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MSU-Northern Rodeo Team Ranks #1 Nationally at Mid-Season Mark



The MSU-Northern Rodeo Team is making waves on the national rodeo circuit, and their remarkable achievements at the halfway point of the season have catapulted them to the forefront of collegiate rodeo. Despite being a well-kept secret in the rodeo world, the MSU-Northern Rodeo Team is currently dominating the competition and clinching top spots in the national standings.

The Women's Team, in particular, is leaving a trail of dust in their wake as they currently hold the coveted #1 spot in the National Standings. Their exceptional performances have garnered them national recognition and have placed them in a prime position for the College National Finals Rodeo. Way to go Rodeo Team, you make Northern proud!

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Jack Gladstone Delights Audience in MSUN Little Theatre



On Wednesday, Oct. 18, Musician and Blackfeet Cultural Spokesman Jack Gladstone shared his music and his thoughts to an excited audience. Gladstone has many titles; he's known as a poet, a teacher, a storyteller, and even a Rose Bowl champion - he was part of the 1978 winning team with the University of Washington Huskies. He is a citizen of the Blackfeet Nation and has been an inductee into the Montana Music Hall of Fame. Gladstone has released 15 critically acclaimed albums, and is a winner of the C.M. Russell Heritage award, as well as the Robin W. Winks award.

This performance was created in collaboration with the Hi-Line Arts Council, the Little River Institute at MSU-Northern, and the support of the Montana Actors' Theatre. The performance was also supported by AmericInn of Havre and the Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Line.

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Father Son Combo Sets Historic Match



This year's annual wrestling Alumni Dual held a historic match between a father and his son. The 1996 alumni wrestler Simon White wrestled against his 184 lb. son Reece White and won. Up to this point in the evening the Northern Lights and the Northern Alumni were tied, but the senior White's win helped to tip the scales in favor of the Alumni. This match marked a record as the first time in the history of Northern that a father and son have competed against each other.

The start of the Montana State University-Northern wrestling team's regular season is still a few weeks away, but, per tradition, Lights fans got an exciting look at this year's team at the annual Alumni Dual.

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Eight Faculty Celebrate Tenure and Promotion Awards



Chancellor Greg Kegel and Provost Dr. Jennifer Brown hosted a dinner at the Chancellor's house this past Wednesday night (October 18) to celebrate and honor eight faculty members who received their tenure or promotion. Tenure does not mean that a professor has worked at a school for ten years. Rather, it refers to an educator's employment status within a higher education institution. When a professor has gained tenure, he or she can only be terminated for a justifiable cause or under extreme circumstances, such as program discontinuation or severe financial restraints. The following people were recognized for their achievements:

- Dr. Beth Durodoye, Dean of CASE – continuous tenure
 - Dr. Jennifer Brown, Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs/Provost – continuous tenure
 - Dr. Randy Bachmeier, Assistant Professor of Community Leadership – continuous tenure
 - Dr. Jack Bieger, – promotion to Associate Professor of Criminal Justice
 - Dr. Kasthuri Udayakumar- promotion to Associate Professor of Nursing
 - Mr. Keith Jensen-promotion to Associate Professor of Diesel Technology
 - Mr. Brandon Matson-promotion to Associate Professor of Diesel Technology
 - Mr. Aaron Riffin, Assistant Professor of Drafting - continuous tenure
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Lunch on Leveraging Your Cooperative Learning Opportunities



Integrated Health Science students participated in a Lunch and Learn titled “Leveraging Your Cooperative Learning Opportunities” hosted by Dr. Chad Spangler and Student Support Services. Cooperative Education gives students real time experience in the area of their interest and allows them to look beyond their degree. Students see and often apply what they are learning in their college courses in a real-world environment. After completing

their Bachelor’s Degree, students can capitalize on these experiences when applying for a job or graduate school. Spotlighted in the presentation were current MSU-Northern students Tallen Oats, Jalen Callender, Dulci Skunkcap, and ShaAnn Danelson.

Chi Alpha Fall Retreat was a blast!



Last weekend, Oct. 13-15, the MSU-Northern Chi Alpha club had 14 of their members embark on a thrilling trip to Hungry Horse, Montana, joining 5 other Chi Alpha groups from across Montana, for a total of 180 attendees. With a focus on this year’s theme, “room at the table,” they took in 3 vibrant services, creating an inclusive atmosphere for all. Not to mention, the MSU-Northern chapter nailed second place in the ultimate Frisbee tournament! Chi Alpha is the campus Christian Club that meets on Thursday nights at 7:30 pm in the “Red Room” in Morgan Hall. All students are welcome.

