



NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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This Past Week

Northern's Enrollment Remains Steady

At a time when most schools are reporting a decline in their enrollment Montana State University-Northern's enrollment is holding strong. MSU-Northern reported today that it has 1232 students attending classes. This is also the third consecutive year that Northern has increased its number of freshman students.

"This year we have realized several gains," explained Greg Kegel, Chancellor of MSU-Northern. "Our number of full-time equivalent undergraduate students is up by over 40 students. We have more full-time students as a result of better advising, retention and recruiting efforts," said Kegel.

This is the second year that MSU-Northern's residence halls are running at near capacity with 302 students living on campus (up from 280 last year). Students who live on campus tend to persist to graduation in greater numbers than those who do not. This increase in on-campus students should translate into greater student success (program completion and graduation.)

"This past year we stepped up our out-of-state recruiting efforts with more trips to Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. These efforts have really paid off, as we have 25 more out of state students than we did last year," said Kristi Peterson, Northern's Director of Admissions and Recruiting. "We have also been using more social media and videos to help reach out to prospective students. This has proven to be a very successful recruiting strategy," said Peterson.

"I want to thank all of the faculty and staff for all of their hard work which has made it possible for us to achieve these enrollment numbers. I also want to thank the Havre community for their support, it drives us to grow and develop this university and our students every day. We believe we are making the right strategic decisions that will result in long-term growth," said Kegel.

Mariachi Huenachi Delights Audience



In celebration of Hispanic History Month, MSU-Northern's Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) brought the mariachi group Mariachi Huenachi to campus. They provided an outstanding evening of mariachi music, rhythmic songs, dancing, and a chance for the audience to learn a few Spanish words and a greater appreciation for Hispanic culture.

Mariachi Huenaahi is a group of high school students from Wenatchee High School in Wenatchee, Washington. The Mariachi Huenachi program includes approximately 300 students. They are under the Direction of Ramon Rivera and Maija Henderson. All the students who are part of the band are honor students, having to maintain a 3.5 GPA. They have played for celebrities like George Lopez and have been featured in national networks like FOX, ABC, CBS and Univision.

This was the group's first time in Montana. They said the 10-hour drive was well-worth the warm welcome they received. They spent Monday morning performing at the high school and middle school and the afternoon visiting campus. At the end of their visit, the seven seniors turned in their applications to enroll at MSUN.

ODAMP would like to thank Humanities Montana, Triangle Communications, Bear Paw Credit Union, Havre Public Schools, Wenatchee Public Schools, McDonald's Havre, Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant, Tortilla Junction, the Townhouse Inn, Montana Plastic Surgery Center, and KRTV in Great Falls. The office also thanks the in-house supporters: Admissions, Public Relations, Ambassadors, Montana Actors' Theatre, Campus Sustainability, and Holly Hass. As well as the Spanish Speaking Group members Emma Faus, Madelyn Drake, Gabriel Benavides, Jamie Toscano, and Jose Maria Martinez and the Hispanic Community in Havre.

Promotion and Tenure Dinner



(Pictured left to right) Larry Strizich, Jeremy Siemens, Norton Pease, John Foley, and Carol Reifschneider

Last Wednesday night, Chancellor Greg Kegel and his wife Sherry hosted a dinner at the Chancellor's house to recognize the hard work and dedication that the faculty have accomplished to achieve promotion or tenure. The Faculty who were honored were: Norton Pease who received promotion to Full Professorship, Jeremy Siemens and Dr. John Foley who were promoted to Associate Professor status, and Dr. Peter Hart (not pictured above) who received his Tenure.

Greetings from the Learning Success Center



Come and see us in the library, enjoy a piece of our weekly treat, and let us know how to help you with your studies.

Our mission is to encourage/strengthen student learning by supporting classroom instruction.

We fulfill our mission by providing:

- * 'Walk in' tutoring lab in math and writing
- * Peer tutors in a variety of courses
- * Placement testing
- * Accommodations for disabled students
- * Coaching in study skills.

Becky and Ligia look forward to seeing you.

Meet your Student Senate



Hello, my name is Randy Roeber and I am your student body president for the 2016-17 school year. I want to welcome you to Northern on behalf of the student body. Northern is one of the best institutions for higher education in the great state of Montana. You will find many amazing people among the student body at Northern. All of them have potential to be great future friends; all you have to do is say "Hi."

