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ABET Affirms MSU-Northern's Civil Engineering Degree Accreditation



This summer the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission (ETAC) of ABET met to review and renew MSU-Northern's accreditation status for its Civil Engineering Degree.

Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) is a nonprofit, non-governmental agency that accredits programs in applied and natural science, computing, engineering and engineering technology. ABET accreditation provides assurance that a college or university program meets the quality standards of the profession for which that program prepares graduates.

The organization accredits 4,674 programs at 920 colleges and universities in 42 countries. Over 200,000 students graduate from ABET-accredited programs each year, and millions of graduates have received degrees from ABET-accredited programs since 1932.

Student Spotlight – Jace Leeds



Jace Leeds, a Civil Engineering Technology student, spent three months of his summer interning with Blattner Energy. Based in Heppner, Oregon, Jace gained valuable hands-on experience in the field.

In his role, Jace was responsible for tracking quantities and project progress on site, creating work schedules for management, preparing daily reports for owners and upper management, assisting surveyors, and tracking material transactions.

Jace is excited about the skills he developed during his internship. "I am hoping to manage deadlines better, improve my ability to communicate with groups from a managerial role, learn staking and surveying land, and enhance my leadership skills," he shared.

[Click here to learn more about the MSU-Northern Civil Engineering Technology program](#)

MSU-Northern Promotes FAFSA Completion with New Signage

Over the summer, the federal government awarded grant money to colleges across the nation to help promote FAFSA completion. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, is used to help determine college students' eligibility for financial aid, and can lead to thousands of dollars awarded to individual students.

To help promote FAFSA completion, MSU-Northern used some of the award money to help raise awareness of Northern's financial aid assistance services, and offer help to students with FAFSA completion. Three bench ads and two billboards were placed around Havre, adding some Northern color to the town while helping students understand the financial aid and FAFSA completion options available to them.



[Click here to learn more about FAFSA and Financial Aid at Northern...](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Confirm Your Attendance

All students are required to confirm your attendance or you will be dropped from your classes. Friday, September 13th is the final day to confirm your attendance.

[Click here to confirm your attendance...](#)

Positions Available at MSU-Northern

Interested in a great full or part-time position at MSU-Northern?

[Click here](#) to see a list of currently open positions and apply!

- Counselor Education
- Psychology
- Electrical Technology
- Nursing
- Adjunct Instructors
- Dual Enrollment Specialist
- Southern & Eastern Montana Outreach Specialist
- Northern & Western Montana Outreach Specialist
- Director
- Recruiting Specialist
- Dean
- Director of Workforce Education and Training
- Clinical Resource Registered Nurse (CRRN)

Pure Gold Nominations

Pure Gold is accepting nominations for the fall semester.

<https://www.montana.edu/puregold/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bullhook Butte Trail Hike – Sept. 8

Join us for a hike on Sunday, September 8th, on the south end of Saddle Butte. The Bullhook Butte Trail is on private land owned by Rick and Patty Lieberg. The Liebergs have generously allowed for public use of the trail, which offers panoramic views of Havre, the Bear Paws, and the prairie. Bird viewings are common, so bring a camera or binoculars. Havre Trails is hosting this hike of the Bullhook Butte Trail. The carpool will meet at Patterson

Park/Legion Field in the parking lot at 10:45am. The hike begins at 11am and will last about 2-hours. An RSVP is appreciated.

[Click here to RSVP...](#)

Sweetgrass Society Lunch & Learn – Sept. 9

MSU-Northern students, please join Sweetgrass Society (SGS) Monday, September the 9th at 2 pm at LRI for a Lunch & Learn. It's an opportunity for students to learn about the Sweetgrass Society, meet the SGS advisors, and talk with other students. We'll provide a meal! Hope to see you on Monday!

