

# NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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## SkillsUSA Comes to Campus



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## From the Chancellor

By Dr. James Limbaugh

The [armed standoff in downtown Havre](#) earlier this week illustrates clearly that situations putting at risk the lives of others can occur unexpectedly in any environment. We here at the University have a responsibility to be prepared to protect ourselves, our students, and the campus if such an unspeakable action comes to MSUN. I encourage you to review [Policy 1004.6, Active Shooter Incident](#), to remind yourselves of our policy regarding lockdown procedure. Note that a lockdown situation will be announced through our emergency notification protocol, so if you have not yet signed up for this important messaging services, please do so by following the [link at the bottom of MSUN's Safety, Disaster, and Risk Management website](#).

## *This Week on Campus*

### **Montana SkillsUSA Conference**



Montana's SkillsUSA held their 43rd annual State Leadership & Skills Conference on the MSU-Northern campus this week (April 7-9). MSU-Northern has hosted the event since 1972. SkillsUSA is a nationally based club for high school and college students that offers competitive opportunities in order for students to learn the skills they need for their specific area of interest in the workforce. Northern welcomed the annual gathering again this year, utilizing much of the campus' space for the many presentations and competitions that were offered.

Dedicated SkillsUSA students from 33 schools around the state gathered to participate in the various competitions this week. This year's theme for the conference was: "SkillsUSA: Champions at Work." SkillsUSA is a popular club in Montana- with about 307 students coming to Havre to compete. This year there were over \$250,000 in scholarships and prizes given to the winners. Northern provided scholarships for the top three places in every category. The winners of each category have an opportunity to compete in the national gathering in Kansas City, Missouri in June. Along with the national competition option, students can receive medals of bronze, silver, or gold (according to their achievement status), scholarships, donated prizes, and personal credit.

### **NLASF Spring Fling**



The Northern Lights Athletic and Scholarship Foundation (NLASF) hosted yet another successful Spring Fling last weekend. The anticipation leading up to the event was not in vain, as the activities, auction, silent auction, and meal were all astounding. The Spring Fling is held in order to raise funds for MSU-Northern athletic scholarships. Northern sends out a huge thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success.

## New Student Senate Members Sworn-in



Last week the MSU-Northern student body voted for the Student Senate leaders for the coming school year. The new officers were announced and sworn-in this past Wednesday during the normal Student Senate meeting. Here are Northern's newest leaders:

ASMSUN President - Andrew Potter  
ASMSUN Vice President - Cory Lee Buckley  
ASMSUN Business Manager - Tayla Farar  
ASMSUN Program Council - Sarah Peterson  
ASMSUN Recreation Council - Michael Schulteis  
ASMSUN Sustainability Coordinator - Joe Vernon  
ASMSUN Senator at Large - Eric Neal

Ballots cast = 144 Eligible voters = 862 Turnout = 16.7%

## Tobacco Free Campus - Update

One of the voting items on the recent student ballot asked whether or not students want to make Northern a tobacco free campus. The policy would include all forms of tobacco including smoked and chewed. The vote was 76 to 60 in favor of becoming a tobacco free campus. When you consider that only 16.7% of the student body voted, it was clear that this was too important of a decision to make with such limited input. The next step in the process is to continue the conversation with the entire campus community through a series of open forums. We want to provide everyone an opportunity to have their voice heard so an informed decision can be made. The Tobacco Free Campus discussions will occur in the fall semester.

## Zach Bangert- Lets His Light Shine

Zach Bangert is a long way from his sunny California home in Concord, but this dedicated offensive linesman couldn't resist the football scholarship that relocated him to the Hi-line. Inspired by family members in similar fields, Bangert is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice with minors in Business Technology and Community Leadership. These fields of study are perfect for him, as Bangert is already a community leader in the making. Once or twice a week during lunch hour, Bangert can be found serving at the Feed my Sheep Soup Kitchen downtown. When asked how he got involved with the outreach, Bangert replied, "Well I found the Lord first. Then I drove by the soup kitchen and always thought about it but didn't go in. Then I did some similar work in Texas with my uncle, so when I came back to Havre, I just went in. My favorite things to do there are mopping and doing the dishes." Bangert said he's only been able to help out once in the last three weeks, as his schoolwork has demanded great focus, but he hopes to get back into his groove soon. He continues to serve because he loves the joy he gets from helping others.



