



**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
NORTHERN**

## Northern Network News

The Official Newsletter of MSU-Northern - January 26, 2024

### MSU-Northern - Nursing Program Upgrades



Interim Dean of the College of Health Science, Dr. Jaime Duke, talks about the several upgrades that have been implemented to the nursing program's facilities and curriculum in recent years.

## **Students Named to MSU-Northern's 2023 Fall Semester Dean's List**

The Montana State University-Northern fall semester Dean's List contains 334 students. To be included in the Dean's List, students must carry a minimum of 12 credits and earn a grade point average of 3.25 or better. Students that received an incomplete or "F" during this semester are not included on the honor roll listing.

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## **MSU-Northern Students Reach Out to High Schools During Christmas Break**

Over the Christmas break, ten students from MSU-Northern took part in the "Students Reaching Students" program, an initiative aimed at connecting Northern students with high school students in their hometowns. The focus of these discussions was to provide insights into life at MSU-Northern and answer questions about the education they received.

Unlike traditional college representatives, current students can provide a more relatable and genuine perspective on student life, making it easier for high schoolers to envision themselves at the university.

The most common questions revolved around life in Havre, the affordability of college, and available activities for students. The Northern representatives highlighted the various opportunities offered by the university, including free or discounted access to amenities like the ski hill, athletic events, bowling nights, hiking clubs, and more. They also addressed financial concerns by discussing the scholarships and financial aid opportunities available to MSU-Northern students.

The "Students Reaching Students" pilot run was considered very successful and is being planned again during spring break. Contact the recruiting office if you are interested in talking to your local high school during spring break.

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## Three Local Authors Bring “Puss in Boots” to Life



In a unique collaboration, Gwen Hart, Morgaine Lomayesva, and Angela Murri, joined forces to write the script for the live Montana Actors Theatre’s Panto production of "Puss in Boots". The trio took on the challenge after the project’s initiator, Caroline Tuss, faced unexpected obstacles and couldn’t complete the script.

Angela Murri took the project over and was responsible for the initial draft. She crafted the characters, developed the major conflicts, and set the stage for the production. With minimal dialogue and some plot points from Grant Olson, MSU-Northern Assistant Professor of Theatre & Communications, Murri initiated the writing process in October, driven by the urgency of the approaching show date. Subsequently, Hart and Lomayesva joined the project, contributing their creativity to finalize the script.

The collaborative writing experience proved both challenging and rewarding. Murri initially felt nervous about changes, but eventually embraced the collaborative spirit. Meetings with the authors involved bouncing ideas off each other, aided by Lomayesva’s organizational skills, which included a color-coded board for main characters.

As Murri directed the play, she witnessed the actors breathing life into the script. The cast added spontaneous bits, keeping the audience engaged, including both adults and kids. The production successfully blended humor accessible to all ages, creating memorable moments for families.

The vibrant costumes and characters allowed the audience to interact and take photos after the show, enhancing the overall experience. Murri expressed her

desire for people to leave with lasting memories of shared laughter and a sense of family bonding.

Looking to the future, the authors expressed interest in collaborating again, considering whether their next venture would be a comedy or a more serious production. Despite the challenges, the successful outcome of "Puss in Boots" left them proud of their work and excited about the potential for future creative endeavors.

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## **HILL COUNTRY REVUE VARIETY SHOW – Opens Tonight**



Montana Actor's Theatre is pleased to present A variety show in the vein of Hee-Haw, Saturday Night Live and Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In. This production will feature a weekly Local Musician playing original music with comic interludes commenting on life in Havre and the Hi-Line. Get ready for an unforgettable evening of music, laughter, and entertainment as we bring together the finest local talents in one spectacular event!

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

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## **Laura Gomez Appointed Chair of the College of Technical Sciences**

On Monday, January 22, Laura Gomez officially began her role as the new Chair of the College of Technical Sciences. Gomez is currently an assistant

Professor of Business. MSU-Northern would like to thank her for her continued dedication to COTS and to the university! We look forward to working with her in her added role as the COTS Chair.