MSU-Northern Community Choir Starts – Sept. 9

The MSUN Community Choir will begin practice on Monday, September 9 at 7 p.m. in room 208 (the choir room) in Pershing Hall. The choir works on a number of different pieces in preparation for their final concerts including the Pianos and Pipes in December. Students may enroll in the 1 credit choir course if interested.

Student Wellness Fair – Sept. 11

Students can come see the array of businesses, service providers, and resources available in their community – both on and off campus - that are available to support their career/purpose, physical, social, financial, and community wellbeing while attending MSU-Northern.

The fair will take place in the SUB Ballroom from 12:00 noon – 5:00 PM. For more information contact Wanda Meredith at 265-3599 or wanda.meredith@msun.edu.

10th Annual Suicide Awareness Walk – Sept. 12

Join the Hill County Suicide Awareness Coalition in raising awareness of suicide and decreasing mental health stigma in our community. Gather at the clocktower on the MSU-Northern campus around 6:30. Speakers will begin at 7:00 pm. Community members will be invited to share how suicide has affected their lives. A gentle 1-mile walk around campus will follow.

Clay Pigeon Shooting – Sept. 16

Attention shooting enthusiasts! Prepare for an adrenaline-pumping Clay Pigeon Shooting experience at 5:30 pm on Monday, September 16 at the Havre Trap Club. To get to the venue, go south on 5th Ave, turn left at the softball field and follow the road to the club. Cost is \$17/person for 25 shots. The first 10 students to arrive will get FREE admission. Sign up for the event at the SUB info desk.

American Red Cross Blood Drive – Sept. 18

Please consider donating at our next blood drive on campus in the SUB ballroom. Wednesday, September 18th from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. To register, call 1-800-redcross, or visit www.redcrossblood.org. Sponsor code: msu northern
All donors will receive a \$15 e-gift card: rcblood.org/fall.

Scholarship Awards Ceremony – Sept. 20

This year, the annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony is on September 20. We encourage everyone to attend so you can see your friends and classmates be honored. Student attendees will have a chance to win one of two \$500 We Love Northern Scholarships or one of 6 \$50 gift cards (must be present to win). Refreshments will be served, including oatmeal raisin cookies.

2024 Athletic Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony – Sept. 20

MSU-Northern Athletics will induct six individuals and one team into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2024. Individuals will be recognized Friday, September 20 as part of Hall of Fame weekend. They will also be recognized during halftime festivities when the Lights host Arizona Christian University in a Frontier football matchup on September 21.

This year's inductees include Andrew Sellars, Anna Bateman, Thomas VanderMars, Evan Hinebauch, Ted Hill, and Coach Shawn Huse. The team being inducted is the 2004 national championship Lights wrestling team coached by David Ray.

The Hall of Fame will be held on September 20 in the SUB Ballroom. Doors open at 6 pm, Ceremony starts at 7pm. Tickets are \$20/person and can be purchased online at <https://msunfoundation.org/hall-of-fame/> or by stopping by the Athletic Office. The menu will consist of hors d'oeuvres.

Festival Days Parade – Sept. 21

Havre's annual Festival Days Parade is Saturday, September 21. We want to have as many campus groups represented as possible. Please let me (Jim Potter) know ASAP if your club or sport plans to have a float or walk in the parade, so I can coordinate Northern's portion of the parade and let the Havre Chamber know how many to expect.

2024 Battle of the BEAST TREAT – Sept. 22

Calling all Havre Area Food and Drink Establishments! The Havre Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with MSU-Northern, is excited to announce the 2024 Battle of the BEAST TREAT competition in conjunction with the 2024 Beast Run!! This competition includes the most BEASTLY desserts, drinks, or baked goods!

Ribbon Skirt Making Workshop Post – Sept. 25-26

MSU-Northern students, faculty & staff, please join us for a ribbon skirt making workshop led by Billy Werk on September 25 & 26 at 1 pm at the Little River Institute. Attend one or both workshops! This is free and materials are provided, so registration is required. Register at this link - <https://tinyurl.com/ezwfccxy>

Death by Chocolate – Sept. 28

Montana Actors' Theatre is pleased to announce its annual Sponsorship Drive & Gala — a night of elegance, excitement, and drama. Step back in time to the lively streets of 1920s New Orleans with a unique Speakeasy twist.