There are many great opportunities available if you want to get involved at Northern. A wide variety of clubs and organizations are on campus that you can join, chief among them is the Student Senate. There also are a number of activities that you could attend. Your student handbook will have all of these activities listed as well as the Northern website. So, make sure to come to as many as you can!

I hope this information helps you at Northern. The best advice that I could give you to get the most out of your experience at Northern is to get involved, join a club, come to some activities, make some new friends, and introduce yourself to the people in your classes. If you do these things, you will find that you always have something to do and are more successful in your classes. Finally, always know that there are people to help you with any problems you may face during your time at Northern. There are tutors to help you with your classes and Student Senate will help if you have any issues with the conditions at Northern. I hope your time at Northern is fantastic and that you learn a lot, but above all, Have Fun!!

STUDENT CO-OP SPOTLIGHT: KASEE CLARK



SUMMER 2016 CO-OP WITH MSU NORTHERN AG RESEARCH CENTER

By: Kasee Clark

I chose to come to school at MSU-Northern for a few reasons. Northern has a broad degree that doesn't focus on just one aspect of agriculture, and I like that. I love that Northern has small class sizes because that is a positive learning environment for me. The professors have a chance to work with their students in person, rather than email. Of course the cost also played a huge roll in my decision, Northern's tuition rates are so much lower than Bozeman's that it was hard not to choose Northern.

My decision to join the Agriculture Operations Technology (AOT) program at Northern has been one of the best decisions I have ever made. I love the AOT program for the experiences, faculty, and supportive environment. I have also had the opportunity to gain hands-on knowledge in all of the classes I have taken thus far. Some of the best people I have ever met are also a part of the AOT program.

The best part of the AOT program is the faculty. William Danley (Bill) and Thomas Welch (Tom) are the most passionate and caring professors I have ever met. They are the reason the agriculture program at Northern is so amazing, and they are the reason so many students love it. They create a fun, yet informative learning environment. Their real life experiences and knowledge give the students a better understanding of concepts because it is put into real life situations that we as students understand. Bill and Tom are the kind of professors that never shut their doors; they are open to us students at all times. They would give the shirt off their back to their students. They believe in us and, trust me, that goes a long way for students in college.

Tom and Bill also encourage us to participate in youth leadership and agriculture conferences because they want their students to succeed and gain as much knowledge and experience as possible. Some professors are just there to give a lesson and then leave the classroom; not Bill and Tom. They are truly some of the most helpful and caring professors I have ever met.

This summer I had the opportunity to serve some of my co-op credits at the Northern Agricultural Research Center in Havre Montana. The co-op has given me the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience in both livestock and agronomy procedures. I am very thankful for everything the co-op has taught me. Without the guidance and support of the Northern Agricultural Research Centers staff, I wouldn't have been able to gain as much as I have from this experience. I love that my work this summer has capitalized on all of the course work I have done thus far. It just goes to show how applicable the AOT program is. I can't think of a better way to gain knowledge in a field of interest than to go work in a related facility.

Video Feature

Advanced Fuels Center MREDI Presentation Video



Click on image to view the video Randy Maglinao used as part of his MREDI presentation

On September 27th legislative representatives and researchers from across the state gathered at Montana State University Bozeman to discuss the progress that has been made on Montana Research and Economic Development Initiative (MREDI) grants. MREDI began in August of 2015 when the entire Montana University System received \$15M from the Montana Legislature to fund eleven different projects across the state that promised to "solve Montana problems with Montana solutions". The Advanced Fuels Center received a portion of this funding to develop an aviation gasoline as well as jet fuel from Camelina, a cover crop that grows extremely well in the Hi Line. Earlier this week, the Center traveled to Bozeman to present the on the two patents that have been filed in relation to this project as well as business partnerships that have been developed. This presentation marked the halfway point in the two-year project.

Important Announcements

2016 Fall Semester Dates to Remember

Last Day to Drop a Class Monday, October 31st

Deferred Installment Payment Schedule: (\$30 processing fee is added)

- 75% of total fees due: Friday, October 21st
- 100% of total fees due: Friday, November 18th

Graduation Applications are due: Nov.14

Upcoming Activities

Fall 2016 Indigenous Movie Nights

The series, sponsored by the Native American Studies Program, showcases films written, directed, produced, and cast by American Indian & Indigenous artists and filmmakers. Each film is followed by a short discussion about the major themes and issues within the stories. Everyone is welcome. All of these movies will be in Hensler Auditorium, (in the ATC) and will begin at 6 p.m.