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## First Brown Bag Lecture of Second Semester



MSU-Northern's Instruction, Research, & Faculty Development Committee, in partnership with OTLE, started their Spring 2024 Brown Bag Lecture Series with a joint presentation by Dr. Praveen Dubey, Assistant Professor of Education/Director of Clinical Experience & Partnerships at MSUN and his co-PI, Dr. Angela Crevar, a Postdoctoral Scholar at Texas Tech University.

The topic of this lecture was "Right to Teacher Quality." In their presentation, Dubey and Crevar addressed a recent study they conducted, which uses data from the public education system in India to investigate whether students' perceptions of teacher quality are aligned with the school's perspective on teacher quality. Their work reveals that there are some areas of inequity where schools could improve. Overall, the study provides valuable insights into how students perceive teacher quality across India through the use of structural equation modeling (SEM)

This event was sponsored by the MSU-Northern Provost's Office.

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## “Liv” Isakson Talks About Her Northern Journey



My name is Olivia Danielle Isakson, but everyone calls me Liv. I'm from the beautiful mountain town of Augusta, Montana. My journey to MSU-Northern started with my family history, as both my parents are proud alumni of Northern.

Northern first caught my attention with the attraction of a volleyball scholarship, a prospect that excited me and ultimately drew me to the campus. What truly sealed the deal, however, was the combination of a great education, affordable tuition, and generous financial aid packages that Northern has to offer.

I am currently pursuing a major in Liberal Studies with a minor in psychology. Upon graduation, I plan to further my education by pursuing a Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology, with the ultimate goal of becoming a licensed Speech Pathologist.

Reflecting on my time at Northern, I am grateful for the unwavering support I've received from the dedicated staff. Each professor takes a personal interest in their students, going above and beyond to help us achieve our goals. The sense of community here has also allowed me to forge incredible connections, leading to lifelong friendships.

I wholeheartedly encourage prospective students to explore the opportunities Northern has to offer, as it has been the foundation for my academic and personal growth.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Crisis Response Training Available

MSU-Northern is providing two trainings to help you get better prepared for dealing with a crisis. The sessions are called Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) & Stop the bleed-Save a life. Both sessions are being offered by Frank Zuccala in Hagener room 114 on:

- February 12
- February 26
- March 18

CRASE begins at 9 am, Stop the Bleed begins at 11 am: Attend one or both

To register, Email: [Frank.Zuccala@MSUN.edu](mailto:Frank.Zuccala@MSUN.edu)

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## **ATTENTION STUDENTS: Scholarship Deadline Extended to March 1, 2024**

The Northern Alumni Foundation offers 23 scholarships that require a separate application. There are scholarships for agriculture, diesel/automotive, education, nursing, and other miscellaneous non-degree specific scholarships. Students can pick up the scholarship applications at the Foundation office located on the 3rd floor of Cowan Hall posted on the bulletin board next to Room 307. The scholarships can also be accessed at [msunfoundation.org/scholarships](http://msunfoundation.org/scholarships). Any questions, please contact Marla Shulund or Toni Pedersen, Room 307 in Cowan Hall.

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## **Winter Clothing Drive – Library Foyer**

Do you have winter gear you're no longer using? Donate gently worn and freshly laundered items to the Vande Bogart Library to benefit students and community members who can use them! They are collecting coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens for students from Jan. 2 through Feb. 2. Students can come claim needed items during this time.

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## **Important Deadlines**

Jan 16th (Tuesday) Last Day to Add Classes (for full session courses)  
Jan 16th (Tuesday) Last Day to Drop without a W (for full session courses)  
Feb 19th (Monday) Presidents Day Holiday (no classes, offices closed)  
Mar 1th (Thursday) Midterm grades due to Registrar's Office by Noon  
Mar 8th-15th Spring Break Week (No classes, offices open)

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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### **Dining Room Soup Specials**

This week you can enjoy our specialty soup, roll and medium drink for the incredibly low price of \$3.95 for a Small and \$4.95 for a large.

