

Northern Network News



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Student Excellence Winners



Eleven MSU-Northern students have been named winners of the Student Excellence Award, the highest honor an MSU-Northern student can receive. Pictured here from left to right are 2011-2012 Student Excellence Award winners McKenna Mielke, Sandi Bitterman, Kevin Buck Elk, Cynthia Sharples, Sean Kelly, Marissa Mahkuk, Kimberly Boyce, Tricia Samson, Krista Lundberg, Carrie Gillen and Chad Forest. Congratulations!

Student Senate Elections

April 3rd - 5th the ASMSUN Student Senate elections will be held. This election will be for President, Vice-President, Business Manager, Program Council, Recreation Council, Sustainability Coordinator and Senator-at-Large. All are stipend positions except Senator-at-Large. Elections will be held electronically when students log into their accounts on campus from 9:00 am on the 3rd until 3:00 pm on the 5th.

Golden "N" Winners



William Danley (L) and Shawn Huse (R) were this year's Golden "N" winners. Danley and Huse were recognized at the Student Excellence Awards luncheon which occurred last Friday. The award is given by Student Senate and the winners are selected by the students based on the helpfulness and overall readiness to assist students and help them achieve. The Golden "N" Award is the most prestigious award an MSU-Northern faculty or staff member can receive.

Senior Wrestling Awards Banquet

The MSU-Northern Senior Wrestling Awards Banquet took place last Saturday in the cafeteria. The banquet was held in honor of this season's seniors, but the event also celebrated the wrestling team and their excellent season.

Ag Roundtable

Congressman Denny Rehberg will be on campus next Thursday April 5 to host a Havre Ag Roundtable. The event will include a panel discussion. Dean Greg Kegel will be one of the panel members. The event will from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Hensler Auditorium, of the Applied Technology Center.

Students Visit Glacier Wind Farm



On March the 26th, seven MSU-Northern students, instructor Jay Reed and some students from the MSU-GFCOT traveled to Glacier Wind Farm in Ethridge, MT (just a few miles West of Shelby). They learned some climbing and safety techniques that they will be able to use when they work on wind turbines. The Northern students who took part in this trip were Jared Booth, Taylor Halko, Dustin Sheldon, Richard Sweeney, Eric Unger, Justin Whitfield and Monty Small.

The wind farm was built in two phases. Glacier 1 has been in operation since 2008 and Glacier 2 since 2009. Since the first Mega Watt hour (MWh = 1 million watts) was produced by Glacier 1, the Glacier projects together have generated more than 1,500 Giga Watt hours (GWh = 1 billion watts) of green energy, enough to power approximately 50,000 homes per year, and have offset nearly 900,000 metric tons of CO2 emissions. The wind turbines are designed to operate at 98% availability for a period of 20 years.

SIFE Regional Competition

Members of MSU-Northern's SIFE club are currently in Seattle for the SIFE Regional Competition. The team departed by train on Wednesday. They are competing today, and they will arrive home on April the 1st. Ten of our students are presenting at this competition. We're hoping these SIFE members come home with good news! We will keep you informed on their success.

TekNoXpo

Next Wednesday, Northern will host the 4th Annual TekNoXpo. This is a great opportunity for high school students to visit the campus, meet some faculty, staff, students and industry partners. It also allows them to operate some heavy equipment and check out some of our programs.

Spring Fling

The Northern Lights Athletic & Scholarship Foundation (NLASF) Spring Fling Dinner & Auction will be Friday, April the 6th. This annual event includes games such as bingo, putt for dough, and hamster races. There are live and silent auctions, spectacular prime rib & shrimp dinner as well as seafood lasagna. The awards ceremony will recognize the major sponsors, athletic achievements, and our 2nd annual Bob Bricker Shining Light Award. This year the event will be in the MSU-Northern Armory Gymnasium. Tickets are \$100 per couple or \$600 for a table of 8. For more information visit their website at www.legendsforlights.com or contact Pat Foster at (406) 265-3767 or fo5ter@msn.com.

Chancellor's Forum

The next Chancellor's Forum is scheduled for next Tuesday, April 3 - 12:00 p.m. (noon) in the Hensler Auditorium in MSU-Northern's Applied Technology Center. The topics include the National Survey on Student Engagement and some further discussion on MSU-Northern's vision.

Motivational Speaker Bill Deering

The Associated Students of Montana State University-Northern are pleased to present motivational speaker Bill Deering, who has dealt with a lifetime of stuttering. Deering's passion, compassion for others, and desire to give back to society through his message and life experiences, is what makes his message very special to those who are lucky to hear it for the first time.