Bangert's community leadership skills don't end with the soup kitchen. Besides being a team player on Northern's football team, he is also involved with the Chi Alpha Christian group on campus. Beyond that, on the Wednesdays he doesn't have football obligations, Bangert travels to Big Sandy to help with the "Good News Club" through his church. He says that kids ages kindergarten through fifth grade come there, and the helpers get to do fun activities with them and tell them about Jesus.

Bangert is a senior credit-wise, but a junior in football, so he hopes to continue his involvement in the campus and community in the coming year. After college, Bangert will pursue a career in juvenile probation. He longs to help teens get out and stay out of trouble while they are still young. What a noble cause to devote one's life to! Zach Bangert, you make Northern proud!

## Commodious Campus Cursive



Students in this semester's Global Positioning Systems (GPS) class (AOT301) have been learning many things related to spatial and geo-referencing technology. Recent class exercises involved working with track logs and interfacing GPS receivers with computer software. GPS receivers can primarily log features as points, polylines and polygons. Tom Welch, an agricultural educator at MSU-Northern, has taught the GPS class for many years and enjoys teaching GPS using many hands-on activities that he has developed. This map of campus displays an aerial photo from the National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP) and cursive name polylines made by GPS students. Students used hand-held GPS receivers to "write on the land" by walking their name while logging track points. Track points were logged every second and the hundreds of name track points were then saved, downloaded to a computer, converted to polyline shape files and added to this campus map using Geographic Information System (GIS) software.

## A Co-op Does Make a Difference

By Mary Heller



The Career Center wishes to recognize Jordan Van Voast as a student who has gotten a head start on his career! If you know Jordan, you know that he will be graduating from Montana State University - Northern with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in May.

At the fall, 2013 Career Fair, Jordan met with Mike Barthel from the Department of Corrections (DOC). He learned that he could complete his required Cooperative Education (Co-op) requirements with DOC as long as he submitted all the appropriate paperwork. Jordan got to work on this quickly and by January he had been placed at Havre Probation and Parole for his Spring 2014 Co-op.

"Meeting with Mike at the career fair was a great start for me." Jordan said. "He gave me an overview of what a co-op could look like and once I got started on the paperwork in November, he helped me through the process."

The first two weeks of Jordan's co-op began with a lot of activity. Right away, he had logged in 42 hours and was able to travel with his supervisors to Harlem, Fort Belknap and Chinook. Jordan explained that he felt at home the very first day on the job.

"I loved the environment from the minute I walked in the door for my co-op. One of the first things they taught me was that safety is the utmost priority in this field of work. We always wore our vests when leaving the office for a home visit or home-check on someone."

His supervisors were also very impressed with how quickly he learned the different aspects of the job. Havre Probation and Parole is a new recruiting employer to the MSUN campus. With the increase of student enrollment in the Criminal Justice program, this valuable partnership will be a positive asset to both entities.

"Jordan tackled his co-op from the very beginning. He was not afraid to ask questions and get right to work on the things we asked him to do." Mike Barthel stated. "I've been very impressed with the quality of work he did and I'm happy to help other students get a head start on their careers in criminal justice in the future."

Now that the co-op is coming to an end, Jordan informed us that he is ready to graduate with this valuable experience under his belt. Through his co-op experience, Jordan indicated that the hands-on work has given him much more knowledge about law enforcement.

"My skills and knowledge of the job in law enforcement has increased tremendously. The co-op is just an all-around great experience for life and for your field of study if you are in the Criminal Justice program."

As for his plans after graduation, Jordan indicated that his thoughts are now going in a different direction than what he originally planned for his Criminal Justice degree.

