



**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
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## Northern Network News

The Official Newsletter of MSU-Northern - September 27, 2024

### MSU-Northern Celebrates 95 Years



Montana State University-Northern is celebrating a monumental milestone—our 95th anniversary was held this week, on September 24, 2024. Founded in 1929 as Northern Montana College, MSU-Northern has upheld nearly a century of "education that works." Over the years, the institution has grown from humble beginnings into a vibrant part of Montana's higher education system.

Some of the many highlights of the past 95 years are:

- Northern Montana College (NMC) began with 80 students on September 24, 1929
- Dr. G.H. Vande Bogart was the school's first president.
- East Hall became the first permanent building on campus in 1932
- Now we have over 25 buildings

- We have had 17 Presidents/Chancellors
- NMC officially changed its name to Montana State University-Northern in 1994

With nearly a century behind us, MSU-Northern stands as a pillar of education on the Hi-Line, and the next five years will bring even more growth as we prepare for our centennial celebration in 2029. Here's to 95 years of education that works, and a bright future ahead!

[Click here to learn more about Northern's History...](#)

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## Fall Scholarship Awards Ceremony



Last Friday (Sept.20), the campus celebrated its annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony. The Awards Ceremony is traditionally held in the Spring, but this year it was held in the fall because of problems with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) rollout last spring.

This year's ceremony added the inclusion of freshman scholarships. Four hundred and ten (410) academic scholarships totaling \$424,890 to 269 students were awarded at this year's ceremony. This amount does not include any federal grants or loans, state aid, or athletic scholarships. The ceremony also included drawings for \$50 gift cards which were given to Rylin Burn, Taylissa Lytle, Kayla Burchard, Edward Chapman, Airianna Vij, and Blake Fitch. Two \$500 Scholarship winners were also drawn, which went to Taylynn Lindsey and Carmeron O'Neill.

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## 2024 Athletic Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony



On Friday, September 20, six individuals and one team were inducted into the prestigious Northern Athletic Hall of Fame. The ceremony was part of Hall of Fame weekend, and also featured a special recognition during halftime of the Lights' Frontier football matchup against Arizona Christian University on September 21.

This year's honored inductees included Andrew Sellars, Anna Bateman, Thomas VanderMars, Evan Hinebauch, Ted Hill, and Coach Shawn Huse. Additionally, the 2004 national championship Lights wrestling team, coached by David Ray, was celebrated for their outstanding achievements.

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## MSU-Northern Sponsors Festival Days Parade



The annual Festival Days Parade in Havre, held on Saturday, September 21, was a great success! MSU-Northern had an outstanding show of clubs, athletes and programs. As the parade's sponsor, MSU-Northern proudly led the procession. The event was a memorable celebration of community and school spirit.

## Tipi Raising Starts American Indian Heritage Week



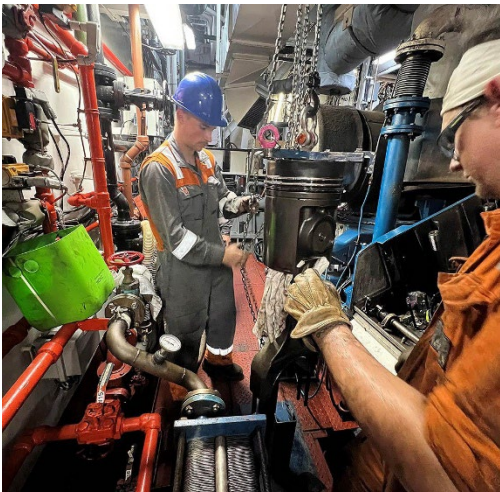
On Sunday afternoon, September 22, Tom Champagne and his son Tommy (an MSUN student) helped the Little River Institute display their tipi in honor of American Indian Heritage Week. The tipi raising took place at the base of the hill near the SUB. Students were invited to participate, assisting in raising the



tipi while learning about its cultural significance. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and gain hands-on experience with this traditional practice, making it a meaningful and educational event for all involved. Faculty, staff, and students are welcome to visit the tipi while it remains on display.

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## **Student Spotlight – Kannon Ferestad**



Kannon Ferestad, a Bachelor of Diesel Technology student at MSU-Northern, first heard about the university's program through a visit by MSUN faculty to his high school in Scobey, Montana. He initially planned to attend Northern to gain expertise in working on farm equipment, preparing for a future managing the family farm. However, his time at MSU-Northern introduced him to Wartsila, a company in the marine industry, which shifted his interests in a new direction.