He will discuss his life experiences, involving breaking barriers and limitations in his own life. Deering stuttered so severely, it took over 3 minutes for him to utter his own name. His current public presentation is designed to benefit and empower students who may be facing their own life challenges, feeling isolated and unsupported. Deering's program is powerful and has a lasting impact on everyone who hears it. His presentation will be on April 12, 2012 at 3p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. For more information visit: www.stuttering-disability-motivational-speaker.com/

Points of Pride

MSU-Northern defensive end Will Andrews recently participated in the University of Montana Pro Day and put up numbers that have started turning heads among NFL Scouts. Andrews is a two-time NAIA All-American at Northern and last year's Frontier Conference Defensive Player of the Year. Now, as the NFL Draft approaches, it's becoming quite clear his playing days are not over.

Will Andrews you make Northern proud.

James Hersch Comes to Havre

On April 16-17, the Associated Students of Montana State University-Northern are pleased to present Singer/Songwriter James Hersch who creates strong impressions through powerful outreach. Through his gift of songwriting, singing and guitar playing, Hersch strikes a chord as he travels the country teaching his audiences the value of community outreach. His "Reach Residencies" have a powerful impact on both the participants and the audience they serve.

Hersch will be in our community for two days providing his outreach entertainment to the following venues: Highland Park School, Lincoln/McKinley School, HRDC Early Head Start, the Northern Montana Hospital Care Center, the Boy's & Girl's Club, St. Jude's School, the Senior Center and the Eagles Manor. The ASMSUN Program Council will provide transportation throughout Monday and Tuesday, April 16-17 to the various venues for those students who want to join James Hersch and his "Reach With Me" campaign. A schedule will be posted in the SUB Lobby and on the Student Activities website.

For more information about James Hersch, visit: www.reachwithme.com

With the James Hersch outreach, the benefit will be more geared towards education students, nursing students and community service students. Please consider offering extra credit for your students to attend one or both of these events.

Native American Guest Speaker Robert Four Star

The fourth and last speaker in the Humanities Montana guest speaker series will be Robert Four

Star, Red Bottom Band Assiniboine from Wolf Point, MT. The event will be at 2-3 pm at the Hensler Auditorium on Monday, April 2nd. Mr. Four Star's topic includes the history of Fort Peck Assiniboine. The event is open to the public, so everyone is welcome.

Share the Glory

The Lights Basketball team has developed two ways you can remember this season. If you want a piece of the championship net, an autographed t-shirt or an 8x10 photo then go to this link: <http://www.msun.edu/athletics/mensbb/ChampionshipCommemorativePackage1.pdf>

6th Annual Yuri's Night - April the 12th

Human spaceflight became a reality 51 years ago with the launch of a bell-shaped capsule called "Vostok 1". The capsule was carrying Soviet Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, who took his place in history as the first human to leave the bounds of Earth and enter outer space. Thirty one years ago, the first STS Space Shuttle with Captain John Young as Commander of the flight was launched. To celebrate these anniversaries, MSU-Northern will be hosting a spectacular space event on April 12, from 5-12pm in the SUB Ballroom, called "Yuri's Night".

Professor Spike Magelssen will be making a presentation entitled: "The First Animals and Humans in Space"

Admission to this historical event is "free of charge". There will be a blow-up Planetarium from the Museum of the Rockies to view the stars and constellations. Telescopes will be available for star-gazing. Throughout the evening there will be "Space Stuff Giveaways" along with free Nalivka's pizza and the Classic Rock n' Roll Band "Blind Luck" will perform.

Chancellor's Corner

By: Dr. James Limbaugh
Chancellor, MSU-Northern

Earlier this week, I distributed to campus three sample vision statements, all predicated on the responses you provided during the Visioning Initiative.

- Montana State University-Northern will be known for excellence in its programs of education, business, nursing, and diesel/applied technologies, offered in an environment that promotes student success.
- Montana State University-Northern will be known for state-wide leadership in innovative academic programs that are responsive to local, regional, and state workforce needs, offered in an environment that promotes student success.
- Montana State University-Northern will be known for its supportive, student-centered environment in which a unique mix of academic programs reflects the inherent interdisciplinarity of societal issues, challenges, and opportunities.
- Additionally, one of our colleagues has developed a "hybrid" statement-an amalgamation of #1 and #2 above.
- Montana State University - Northern will be known for its supportive, student-centered environment in which a unique mix of academic programs are responsive to local, regional, and state workforce needs, offered in an atmosphere that promotes student success.



We will be discussing these at the next Chancellor's Forum (Wednesday, April 18, 4 p.m.), and then MSUN faculty, staff, and students will have the opportunity quite literally to vote on their favorite from among these and any other versions that might be put forward for review.