Join us as we reveal next year's show lineup and offer exclusive opportunities for individuals and businesses to sponsor their upcoming shows and season. It's an evening not to be missed!

Event Details: September 28

Location: St. Jude's Gym

Tickets: Available at www.mtactors.org

Ticket Options:

The Boss Table – \$1,000

- Premium Seating for 8
- Unlimited Beer & Wine
- Dedicated Server & Appetizers

Flapper Table – \$750

- Premium Seating for 8
- Dedicated Server

Individual Tickets – \$50

Couple Tickets – \$90

Come celebrate and help us make next year's performances possible! We can't wait to see you there!



Alumni Auction – Luau Party – Oct. 4

The MSU-Northern Foundation is thrilled to announce an unforgettable night of fun, fundraising, and fantastic prizes at the annual MSU-Northern Alumni Auction! Mark your calendars and dust off your Hawaiian shirts for a Luau-themed evening filled with excitement, community spirit, and the chance to support scholarships at MSU-Northern.

Date: Friday, October 4th

Time: Doors open at 5:00 PM | Auction starts at 6:00 PM

Location: MSUN SUB Ballroom

For just \$25, secure your spot to an evening of delicious food, games, raffles, and incredible prizes generously donated by our local businesses and

individuals. Want to elevate your experience? Gather your friends and reserve a table for \$500! Each table seats eight, includes dinner, and comes with one free drink per guest.

So, grab your Hawaiian shirts, prepare to raise those paddles, and join us for a night you won't want to miss.

[Buy Tickets](#)

AI Workshop Series for Students – Sept. 26, Oct 3, 10

This fall, Dr. Amy L. Smith presents a workshop series for students designed to demystify artificial intelligence and its use in higher education. Each workshop builds on previous sessions, so you must attend prior workshops to attend sessions 2 and 3. Get a free drink from the Northern Brew coffee shop for each session you attend and a certificate in AI Preparedness when you attend all 3! All workshops are held in the lower-level classroom in the MSUN Vande Bogart Library. Space is limited so reserving your seat is required; email Sarah at sarah.velk@msun.edu with AI workshops in the subject line or call her at 406-265-4140 to reserve your seat for the full series. Visit <https://libguides.msun.edu/aiworkshops> for full details.

Thur., Sept. 26, 2-3pm - Session 1: Exploring AI in Education

Thur., Oct. 3, 2-3pm - Session 2: Mastering Power Prompting for Effective AI Use in Education

Thur., Oct. 10, 2-3pm - Session 3: Enhancing Learning and Studying with AI

CALENDAR

Friday, Sept. 6

- PLANT BINGO, Yellow Tin Cup Creative Studio, 336 2nd St, 6 pm, \$15/person, win plant stakes, plants & plant sign kit

Saturday, Sept. 7

- AFTER HARVEST JAM, 10975 River Road, 1 pm, outdoor jam session, food trucks, arts & crafts vendors 406.394.2245 for info
- DROOL IN THE POOL, Chinook City Pool, 5-8 pm, \$10/dog (pronto pups, root beer floats, microchipping, dog agility course, dog food drive, PAWS adoption event, Lego Dog fundraiser

Sunday, Sept. 8

- Havre Trail Hike – meet at Patterson Park/Legion Field parking lot at 10:45

Monday, Sept. 9

- Northern Cross Country @ Tony Banovich Invitational
- Community Choir - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- Sweetgrass Society Lunch & Learn 2:00 PM - LRI

Wednesday, Sept. 11

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Thursday, Sept. 12

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Friday, September 13

- Skylights Volleyball @ Montana Western - 7:00 PM

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