During the summer, Kannon landed a co-op with Wartsila, working out of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In the workshop, he overhauled engine components, diving deep into the mechanics of diesel engines. His role also took him to the Bahamas and Tampa, where he worked on tug boats, overhauling engines and gaining valuable hands-on field service experience.

Beyond technical skills, Kannon was exposed to different cultures, which added a unique dimension to his summer learning. The experience cemented his admiration for Wartsila, both for the quality of the work and the people he met along the way.

Upon graduation, Kannon has already signed on full-time with Wartsila. Working remotely from Scobey, he will fly to jobs when needed, enjoying a perfect balance between his career in the marine industry and managing the family farm—a dual lifestyle that offers him the best of both worlds.

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## **3rd Annual Bear Paw Beast Fun Run**

The 3rd Annual Bear Paw Beast Fun Run was another successful "fun-raiser" for the MSUN Community Center. Held as part of the Festival Days celebration, the one-mile run/walk was packed with excitement, featuring four unique refueling stations offering donuts, bacon, candy, and chips to fuel participants along the way.

MSU-Northern once again closed out the Festival Days weekend in style with this fun-filled event. The run not only showcased Northern's beautiful campus but also promoted community engagement and physical exercise. It was a great way to bring everyone together for a lighthearted and energetic finish to the festivities.

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## Students Enjoyed Making Ribbon Skirts



The Ribbon Skirt Making Workshop, held on September 25 and 26, was a creative and enriching event for MSU-Northern students, faculty, and staff. Led by Billy Werk, with additional instruction provided by MSUN student Kailee Ramone, the workshop offered participants the opportunity to craft their own ribbon skirts. Attendees could join one or both sessions, and with all materials provided free of charge, the workshop was a hit.

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## Murphy's Pub Named Winner of the Beast Treat

The votes are in, and the winner of the 2024 Battle of the BEAST TREAT competition has been decided! After a fierce competition, where local businesses crafted their most beastly desserts, drinks, and baked goods, the winning treat stood out above the rest.

The winning establishment, Murphy's Pub took the top spot with their delicious The Ultimate Brookie Milkshake.

Participants had a blast sampling treats from:

1. Murphy's Pub: The Ultimate Brookie Milkshake
2. Grace N Grit Coffee Company: The Breakfast Beast
3. The Stack: The S'Moretifier
4. 40 Below Public House: The Super 40 Banana Split
5. Grams Ice Cream and Candy Shoppe: Grams Cookie and Candy Sundae
6. Henny Penny Cupcakes: Beast Treat

Congratulations to Murphy's Pub for being crowned the 2024 Beast Treat champion! Thank you to all the participants and voters for making this year's competition a sweet success.

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## Let Your Hometown Community Know What you are doing

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](mailto: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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Correction:

The photo that appeared in last week's Student Spotlight on Kannon Ferestad was not Kannon it was Rory Cozzens. Sorry for the confusion. This week we are rerunning that story with the correct photo.

### Positions Available at MSU-Northern

Interested in a great full or part-time position at MSU-Northern? Visit [jobs.msun.edu](http://jobs.msun.edu) to see a list of currently open positions and apply!

- Instructor/Assistant Professor - Agriculture Faculty (Tenure Track)
- Administrative Associate III (COTS)
- Career Center Coordinator
- Culinary Professional II/Cook II
- Dual Enrollment Specialist
- Director of Office of Teaching and Learning Excellence (OTLE)
- Recruiting Specialist
- Assistant Professor of Nursing, tenure track
- Instructor/Assistant Professor of Electrical Technology
- Assistant Professor of Psychology, tenure-track
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Counselor Education, tenure track
- Clinical Resource Registered Nurse (CRRN) part-time

- Director of Workforce Education and Training

[Click here for more information or to apply...](#)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### October Diversity Days

#### October 1 – 4 – Rosh Hashanah\*

The Jewish New Year is a time of both reflection and repentance. It begins the High Holy Days, which will end with Yom Kippur.

#### October 9 – Indigenous People’s Day

This day coincides with Columbus Day and honors the indigenous people living in the United States and the violence they have suffered in history.

#### October 10 – World Mental Health Day

This important day advocates for mental health awareness and education. Mental Illness Awareness Week is celebrated the first week of the month too.