Tues, Oct 11 - THE DOE BOY

A hunting mistake causes a young Cherokee boy to run away from home and seek the advice of his grandfather.

Weds, Nov 16 - THE ACTIVIST

A fictionalized account of the behind-the-scenes political intrigue of the 1873 Siege at Wounded Knee.

Mon, Dec 5 - CHRISTMAS IN THE CLOUDS

Christmas laughs, love, a vegetarian chef, and mistaken identities, on a reservation ski-resort.

Alumni Auction - Oct. 1

Come support Northern student scholarships at the Northern Alumni Auction! We're keeping the classic live, silent and Chinese auction formats and adding a few extras.

This year there will be games, an appetizer bar, and the option to reserve a table! That's right, no need to send your spouse to hold a place. A table can be reserved by calling the Alumni Foundation office but make it quick as reservations are limited. P.S. that reservation also includes a complimentary drink provided by the Gallery Lounge so call the Foundation today! 406.265.3711.

Reserved Table of 8 - \$350

General Seating Ticket - \$30

OVERVIEW OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES - OCTOBER 2016

3rd-4th	Intramural Activity -Volleyball	8-10pm	Gym
4th	Chancellor's Lecture Series	7:30pm	Hensler
	Dueling Paintbrushes		
5th	Hump Night Bingo	7pm	Ballroom
8th	Skylights Volleyball	2pm	Gym
8th	Lights Football vs. Eastern Oregon	6pm	Blue Pony Stadium
	Legends for Lights Autograph Session	halftime	Blue Pony Stadium
	Festival of Nations	10am-130pm	Ballroom
10th-11th	Intramural Activity - Volleyball	8-10pm	Gym
12th	Karaoke	7pm	Ballroom
13th	ACROBATIX	8pm	Ballroom
17th-22nd	Homecoming Week	All Day	All campus
17th	Pep Rally	7pm	Campus
	Pie the Candidates	8pm	Gym?
18th	Glow Run	8pm	City
19th	Lights Wrestling	7pm	Gym
	Homecoming Dinner	5pm-7pm	Food Court
20th	Skylights Basketball	7pm	Gym
	Intramural BB Rosters due in	5pm	SUB info desk
21st	Skylights/Lights Basketball	6 & 8pm	Gym
	Intramural schedules available	3pm	SUB info desk
22nd	Lights Football vs. Mt. Tech.	1pm	Blue Pony Stadium
24th-25th	Intramural Activity - 3on3 Basketball	8-10pm	Gym
27th	Take Back the Night (RPE Group)	7pm	Ballroom
28th	Skylights Volleyball	7pm	Gym
29th	Lights Wrestling	7pm	Gym
30th	Zombie Run	7pm	Campus

31st HALLOWEEN
28th or 31st Halloween Carnival

6pm?

Ballroom

Chancellor's Lecture Series

"Dueling Paintbrushes: George Catlin and Karl Bodmer on the Missouri" Lecture on Tuesday, October 4, 2016



Kristi Hager will present a rich visual record of the High Plains at a unique time after Lewis & Clark but before the arrival of railways and photography. Two painters traveled up the Missouri River within a year of each other, George Catlin in 1832, Karl Bodmer in 1833. They had very different temperments and very different styles of painting the same Indian villages, the same chiefs, the same sacred rituals, the same bison herds, and the same river bluffs. Audience members consider whether they would rather have a painted portrait, a photograph, or the buffalo robe of Mandan Chief Ma-To-Toh-Pa (Four Bears).

Please join us for a stimulating lecture on the MSU-Northern campus on Tuesday, October 4, at 7:30 PM in Hensler Auditorium, Applied Technology Center. This presentation is free and open to the public.

2016 Hi-Line Veterans Helping Veterans- Oct. 6

The 2016 Veterans Stand Down will be held Thursday October the 6th at the Montana State University-Northern SUB Ballroom. The Stand Down is a collaboration of the VFW Post 497, the American Legion Post 11, MSU- Northern and several other organizations. The purpose of the Stand Down is to assist Veterans with any needs they have. We will have representatives from the Veterans' Affairs, Montana Veterans, Job Service Associations and will provide health screening and counseling services.