"I originally wanted to become a game warden for the State of Montana. After doing this co-op with the Havre Probation and Parole I have changed my mind and want to pursue my career in law enforcement and become a Probation and Parole officer somewhere in Montana."

The Career Center wishes Jordan all the best. Need to get a jump-start on your career? Contact us to find out how!

## Media Reprographics - New Service Now Offered



If you haven't used the campus Copy Center lately you may want to give the department another look. Services have expanded beyond duplicating documents to include several new items. The Copy Center now has the ability to cut vinyl decals in a variety of sizes and colors. You may have seen examples of our work on the pillars in the student success offices, or on the glass of classroom and office doors in Cowan Hall. Vinyl cutting is available for campus related projects at an extremely competitive price, but only for students, faculty and staff.

We also have recently acquired a large format printer and can now print posters up to 3 feet wide and as many feet long as is required. Additional services include single sheet and large format laminating, book binding, document folding, letter inserting, and, of course, campus mail services.

If you have any projects you think we could help with, please stop by and see what we have to offer. We are located on the first floor of Cowan Hall, Room 117, or you can call us at 265-3702. Examples of our work and our price list can be found on our website: <https://www.msun.edu/media/>

## The MSU-N's Department of Education's "Candidate Board"

You are invited to walk down the first floor of Cowan Hall, just across from room 107. When you do so, you will see on the south wall a special pictorial. Displayed are the 2013-2014 Department of Education's "teacher candidates." Under their photographs are their choices of an elementary or secondary major, a minor if they chose one, and a quote they wanted to share. Everyone is invited to enjoy this celebration of the future teachers who will complete their studies here at Northern and embark on their professional careers.

Pictured are (left to right): Jennifer Cichosz, Kodey Sands, Jennifer Fitch, Garrett Jericoff, and Steven Conn.



## Important Announcements

### Summer Session Billing Statements will be available April 16, 2014!

Be on the lookout - your student billing statement will be delivered to your student email address or you may access it using your myInfo account.

Also, don't forget that in order to avoid late fees, class cancellations and to have financial aid post to your account, you must confirm your attendance for summer - Please fill out the [Student Insurance & Payment Form](#), and return to Business Services.

Do you have questions about your bill or financial aid?

Business Services: 406-265-3733

<http://msun.edu/busserv/>

Financial Aid: 406-265-3787

<http://msun.edu/finaid/>

## Upcoming Events

### Hike Mount Otis - April 12

The MSU-Northern chapter of the Montana Wilderness Association is planning a spring hike to the top of Mt. Otis on Saturday, April 12 at 1 p.m. Meet in the parking lot of the SUB at that time for carpooling out to the trail. This is a great opportunity to celebrate spring by getting out and enjoying what nature has to offer. For more information, please contact: Dr. Jaakko Puisto at 265-3595 or [Jaakko.puisto@msun.edu](mailto:Jaakko.puisto@msun.edu), or Tande at 406-390-5704 or Daniel at 406-399-1729. Let's go hike a trail!

### Last D2L Workshop this Spring - April 15

Faculty are invited to join us for the last D2L workshop this spring: "Top Ten Ways to Save Time in D2L." We will meet on Tuesday, April 15 at 3:00 p.m. in the Vande Bogart Library basement computer Lab A. Additionally, if you have suggestions for workshop topics, or would like to lead a workshop yourself, please contact Justin Mason in Extended University.

### Hip-Hop Violinist Josh Vietti in Concert - April 15

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern are excited to have Josh Vietti, a Hip-Hop/Pop violinist from southern California perform at the MSU-Northern SUB Ballroom on April 15 at 7 p.m. Vietti recently completed a 150-date college tour and was labeled one of 2012's Best Breakout Artists by CBS Los Angeles.