Alisha Schroeder Assumes Presidency of MACRAO

Montana Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (MACRAO) is proud to announce its new President, Alisha Schroeder, who will be at the helm of this esteemed nonprofit association dedicated to advancing higher education in Montana. MACRAO, formed in 1962, serves as a vital platform for admissions and registration professionals from various educational institutions in the state, aiming to provide professional development opportunities and collectively address educational challenges.



Alisha Schroeder, currently President Elect, will then embark on her one-year term as President, followed by another year as President Past. As President, Schroeder's responsibilities include overseeing the planning and execution of MACRAO's annual meetings, typically held in both the fall and spring. These gatherings serve as a forum for members to engage in professional development, discuss state-level issues impacting registrars and admissions staff, facilitate networking, and share innovative processes. MACRAO's membership comprises all Montana colleges, enhancing collaboration and resource-sharing across the state's educational landscape. Additionally, virtual meetings held throughout the year enable members to delve into topics related to new policies and policy changes, reinforcing the association's commitment to addressing the evolving needs of higher education in Montana.

“Lend Me a Tenor” Last Weekend



Join us for an unforgettable evening as we transport you to the high-stakes world of opera, where a missing tenor sets off a chain reaction of zany events that will keep you guessing until the final curtain. Saunders, the general manager of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company, is primed to welcome world-famous singer Tito Merelli, known as Il Stupendo, the greatest tenor of his generation, to appear for one night only as the star of the opera. Tito arrives late, and through a hilarious series of mishaps, he is given a double dose of tranquilizers and passes out. His pulse is so low that Saunders and his assistant Max believe he's dead – and in a frantic attempt to salvage the evening, Saunders persuades Max to get into Merelli's costume and fool the audience into thinking he's Il Stupendo. Max succeeds and lives up to his idol, but Merelli regains consciousness and gets into the identical costume, ready to perform. Now two opera singers are running around in the same costume and two women are running around in lingerie, each thinking she is with Il Stupendo. Lend Me a Tenor promises an unforgettable night of side-splitting entertainment that will have you talking about it long after the show ends.

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

23rd Annual Legends for Lights Pheasant Jamboree Welcomes New Sporting Icons



The 23rd edition of the renowned Legends for Lights Pheasant Jamboree brought together a star-studded lineup of 19 distinguished sports figures from the NFL, NHL, MLB, and introduced three new legends: Dane Fletcher, Tom Nowatzke, and Bill Kollar. Continuing the tradition, 18 teams participated in the hunt, mirroring the turnout from the previous year.

Celebrating the spirit of sportsmanship, the team from Patrick Construction emerged as the victors of the overall competition. The entire weekend was enjoyed by all, and served as a reminder of the many generous patrons dedicated to the success of Northern.

The NLASF (Northern Lights Athletic Scholarship Foundation), a non-profit organization, contributes significantly to the MSU-Northern Athletic Department, playing a pivotal role in the success of this annual affair.

MSU-Northern's Fall 2023 Career Fair Breaks Participation Records



The Armory Gym hosted a gathering of 65 companies on Wednesday, October 11th, all seeking to recruit Northern students. This year marked the largest ever employer turnout at Northern's annual Career Fair!

With an impressive turnout of 300 MSU-Northern students, eager attendees had the chance to connect with an array of local, state, national, and international organizations, all seeking co-ops, internships, and full-time professionals. Over the course of two days, 60 interviews took place, fostering numerous promising connections and opportunities for the participants.

MSU-Northern extends its heartfelt gratitude to all the attending employers, with special recognition for the support provided by our Fall 2023 sponsors:

Wabtec Corporation
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TekNoXpo and ShowCASE Set Record Attendance



Over 450 high school students came to campus Thursday (Oct. 12), to take part in TekNoXpo and ShowCASE and look at the various programs at MSU-Northern. Students met in the gym at 8 am and were welcomed by MSU-Northern Chancellor Greg Kegel. Then they were divided into ten tracks so they could take part in a series of hands-on activities geared toward their interests and designed to demonstrate some of the aspects of our various programs.