The Stand Down is intended to be an all-inclusive event for the entire community to assist Veterans. We would appreciate any assistance to make this a success.

We are looking for assistance with services, monetary donations, and volunteers to host and direct individuals to the various representatives. We would also welcome donations that can be used as door prizes or giveaways.

If you are interested in assisting with this, please contact us at hilinevetsd@gmail.com or Scott at 406-265-4641.

Montana Actors Theatre 2016-2017 Season

Evil Dead: The Musical

October 14-15, 20-22, and 27-29, Special Midnight showings 22 and 29

Readers Theatre

November 4-5 January 13-14 March 31 and April 1

Hansel and Gretel Christmas Panto

December 9-11, 15-18, and 22-24

12 Angry Men/Women

January 2021, 26-28, and February 2-4

Valentine's Day Burlesque and Cabaret

February 11

Jesus Christ Superstar

March 3-5, 9-12, and 16-18

Black Comedy Dinner Theatre

April 6-8, 13-15, and 21-22

The Wind in the Willows

May 5-7, 11-14, and 18-20

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

July 27-29 and August 3-5

MSU-Northern Collegiate Stockgrowers Calendar

Monday, October 17th - Fall 2016 Career Fair - Armory Gym - 9 a.m. - noon

Saturday, November 5th - North Central Stockgrowers Association Annual Meeting - Hensler Auditorium - noon - 5 p.m.

Saturday, November 5th - MSU Northern Collegiate Stockgrowers Meet N Greet - SUB Ballroom - 5 p.m.-midnight, Prime rib dinner: \$10/plate, Live band: Milk River Band

Mind Full or Mindful? - Oct. 10

Students: Would you like to build skills to better manage your stress levels, reduce your levels of pain, anxiety and depression while improving your self-awareness, confidence and relationships with others? Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) may be just the thing for you! Decades of research show that MBSR helps participants find greater balance in their lives through practices such as meditation, yoga, body scans and other mindfulness techniques. MBSR begins Monday October 10th and will meet weekly for 8 weeks on Mondays from 3:00-5:00 pm in Student Support Services (211 Cowan Hall). Space is limited, so pre-register now with Amber Spring at amber.spring@msun.edu or 265-3783.

Fundraiser for Melissa Ruby - Nov. 12

A benefit fundraiser for Melissa Ruby, the wife of ATDI assistant professor Kevin Ruby will be held November 12 at 4 p.m. in the MSU-Northern SUB ballroom. Melissa is in the hospital in Billings, MT battling Guillain-Barre Syndrome. This is a rare disorder in which the body's immune system attacks the nerves. Melissa will be spending the next few months in the hospital. Friends of the family are having a Spaghetti versus Chili cook off to raise money to help with medical & travel expenses. Come out to show your support and help us decide what is liked better - Spaghetti or Chili. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, silent auction and door prizes. We look forward to seeing you there!

Northern Goes the Distance!



Tracey Jette and her daughter Rachel recently took their Northern shirts to Gracemont, Oklahoma to help her 98-year-old grandmother celebrate her birthday. Way to "Go the Distance" Tracey and Rachel!

Help Northern "Go the Distance" by taking a picture of yourself with a Northern, shirt, hat, bandana etc... in some place outside of Havre and email it to potterj@msun.edu with a brief description of where the photo was taken and if we like it we will put it in an upcoming NNN and publish it on Northern's Facebook site.

TidBit

By Bill Lanier

One of the most popular TidBits last year was where I listed out Northern Alumni that are now school administrators. I was asked in an e-mail to do another TidBit on that topic, so here are a few additional Alumni that are either new to the list or in a new position since my first TidBit on this topic.

Kari McKay, Browning Montana, Assistant Principal
Willie Schlepp, Helena Montana, Assistant Principal
Kyle Fisher, Alberton, Montana, Principal
Loren Dunk, Power Montana, Superintendent
Don Holst, Arlee Montana, Principal
Tanner Smith, Cave Junction Oregon, Principal
Nate Achenbach, Great Falls Montana, Assistant Principal
Kent Kultgen, Snohomish Washington, Superintendent

If I get additional names, I will run another TidBit this fall. Please e-mail me at wjlanier1963@yahoo.com and I will include others in future NNN TidBits.