Monday – Jan. 29 Vegetable Beef Soup

Tuesday – Jan. 30 Broccoli Cheese Soup

Wednesday – Jan. 31 Chicken Tortilla Soup

Thursday – Feb. 1 Potato Soup  
Friday – Feb. 2 Wisconsin Cheese Soup

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## **We Love Northern Ball – Feb. 24**

The “We Love Northern Ball” is the signature annual event of MSU-Northern, and tickets and tables are now on sale through the MSU-Northern Foundation. The Ball will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at the Armory Gym on campus. The centerpiece of the event will be a three-course wine-pairing dinner, consisting of a Maine lobster cake appetizer, a main entrée of smoked beef brisket, and tiramisu for dessert. Those items will be paired with three incredible wines from Montana’s premier vineyard, Willow Creek Winery in Corvallis, Montana.

In addition to this amazing meal, the ball will feature live and silent auction items, and music by the Melissa Lynn Band from Great Falls. Last year, more than 210 guests attended the ball, and this year’s goal is 300. Tickets are \$100 each, or a reserved table of eight for \$900. Northern faculty, staff and students receive a 25% discount, so those tickets are \$75 each, or a reserved table for \$600.

For tickets and table reservations, visit Melanie Skoyen in the Foundation office in Cowan 305, or purchase them online at [msunfoundation.org](https://msunfoundation.org)





# MSUN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FAIR

Connect with volunteer & service opportunities!

**FEBRUARY 1ST, 2024 | 1 - 5PM**  
**SUB BALLROOM, MSUN CAMPUS**

## **Community Involvement Fair – Feb. 1**

Plan to attend the 2024 MSUN Community Involvement Fair, which is scheduled to be in the SUB Ballroom from 1:00-5:00pm on Thursday February 1st.

This event aims to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s National Day of Service by encouraging Americans to volunteer & improve their communities. This event will provide an opportunity for students to learn more about ways they can serve their community, both on and off campus. Community members will also be invited to attend. Local non-profits and service organizations, as well as campus clubs and organizations are invited to share their missions and goals and how individuals can participate in their service work.

Research consistently supports the benefits of volunteering and serving others, including positive impacts on both emotional and physical health, as well as increasing connection with others and building a sense of community. Many of the top employers participating in our career fairs seek students with volunteer experience to fill their internship and position vacancies.

Online registration is open for any student clubs or organizations, as well as local non-profits and/or service organizations:

<https://forms.gle/n34ukcSLkz5MwZfs6>

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# CALENDAR

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## **FRIDAY JAN. 26**

2024 Hi-Line Adult Hockey Tournament Weekend - Ice Dome, 5pm - 1:30 am  
Lights Wrestling vs Southern Oregon – Gym - 7pm,  
MAT presents: Hill Country Revue Variety Show – Cowan Hall Theatre - 8 pm

## **SATURDAY JAN. 27**

Skylights BB vs. Montana Western Gym 2 pm  
Lights BB vs. Montana Western Gym 4 pm  
2024 Hi-Line Adult Hockey Tournament Weekend - Ice Dome, 5pm - 1:30 am  
MAT: Hill Country Revue Variety Show – Cowan Hall Theatre - 8 pm

## **SUNDAY JAN. 28**

2024 Hi-Line Adult Hockey Tournament Weekend - Ice Dome, 8:30 am-3:45 pm

## **THURSDAY, FEB. 1**

Community Center Open House - 12noon-6pm  
Community Involvement Fair - SUB Ballroom 1-5pm  
Civic Engagement: From the Rat's Tale to Newton's Cradle - Using Storytelling to Encourage Community Involvement & Servant Leadership w/ Dr. Randy Bachmeier, Hensler Auditorium, ATC Building - 7pm

## **FRIDAY, FEB. 2**

Elks' Club Karaoke Night, 321 2nd Street - 8pm,  
MAT: Hill Country Revue Variety Show – Cowan Hall Theatre - 8 pm

## **SATURDAY FEB. 3**

Lebowski fest - Harvest Moon Lanes, 1920 US Highway 2 (Havre) - 7pm,  
Celebrate the 25th anniversary of the release of "The Big Lebowski", costume contest, live music, food & drink specials & bowling  
MAT: Hill Country Revue Variety Show – Cowan Hall Theatre - 8 pm

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# TidBit

By: William J. Lanier

## **(#403) Remembering Dr. David Greenwood The Father of Northern Wrestling**

This past weekend Havre and Northern Legend Dr. David H. Greenwood passed away. Dr. Greenwood came to Northern in 1969 and began a 20-year career at Northern Montana

College. The 1970 Northerner stated that he was “department chairman for the Physical Education Division of Northern’s curriculum of studies.” Dr. Greenwood received his bachelor’s degree from Southern State Teachers College (1959), master’s degree from South Dakota State University (1961) and his Ed. D. from University of New Mexico (1969).