The Ten Tracks were:

- Track 1: Manufacturing & Engineering
- Track 2: Agriculture & Business
- Track 3: Welding, Plumbing & Electrical
- Track 4: Diesel & Automotive
- Track 5: Nursing & Health Sciences
- Track 6: Theatre & Humanities
- Track 7: Graphic Design & Marketing
- Track 8: Criminal Justice
- Track 9: Chemistry & Biology
- Track 10: Education & 3D Printing

Advisory Boards Enhance Educational Experience



MSU-Northern held their annual fall diesel advisory board meeting on Thursday (Oct. 12). The advisory board is made up of professionals in the diesel industry. They listened to presentations that included curriculum, media promotion, and recruiting strategies. Almost every program at MSU-Northern has an advisory board to help ensure that our programs are preparing students for the needs of industry. This is the first of seven advisory boards that will be meeting this semester for programs in the College of Technical Sciences.

CLARIFICATION

In the Women of Wabtec story from the last NNN, it was mentioned that the recipients would receive a full-ride scholarship of \$15K per year for all four years. That situation is possible but not guaranteed. The recipients must apply every year, continue to meet the qualifications of the scholarship, and the scholarship must continue to be funded from the head office for that scenario to take place. Sorry for the confusion.

UPCOMING EVENTS

First Brown Bag Lecture – Oct. 25

“Vampires & Other Blood Drinkers: Take a Bite Out of Literary History Across Time and Cultures.”

MSU-Northern will kick off its Fall 2023 Brown Bag Lecture Series with a presentation by Dr. Valerie Guyant, Associate Professor of English.

The event will be held on Wednesday, October 25th from noon to 1:00 pm in Hensler Auditorium/ATC, and is open to the public.

The presentation is titled “Vampires & Other Blood Drinkers: Take a Bite Out of Literary History Across Time and Cultures.” If you say the word vampire, most people have an image that pops into their heads. However, few know the history that has led to that image, or the differences between the vampire we tend to imagine and blood drinkers in other parts of the world. Come learn more about the history of the vampire and how it has changed over time and across cultures, from a brainless demon to a romantic hero at times. Dr. Guyant will discuss the ways in which the vampire has transformed from a myth to a creature that hunted the unsuspecting, from a hideous beast to a sparkling heartthrob, and how blood drinkers are presented in numerous cultures.

Sack lunches are provided but limited, so attendees are encouraged to RSVP by Monday, October 23rd at <https://www.msun.edu/otle/brownbag.aspx>. This event is sponsored by the MSUN Office of the Provost.



CALENDAR

Friday, October 20

- Spring 2024 Graduation Applications Due
- Lights Wrestling Maroon vs Gold - 7:00 PM
- Skylights Volleyball @ Montana Western - 7:00 PM
- MAT Presents: Lend Me a Tenor - 8:00 PM

Saturday, October 21

- Lights Football vs Southern Oregon University - 1:00 PM
- Open Curl with the Hi-Line Curling Club - 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- Beaver Creek Jam and Pumpkin Carving Contest - 3:30 PM
- MAT Presents: Lend Me a Tenor - 8:00 PM

Wednesday, October 25

- ASMSUN Student Senate Meeting - 7:00 PM

Thursday, October 26

- Last Day to Drop with a W
- Skylights Volleyball vs Montana Tech - 7:00 PM

Friday, October 27

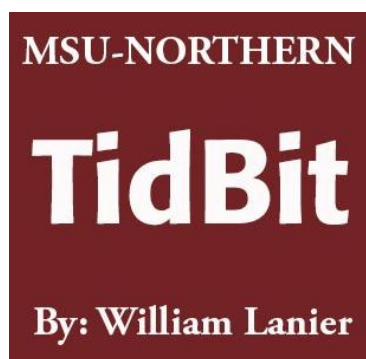
- Northern Foundation Alumni Auction - 5:00 PM

Saturday, October 28

- Lights Football @ Montana Western - 1:00 PM
- Lights Wrestling @ North Idaho College - 6:00 PM
- Skylights Volleyball @ University of Providence - 6:00 PM

Wednesday, November 01

- Registration for Spring 2024 Begins
- ASMSUN Student Senate Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Skylights Volleyball @ Carroll College - 7:00 PM



**(#398) Rudy James –
World Champion**



Earlier this week former Northern Wrestling All-American Rudy James earned a World Championship at the United World Wrestling Veteran's World Championships in Greece. Rudy is a former NAIA All-American at Northern in 1997 and 1999. Rudy was also a member of the Lights 1999 National Championship Team. Check back later this year for a more detailed wrestling resume for Rudy James.



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