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MSU-Northern Kicks off the 2024 MPSEOC Tour



This past Monday (Sept. 9), MSU-Northern was proud to host the first college fair of the Montana Post-Secondary Educational Opportunities Council (MPSEOC) three-week tour. Sixty-seven colleges and organizations were on hand to talk to over 300 students from 12 high schools from across the Hi-Line. This event was a great opportunity for students to talk with representatives from all the colleges and universities in Montana and start to explore which schools might be a good fit.

Sweetgrass Society Hosts a Lunch & Learn



This past Monday, MSU-Northern students gathered at Northern's Little River Institute (LRI) for the Sweetgrass Society's Lunch & Learn event. Attendees had the chance to tour LRI's facilities, learn about the resources available, and meet the Sweetgrass Society (SGS) advisors. Over a meal of homemade stew and bread, students connected with one another and held their first SGS meeting, where they began planning their activities for the upcoming year. It was a successful kickoff to the Sweetgrass Society's year!

MSU-Northern Community Choir Starts Rehearsals



On Monday (Sept. 9) the MSU-Northern Community Choir began rehearsing a variety of pieces in preparation for their upcoming concerts, including the Pianos and Pipes event in December. Community members are welcome to

join the choir, and students can also enroll in a related course for one credit. If you love to sing, this is a great opportunity to showcase your talents. Being part of the choir not only allows you to express your passion for music, but it also offers a chance to relieve stress, improve your time management skills, and connect with fellow students who share your interests. Additionally, participating in the choir can enhance your creativity and provide a balanced, enriching break from academic work.

Explore Europe Over Spring Break!



Imagine spending your spring break exploring the rich cultural history of Europe while earning college credit. The College of Arts, Sciences, and Education (CASE) is offering an incredible 7-day educational trip to Europe, packed with unforgettable experiences! CASE held an info session in the library on Monday, Sept. 9th, for those who were interested.



What to Expect:

- Attend captivating theatrical performances.
- Visit world-renowned museums.

- Explore iconic historical landmarks.

All-Inclusive Package: The price of the trip covers everything you'll need:

- Flights
- Lodging (twin-share rooms)
- Meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner)
- Local transportation
- Tickets to shows and events

Earn College Credit: This unique experience also counts toward fulfilling 9 credits in Humanities, History, or Cultural Diversity categories. We can work with you to ensure the trip meets your academic needs, but let us know as soon as possible if you have specific credit requirements!

Cost Estimates:

- With around 12 students, the estimated cost is \$2,800 per person.
- The total won't exceed \$3,300.
- Costs may decrease with additional participants, and we're planning fundraising events to help reduce expenses for MSU-Northern students.

Open to All: While this is a great opportunity for MSU-Northern students, others are welcome to join as well! Pricing may differ slightly for non-affiliated participants.

Start planning the spring break adventure of a lifetime, and let's make memories in Europe!

[Click here to sign up to learn more about this exciting trip...](#)

Student Spotlight – Shyan Lorin Krass



Shyan Lorin Krass spent her summer immersed in the fast-paced world of banking during her co-op with Stockman Bank West in Great Falls. Growing up in Hogeland, Montana, just 70 miles from Havre, Shyan had always been familiar with MSU-Northern, frequently visiting for college games and camps. When she received an offer to play basketball at Northern, it sealed the deal for her. The affordability of the school and the supportive community made her decision to enroll even easier. Shyan is currently pursuing a major in Agriculture Operation Technology and a minor in Small Business Management.

Her summer co-op was an intensive, hands-on experience that spanned 300 hours. Working full-time from 8 AM to 5 PM most days, she was able to dive deep into the operations of the bank, learning everything from customer service to loan processing. Her responsibilities included managing debit cards, handling customer service tasks like fraud disputes and account changes, and even spending time with the ag lender to learn about loan requests and flood certifications. "Every day was different," Shyan shared, reflecting on how much she learned about the flow of the banking world.

This experience has greatly enhanced her understanding of business and agriculture, especially in her classes. She now feels confident in banking software, customer service processes, and loan documentation, all of which she can apply to her studies. "Instead of hearing things for the first time, I feel like a pro," she said, emphasizing how the co-op has prepared her for her future career.