Vietti has appeared on The Ellen DeGeneres Show, performed for Michael Jordan, and opened for NE-Yo, B.o.B, Fabolous, Fantasia, Earth Wind & Fire and Justin Moore. Josh also was featured in the 2010 NBA ALL-Star Game Commercial, performed at the Governor's Mansion in Austin, TX for the Formula 1 US Grand Prix events and at the 2013 Stone Soul Music Festival at the Richmond International Speedway in Richmond, VA. Vietti finally headlined his own show at the legendary Whisky A-Go-Go on June 13, 2013 on the Sunset Strip in Hollywood, CA. His show was regarded as "Spectacular", "Best in LA", "Masterful", "Scintillating" and "Amazing" by different music and media personalities.

Although generally billed as a hip-hop violinist, he also incorporates classical, gospel, country and pop into his performances and is highly interactive with the audience. Memorable, fresh and innovative are three words that perfectly sum up this fiddler from Los Angeles. [www.joshvietti.com](http://www.joshvietti.com)

Don't miss this "once in a lifetime" opportunity to see Josh Vietti in concert. Admission at the door is \$5/Adult and \$3/Students and community members while MSU-Northern students, faculty and staff are admitted free of charge.

### Dream. Save. Spend. Financial Literacy Thursdays throughout April

As a follow-up to her financial planning event, Karen Terrell, MSUN's Financial Literacy Coordinator, will be offering her services and advice to any and all interested students throughout the month of April (National Financial Literacy Month). Terrell will have a table set up near the Food Court every remaining Thursday in April (17th and 24th) from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. If you have any questions about finances, do not hesitate to visit Terrell at her table this April.

### Student Excellence Awards Luncheon - April 17

The Student Excellence Awards Luncheon will be Thursday, April 17 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in SUB Ballroom. Cost is \$10. Tickets can be purchased at the SUB Information Desk until Monday, April 14.

This year's Student Excellence Awards recipients are: Jaime Williams, Michael LaValley, Taylor Cummings, Caralee Fortin, Bennett Taylor, Annie Kling, Ron Kling, Taylor Bartholomew, Chris Reed, Randi Sunford, and Molly Grubb.

### Career Preparedness Workshops held throughout April

Attention seniors, graduates and alumni- the Career Center will be conducting "Career Preparedness" workshops in April. The workshops will assist you with resume and cover letter writing tips. The Career Center will also be teaching interview tips as well as other pertinent information to help you get started in your careers.

All workshops will be held in Hensler Auditorium on the following days and times:

- Friday, April 11 from Noon-1:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 14 from 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 15 from Noon-1:30 p.m.

The Career Center encourages you to sign up for this event on CareerExpress before the workshop you plan to attend.

Please contact the Career Center for more information at 265-4198 or stop in 213 Cowan Hall to talk with Jennifer Henderson or Mary Heller.

## **Tennis & Pickle Ball Tournaments Scheduled**

The ASMSUN Intramural & Recreation department will be hosting a Tennis Tournament on April 16 at 3 p.m. and a Pickle Ball Tournament (played with a paddle and wiffle ball) on April 22 at 3 p.m. at the new tennis courts on campus. Sign up in advance at the SUB Information Desk for each event. Participants will receive T-shirts, and winners will receive a prize.

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on the SUB Lawn on Easter, April the 20th at 2 p.m.

The area will be divided into age groups for 0-3, 4-6, and 7-9 years of age. Each person who finds a SPECIAL EGG will receive a prize. Games, snacks and refreshments will also be available.  
Campus Improvement Week Activities

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern have planned several events around Campus Improvement Week -April 20-26. April 20 at 2 p.m., MSU-Northern students will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for campus and community children. On April 22nd, (Earth Day) the campus will be organizing a clean-up project for Campus Improvement Day. Sign up at the SUB Information Desk by noon on April the 22nd to be on a team or you can create your own team. All participants will receive a Campus Clean-up T-shirt and will be invited to a BBQ on the SUB east lawn. For more information, contact: Joe Vernon at [joseph.vernon1@students.msun.edu](mailto:joseph.vernon1@students.msun.edu)

## **Master Class with Jack Glatzer - April 21**

There will be a free master class with world renowned violinist Jack Glatzer on Monday the 21st at 7 p.m. in the band room on the second floor of Pershing Hall. It is open to everyone, and strings players will have a chance to demonstrate a prepared piece if they would like feedback and guidance from Jack. If you are a musician, you will want to take advantage of this great opportunity.