Right now, however, I ask that you consider each statement from a very personal point of view.

Which of these statements speak to your personal vision of the future? Which outlines a future that you find exciting and achievable? However, there is one question to which your answer is fundamental to our pursuit of institutional excellence: Which statement would you be proud to present when you are asked, "What is the future of MSU-Northern?"

Branding 101

By Jim Potter

How can defining our brand improve recruiting and student satisfaction?

We live in a world where people will gladly pay over \$200 for a pair of faded and torn jeans if they have the right label sewn on the back pocket. This generation cares about image, perception and value. They want to go to a University that is respected among their friends and gives them the education and skills they need to obtain a good paying job. Therefore it is very important that we define who we are and then deliver on the promises we make to our students. The best advertisement we can have is a happy, satisfied student. I believe that happens when we are very clear about what we offer and then deliver on that promise. Our brand is a reflection of who we are and what we provide. When our brand is clear and consistent it establishes a solid foundation for people to develop a good perception and image about our programs and that fosters a satisfied student. A satisfied student recruits more satisfied students and so on... and so on.

Alumni in Action

By Autumn Elliot

Calling all Golden Graduates

The Northern Alumni Association and MSU-Northern cordially invite you to your Golden Graduation Reunion May 4 & 5th, 2012. You will be our honored guest for a memorable two days on campus that will include tours, annual alumni meeting and a lot of time to socialize with classmates and friends. This year we are inviting everyone that has graduated 50 plus years from Northern. We feel that you should not have to wait ten years before you come back to campus. This is a fun weekend and we would love to share it with you every year if you choose to join us. Please feel free to call me with any questions or if you did not receive a registration form in the mail. Registration form deadline is April 6th, so don't wait and come to your Golden Graduation!

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

"But, Prof, why can't I use Wikipedia or Google for my paper?" Well-did you know that a couple of years ago, Wikipedia listed Billings as the capitol city of Montana? The ease with which Wikipedia can be changed by anyone is one reason that it's not a very reliable source of information. If you do use Wikipedia, it's a good idea to verify the information in another resource.

Try a Google search for octopus. Within the top 10 entries is one called "Save the Pacific Northwest Tree Octopus". If you know anything about the octopus-you already know they don't live in trees! However, if you knew nothing about them, then you might believe what you were reading on this website. What would be your professor's response to your citing this website?

The web can be a great source of information, but it's not always the best source for many research projects. Remember, when using most web sites, the burden of determining the credibility of the information falls solely on your shoulders. For tips on evaluating web pages, checkout one of the sites on the Library's Web Resources page

(<http://www.msun.edu/infotech/library/findresources.htm>).

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

What happens in a single day on the Internet?

- In one day, enough information is consumed by Internet traffic to fill **168 million DVDs**.
- **294 billion emails** are sent. It would take 2 years to process that many pieces of mail in the U.S.

- **2 million** Blog posts are written- enough to fill Time Magazine for 770 years.
- **172 million** different people visit Facebook. Twitter: 40 million, LinkedIn: 22 million, Google: 20 million, Pinterest: 17 million
- **4.7 billion** minutes are spent on Facebook.
- **250 million** photos are uploaded to Facebook. If printed, the stack would be as tall as 80 Eiffel Towers.
- **22 million** hours of old TV shows and movies are watched on Netflix.
- **864,000** hours of video are uploaded to YouTube. That's 98 years of non-stop cat videos.
- **18.7 million** hours of music is streamed on Pandora. If a computer started streaming Pandora in the year 1AD, it would still be streaming now.
- There are **1,288 new apps** to download. And more than 35 million apps are downloaded.

TidBit

By Bill Lanier

With all sports, but golf and rodeo, having completed their seasons, Northern had eight All-Americans. Sean Kelly and Mike LaValley (MBB) were named NAIA Daktronics Scholar Athletes (Academic All-Americans). Laramie Schwenke and LaVon Myers were named Basketball All-Americans. Wrestling had four All-Americans in Evan Hinebauch, Ethan Hinebauch, Anthony Weeheim and Max Payne. Incidentally Evan with a career record of 120-41, he is a four time NAIA All-American.

Mission Statement

"MSU Northern, a teaching institution, serves a diverse student population by providing liberal arts, professional and technical education programs ranging from certificates through master's degrees. The university promotes a student centered and culturally enriched environment endorsing lifelong learning, personal growth and responsible citizenship. The university partners with a variety of community and external entities to enhance collaborative learning, provide applied research opportunities, stimulate economic development and expand student learning experiences."