Although Shyan isn't 100% sure of her exact path after graduation, she's keeping her options open. She's interested in opportunities in banking, farm insurance, or agronomy but ultimately dreams of owning her own business. A lifelong basketball player, Shyan also has her sights set on coaching girls' basketball, ensuring that the sport remains a part of her life long after her playing days at Northern come to an end.

Vote For Your Favorite BEAST TREAT

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! Participating restaurants and establishments around town have cooked up some deliciously delightful treats for the competition.



The businesses competing in the Beast Treat contest are:

#1) Murphy's Pub: The Ultimate Brookie Milkshake

Indulge in layers of edible brownie batter, cookie dough, brownie bits, Oreos, and chocolate chip cookie dough. Topped with a decadent Oreo brownie, whipped cream, and more delicious toppings.

#2) Grace N Grit Coffee Company: The Breakfast Beast

The Breakfast Beast is a salted brown sugar white chocolate mocha topped with real maple sweet foam, real bacon bits, and maple drizzle. Then, to continue breakfast, we have a mini donut, cinni roll, stroopwafel, French toast stick, waffle, cheese and pepperoni pizza bagel, and lastly, more bacon and maple drizzle!

#3) The Stack: The S'Moretifier

Big marshmallow, graham cracker, Hershey's chocolate, Aricka's Death by Chocolate banana bread woodfired between two of our homemade woodfired chocolate chip sea salt cookies.

#4) 40 Below Public House: The Super 40 Banana Split

3 types of ice cream- strawberry, Rocky Road, and cookies and cream topped with Marshmallow fluff, dried strawberries, whipped topping, 3 wafer cookies, House made strawberry and chocolate drizzle, a brownie and ice cream sandwich all between a split banana!

#5) Grams Ice Cream and Candy Shoppe: Grams Cookie and Candy Sundae

6 BIG scoops...Cookie Dough, Cookies and Cream, Graham Slam, Sea Salt Caramel Truffle, Cotton Candy and Bubble Gum! 4 Candy Toppings...Oreo, Cookie Dough Pieces, Mini M and Ms and Brownie Bites! Topped with Chocolate Syrup, Whip Cream and Sprinkles!

The community is invited to participate in the competition by voting for your favorite beast treat!

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

On Sunday, Sept. 22, the BEAST RUN will be held on the MSU-Northern campus, and the winners of the BEAST TREAT competition will be announced.

PAS Club Holds Meet and Greet



The PAS (Professional Agricultural Student Organization) club Meet & Greet took place on Wednesday, Sept. 11th, in Brockman Hall, Room 205. Attendees enjoyed pizza while learning more about the club's activities and opportunities. Students who attended discovered how being part of the PAS club enhances their college experience by providing leadership development, networking opportunities with industry professionals, and hands-on learning experiences through various competitions and events. The relaxed, no-obligation environment allowed students to explore the club's benefits, such as expanding their knowledge of agriculture and building a strong support system among like-minded peers.

Students Reflect with a Suicide Walk



The 10th Annual Suicide Awareness Walk took place on the MSU-Northern campus, organized by the Hill County Suicide Awareness Coalition to raise awareness about suicide and reduce the stigma surrounding mental health. Attendees gathered in the SUB Ballroom around 6:30 PM, where speakers began at 7:00 PM. Community members shared personal stories of how suicide had impacted their lives. The event concluded with a gentle 1-mile walk around the campus, bringing the community together in support and reflection.

Share Your Northern Pride with Your Hometown Community

MSU-Northern is launching a new campaign to help students share their college journey with their hometown communities. If you'd like your local newspaper and friends back home to know that you're studying at Northern, we want to hear from you! Simply send us a photo of yourself in a class at Northern, and we'll work to get your story featured in your local newspaper.

This is a great opportunity to showcase your academic achievements, highlight the benefits of attending Northern, and keep your hometown updated on your success! Interested? Email your photo and some info on yourself to potterj@msun.edu and be sure to include the name of the paper you want us to send it to, and we'll handle the rest.