## **Campus Clean-up Day - April 22**

Since 1932, Northern has participated in a campus clean-up day. We want to continue that tradition, so on April 22 (Earth Day), from noon to 4 p.m., the Northern family will come together to get the campus ready for Graduation.

The Sustainability Coordinator (Joseph Vernon) will be organizing the clean-up project this year. All faculty members are asked to promote and encourage students to participate. This project is designed so that students can help for either the whole time or part of the time. Students will come to the front of the SUB to find out what group they are in or wish to be in, then will be told where to report and the group leader to check in with. All who participate will be given a free T-shirt and food will be served after the event ends at 4 p.m. This is also a great way for students and faculty to show their pride in their campus, and an appreciation for the world we share.

For more information, contact: Joseph Vernon, Sustainability Coordinator, ASMUN.

## **Retirement Reception - April 22**

Please mark your calendars and join your colleagues at the Retirement Reception to be held on Tuesday, April 22 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. A more formal email invite listing those that are retiring this year will be sent at a later date.

## **Jack Glatzer to Perform Solo Violin Recital - April 22**

Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in the ATC Building's Hensler Auditorium, come enjoy an evening of music with a World-class American violinist! Jack Glatzer introduces each musical work by an informal and intimate commentary and links music to art, history, and civilization. Glatzer's particular interest is the unaccompanied repertoire for the violin; he is celebrated not only for his interpretations of Bach, Paganini and Bartok but also for his performances of Locatelli, Roman, Ysaye, Bloch, Stravinsky, Elgar, Rochberg and Sculthorpe. All are welcome and admission is free. Refreshments will be served. While in Havre, Glatzer will also be involved in community outreach programs.



## **13th Annual Tucker Montgomery Folf Tournament - April 23**

The 13th Annual Tucker Montgomery Folf Tournament will be held on April 23 at 5 p.m. on the campus of MSU-Northern. The tournament includes singles, doubles and team divisions. Registration forms are due at the SUB Information Desk by April 23 at 5 p.m. Every participant will receive a T-shirt. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each division and a free BBQ will follow on the SUB east lawn.

## **Northpoint Auction - April 24**

Northern adopted the NorthPoint Card Rewards Program in the Fall of 2012. NorthPoint is a program developed to connect MSU-Northern students to Northern's extracurricular events and activities.

Over 500 students have earned points this semester for attending school-related events such as: intramural and recreation activities, athletic functions, dances, comedic or variety shows, the Chancellor's Lecture Series, Northern Showcase events, SUB Fitness Center, or the Pin-n-Cue recreation area. These points will be calculated and posted in the SUB Lobby.

At the NorthPoint Auction, students spend those points on prizes. The silent auction will begin April the 24th at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Conference Room. At 7:30 p.m., in the Ballroom, the live auction will begin. And this year, we will even have a few games of bingo. Refreshments will be served. Students don't forget to check your points!

## **38th Annual Sweetgrass Society Pow Wow - April 25-26**

The 38th Annual Sweetgrass Society Pow Wow is scheduled for April 25-26 in the MSU-Northern Armory Gymnasium. Grand Entry will begin Friday, April the 25th at 6 p.m. Admission is free. Come celebrate and enjoy Montana's Native culture. For more information, call Jaakko Puisto at 265-3595.