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Here is a picture of Dr. Greenwood from the 1970 and 1971 Northerner. In 1970 Dr. Greenwood became the first wrestling Head Coach in Northern Montana College history. The first article in the NoMoCo regarding the Northern wrestling team was in the January 20th, 1971, issue.

In the early days of Northern wrestling, NMC wrestled against many of the colleges in Montana. Here is an article from the January 25th, Havre Daily News about NMC traveling to wrestle Miles City.

This February 5th, Havre Daily News article references NMC wrestling Flathead Valley Community College and Rocky Mountain College. The winter of 1971 marked the first year that the Frontier Conference had a conference tournament for wrestling. Here is an article from the February 25, 1971, Havre Daily News.

In their first Frontier Conference tournament Dr. Greenwood led Northern to a 3rd place tie with Western Montana College as noted by the March 3rd edition of the NoMoCo.

In 1972 Dr. Greenwood and his wife Judy, opened their first Taco John's restaurant. Later, their businesses included a second Taco John's in Havre, along with Taco John's restaurants in Glendive, Cut Bank, Williston, Dickinson and Devil's Lake in North Dakota. Additional businesses in Have included Yummy Yogurt, Orange Julius, and Pro Putt Mini Golf.

Dr. Dave Greenwood was quoted in the January 26th edition of the Havre Daily News "We always thought it would be nice to have something that was ours,". Thus began their business ventures.

Over the years the Greenwoods employed hundreds of college students. They also offered scholarships to students at Northern and at Dickinson State University.

Northern Montana College's first eight All-Americans were during Dr. Greenwood's tenure as the Head Coach. His teams captured two Frontier Conference Championships the first in 1976 and then again in 1984. His 1984 squad had a dual meet record of 10-0.

In the mid-1980's, Dr. Greenwood stepped down as the Head Wrestling Coach and Jason Lilies took the reins. Dr David Greenwood retired from teaching at NMC in 1989. Here is a picture from the 1989 Northerner, that was taken at his retirement party.

Dr. David Greenwood continued to be contributing member of the Northerner community. He was bestowed the title of Professor Emeritus, Health, and Physical Education. Dr. Greenwood is currently one of 41 former Northern faculty to hold this distinction.

In 1990 Dr. Greenwood received the coveted Founders award. He received this award along with Northern Legends, Bill Fuglevand, Kirk Miller, and Bill Lisenby. Judy also received the Northern Founders Award in 2004.

As a youth growing up Dr. Greenwood was an active member of the Boy Scouts of American and earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Dr. Greenwood was inducted into the MSU-Northern Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995. This induction was special in that one of his first student/athletes, Joe Aline was also inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1995. Dr. Greenwood was a member of the local Rotary Club for many years and was instrumental in the clock tower that is currently in the courtyard between Cowan Hall and the Armory Gymnasium. The following was in the August 29th, 2008, Northern Network News. Dr. Greenwood is just right of the Clock Tower in the picture below.

Legend has it that Dr. Greenwood volunteered to travel to Iowa to pick up the tower clock, so that he could also watch the National NAIA wrestling tournament!

Dave and Judy continued to support Havre and Northern, specifically Northern wrestling. It was not uncommon to see both be at MSU-Northern athletic events especially wrestling.

This picture was taken November 8, 2023, just prior to the dual with Providence. Those in the picture include Judy Greenwood, Terry Aline, Joe Aline, Chris Faber, and Dr. David Greenwood.

Memorial services will be held at Van Orsdel United Methodist Church in Havre on February 2, 2024, at 1:00 pm.

Rest in Peace Dr. Greenwood! Thank you for your, service to Northern, Havre, Montana, and the wrestling community. But most of all thank for your friendship and conversations that happened during the after-hour rounds of mini golf.

if you have an idea for the NNN TidBit, send me an e-mail at [wjlanier1963@yahoo.com](mailto:wjlanier1963@yahoo.com) .

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