each of us

as people and our thoughts on NMC. Now, I am not sure if this ever influenced anything with him, as a student and as an RA staff, we were impressed that he would take the time like that to talk with us.

Over the next four years during his tenure as president, I got to know him very well. For a year or so he was even an advisor for the campus club, Delta Apha Theta. Like many students, I was mesmerized by the fact that he could remember the names of so many students and at least one thing about them.

The Northern website states the following on President Merwin: "In 1985, Dr. William Merwin became the college's sixth president. Merwin came to Northern from the University of North Florida where he was Vice President for Academic Affairs. Merwin expanded the recognition of NMC as offering 'middle technology' courses that include academic as well as technical training to meet the changing demands of



the job market. He yielded to Regents' demands for operational cuts within the college and received commendations for doing so. He left NMC in early 1989 for the presidency at the State University of New York at Potsdam.”

For more information on Dr. William Merwin and other Northern Presidents and Chancellors please go to: [Northern Presidents & Chancellors](#)

After leaving Northern, Dr. Merwin was President at State University of New York (SUNY) Potsdam, Salisbury State University in Salisbury, Maryland, and then in 1999, he became the second president at Florida Gulf Coast University. FGCU is where he may have had his greatest impact as a college/university President. FGCU grew from 3,200 students to more than 8,300 students (all in eight years). It was also during this time that the athletic program grew by leaps and bounds. Dr. Merwin left FGCU in 2007!

For Dr. William Merwin's many contributions to Florida Gulf Coast University Athletics, Dr. William Merwin was inducted to the FGCU Athletic Hall of Fame as part of their inaugural class. Here is his bio from the FGCU Hall of Fame website.

[FGCU Athletics Announces Inaugural Hall of Fame Class - FGCU Athletics](#)

Unfortunately, Dr. Merwin passed away in May of 2011. Here is a link to his obituary:

[William Merwin Obituary - Jacksonville, FL \(dignitymemorial.com\)](#)

If the FGCU Eagles sound familiar to any of you NCAA Women's basketball fans, it should. This year's (2023) NCAA FGCU Eagles made the Women's NCAA tournament with former University of Montana Grizzly and Malta High School standout Sophia Stiles on the team.

Please continue to check back for more NNN TidBits! If you see anything that you would like me to highlight, please send it to me at wjlanier1963@yahoo.com

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