#### October 14 – Defender of Ukraine Day

Celebrate those who have fought or are still fighting for the freedom of Ukraine today.

#### October 19 – International Pronouns Day

Being referred to as the wrong pronoun is a common discrimination that transgender or nonconforming people face. We can transform society by not only understanding different gender identity pronouns, but identity terms too.

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## AI Workshop Series for Students – 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](mailto: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., 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

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## Traditional Native Games – Sept. 27

Come to the SUB Lawn on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM (session A) or 2 PM (session B) and participate in traditional Native Games. This event will be led by Hannah Haseagle. During each session, she will teach participants about traditional Native Games; then students will have the opportunity to play. If you'd like to bring your class to one of these sessions, we'd love to have you! Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/SpJhEQNNi9>

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## 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](http://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!

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### **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)

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## **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.

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## **MSU-Northern Career Fair – Oct. 9th**

The annual MSU-Northern career fair will be held in the Armory Gymnasium on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-12PM. Employers will have booths set up and will chat with students about potential careers they might be interested in pursuing after earning their degree. Stop by and find your future career!

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## **Board Game Night at the Library – 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!

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## 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! Attend captivating theatrical performances. Visit world-renowned museums. Explore iconic historical landmarks. 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. You can even earn college credit.

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...](#)

## CALENDAR

### Friday, September 27

- American Indian Heritage Day
- Northern Rodeo @ Montana Western
- Traditional Native Games - 11:00 AM
- Traditional Native Games - 2:00 PM
- Teaching Writing in the Age of ChatGPT - CH-103, 2pm
- Rodeo Booster Club's "Extreme Bingo" - 6:00 PM

### Saturday, September 28

- Northern Rodeo @ Montana Western
- Skylights Volleyball vs University of Providence - 2:00 PM

### Sunday, September 29

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

## Tuesday, October 1

- Fall Deferred Payment Schedule: 50% Due

## Wednesday, October 2

- 3D Printing 101 - 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

## Thursday, October 3

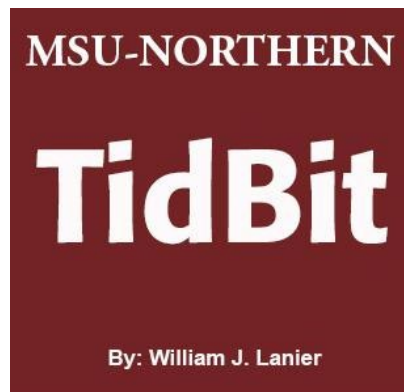
- AI Workshops for Students - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- Skylights Volleyball @ Montana Tech - 7:00 PM

## Friday, October 4

- Northern Cross Country @ Yellowjacket/Batt...
- Northern Alumni Auction - 5:00 PM

## Saturday, October 5

- Lights Football @ Carroll College - 1:00 PM
- Skylights Volleyball vs Montana Western - 2:00 PM
- MAT DEATH BY CHOCOLATE: Speakeasy in the Big Easy, 5:30pm, St. Jude's Gym, fundraiser for Montana Actors' Theatre, \$50 single \$90 couple



## (#418) Northern Trivia #1



In honor of Northern beginning classes 95 years ago (September 24, 1929). We are going

have a Northern trivia contest. The first person to send me a perfect 10 of 10 score will receive a \$20.00 Gift certificate to the Northern Bookstore!

1. Which Northern Alumni started the Volleyball program at Havre High School?
2. Who was Northern's first AutoCAD Instructor?
3. What Chancellor left Northern to become the President of Central Michigan University?
4. Before it was KNMC, the college radio station was KNOG, what were the call letters prior to KNOG?
5. Last week at the Scholarship Awards convocation, how many students earned the 410 scholarships?

7. From the attached picture, can you identify what vehicle the license plate is on?
8. What local service organization donated the pedestal clock tower that is in the center courtyard?
9. What year was the last Northerner (yearbook) published?
10. What Northern Alumni appeared in the following movies *The Body Guard*, *Air Bud*, *Trading Places* *The Color of Money*, *Night at the Museum* among many other films?
11. What Northern Alumni was on the Michigan State University Basketball Team coaching staff when they won the 1979 NCAA National Championship? This was Magic Johnson's team that beat Larry Bird and Indiana State University!

See next week's issue for the answers and to see who won!

If you have an idea for the NNN TidBit, send me an e-mail at [wjlanier1963@yahoo.com](mailto:wjlanier1963@yahoo.com)

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