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
 - Administrative Associate
 - Culinary Professional/Cook
 - 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)
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Pure Gold Nominations

Pure Gold is accepting nominations for the fall semester.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Game Night at the Library – Sept.12, Oct.10, Nov. 14



Are you ready for an evening of strategy, laughter, and epic fun? Join us for Board Game Night. The event will take place every second Thursday of the month (fall semester Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14), 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM, in the Vande Bogart Library, and is hosted by the University D&D Club. Bring your friends, meet new people, and discover your next favorite game! We'll have a wide variety of board games available, from classic favorites to modern hits. Don't miss out on the chance to unwind and connect over some friendly competition. All skill levels are welcome. See you there!

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.

Diversity Buzz Session – Sept. 16



Save the Date!

DIVERSITY BUZZ SESSION
09.16.24 | 4PM | MONDAY
DONALDSON COMMONS

Let's come together to talk & envision a Northern community where everyone belongs.

bring your thoughts & we will supply the buzz

The Diversity Steering Committee cordially invites you to the “Diversity Buzz Session”, Monday September 16th at 4pm in the Donaldson Commons. The purpose of this gathering is to talk about how to build a Northern community where everyone belongs. What are the next steps of this work? How would you like to be involved?

Annual Hello Walk Painting – Sept. 16-18

All student clubs & organizations are invited to join ASMSUN Inter-Organizational Council (IOC) in the annual painting of the Hello Walk. Each club or organization has the opportunity to paint each step in a way that reflects their club and creates a positive awareness of groups students can be involved in. The IOC will provide the paint and brushes, you just need to provide the creativity and the painters.

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.

Parent Family Weekend – Sept. 19-21

MSU-Northern would like to invite parents and family members of current Northern students to participate in Parent Family Weekend. Come and enjoy a weekend full of activities with your student! You will be able to see the Student Awards Ceremony, as well as participate in all of the Festival Days Activities such as the Kiwanis Pancake Feed and the Festival Days Parade. You will also receive free tickets to MSUN athletic events, including the first home football game of the season at Tilleman Stadium, and the Skylights Volleyball game against Montana Tech. Come join us for a weekend of fun and excitement!

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.

3rd Annual Bear Paw Beast Fun Run – Sept. 22

This is a "fun" raiser for the MSUN Community Center. This is a mile of fun run/walk featuring 4 refueling stations filled with Donuts, Bacon, Candy and Chips. Everything you need to propel you to the finish line. Cost is \$20/Family, \$10/Adult, \$5/under 18, \$5/MSUN Students. Registration starts at 10 and the Run starts 11.

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!

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



• 3D Printing 101

Date: October 2 and November 21

Time: 6:00PM-7:30PM,

Location: in the MSUN Library Micro Makerspace
(lower-level of the Vande Bogart Library)



3D Printing 101 – Oct. 2, Nov. 21

Unlock the potential of 3D printing with our engaging and hands-on beginner's class, led by the talented Emilee Luke. Whether you're a complete novice or have dabbled a bit in the world of 3D printing, this class will provide you with the foundational skills and confidence to bring your ideas to life. Two class sessions are offered this fall in the MSUN Library Micro Makerspace on Wednesday, October 2 and again on Thursday, November 21, both from 6-7:30PM. Join us and take the first step towards becoming a 3D printing enthusiast!

Date: October 2 and November 21

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: MSUN Library Micro Makerspace (lower-level of the Vande Bogart Library)



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](#)

CALENDAR

Friday, September 13

- Skylights Volleyball @ Montana Western - 7:00 PM

Saturday, September 14

- Farmers Market

Sunday, September 15

- D&D One-Shot Adventure at the Library 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Wednesday, September 18

- Red Cross Blood Draw - 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Thursday, September 19

- MSUN Parent/Family Weekend
- Skylights Volleyball vs Montana Tech - 7:00 PM

Friday, September 20

- Havre Festival Days
- MSUN Parent/Family Weekend
- Northern Cross Country @ Montana Open
- MSUN Student Scholarship Award Day - 10:00 AM
- Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2024 - 6:00 PM

Saturday, September 21

- Havre Festival Days
- MSUN Parent/Family Weekend
- Lights Football vs Arizona Christian University - 1:00 PM
- Skylights Volleyball @ Rocky Mountain College - 2:00 PM

Sunday, September 22

- Unleash the Beast Family Fun Run – 10:00 am

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