## **Chi Alpha Hangout Events**

Chi Alpha's main meeting takes place at 7 p.m. every Thursday night in the Morgan Hall "Red Room" (now brown), and every week after the meeting (at about 8 p.m.), there's a fun hangout event. Here's the event list for the remainder of the semester (subject to change if an activity becomes impossible to carry out):

- April 17 - Board games and snacks in the Red Room

## Weekly Articles

### Vintage Northern

By Valarie Hickman



Pershing Hall has very a unique history. In the early thirties the student enrollment at Northern was increasing and classroom space was limited. This was during the depression and there were no funding sources for a new classroom building. Building materials from Fort Assiniboine were being salvaged for various projects, so the idea of using these materials for a classroom building was explored. The community became very involved in the process. F.F. Bossout, a local architect and NMC Executive Board member, donated his services by designing the building. The Chamber of Commerce issued "script money" to pay the workers, which could be redeemed at local businesses. Work began February 1933 - hauling 200,000 bricks from Fort Assiniboine. Unfortunately, money for construction ran out in September 1933 so NMC students held a parade to begin a fund raising drive. They raised \$1300 to continue the construction. The building was completed in time for the start of the 1934 Winter Quarter.

### Computer Corner

By: Marianne Hoppe

#### Word 2013 Tip

#### Move Around a Document Faster

If you are working on a lengthy Word document, you can hold down the Shift key and press F5 to cycle through the spots that you have edited most recently. If you've opened a document and the "Welcome back! Pick up where you left off:" tip has disappeared, Shift F5 will take you to the location that you were working on when the document was last closed. And if you have multiple Word documents open, Shift F5 will cycle through the most recently edited locations in all the documents (i.e. it will jump between the documents).

### From Your Learning Success Center

By Ligia Arango

#### New at LSC

Two brand new top of the line iMAC computers will be making their home at the library very soon. These new computers will offer support to the graphic design students and any Apple users out there. For all your academic needs, writing papers, studying for tests, hanging out, taking a break...come to the Learning Success Center (LSC).

## @ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

"Lives Change @ Your Library" is this year's theme for the 2014 National Library Week (April 13th-19th). NLW celebrates the impact that libraries have on the lives of Americans.

Academic libraries today are more than repositories for books and other resources. Often the heart of their campuses, libraries are deeply committed to providing places where their students, faculty and staff can work, study and relax. Libraries are trusted places where everyone on campus can gather to reconnect and reengage with each other to enrich and shape the campus community and address local issues.

Librarians work with faculty and students to discover what their needs are and meet them. Whether through offering e-books and electronic articles, materials for research, access to computers and places to study, librarians listen to the community they serve, and they respond.

Are you interested in the value of the services that you receive from your library? Check out the University of Hawai'i at Manoa's Library Use Calculator ([http://library.manoa.hawaii.edu/about/calculator/library\\_calculator.html](http://library.manoa.hawaii.edu/about/calculator/library_calculator.html)) for an idea of what it would cost if you had to purchase library services directly.

Join the library staff on Wednesday, April 16, from 2:00-4:00 PM for refreshment to celebrate National Library Week.

## A Pinch of Salt

By Kimmi Boyce

### Meatloaf

Every once in a while the "Pinch of Salt" must feature a recipe, since the article's name is so closely related to cooking endeavors. This week, (by request) the food of choice is meatloaf. Can you believe that the idea of meatloaf has been present for centuries throughout history? Ancient Roman culture included a similar dish, but the ground meatloaf as we know it today took shape during the Industrial Revolution after the invention of the mechanical meat grinder.

Well, whether you're a die-hard meatloaf lover or skeptical of a meat dish shaped into a loaf, this recipe is worth a try. Allrecipes.com members have rated this meatloaf with a high 4 and ½ stars, and it's been ranked 5,376 times. You can find the highly-ranked recipe for Brown Sugar Meatloaf here: [http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Brown-Sugar-Meatloaf/Detail.aspx?event8=1&prop24=SR\\_Title&e11=meatloaf&e8=Quick%20Search&event10=1&e7=Home%20Page&soid=sr\\_results\\_p111](http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Brown-Sugar-Meatloaf/Detail.aspx?event8=1&prop24=SR_Title&e11=meatloaf&e8=Quick%20Search&event10=1&e7=Home%20Page&soid=sr_results_p111)

## Mission Statement

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