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Campus Celebrates the Lighting of the N



Homecoming Spirit Week kicked off on Monday with the 3rd Annual "Lighting of the N" in front of Donaldson Hall. The event featured the football team leading the crowd in the Northern Fight Song, inspirational words from Head Football Coach Jerome Souers and light refreshments to "light up" the week's activities.

Northern Dresses Up for Halloween



Here are just a few of the many students, staff and faculty who dressed up for Halloween. This year, there were several Halloween and Homecoming activities offered for people take part in throughout the week. Activities included a costume contest, the trunk or treat Halloween carnival, and the glow games.

MSU-Northern Hosts Annual Trunk or Treat

On Thursday (Oct. 31), MSUN students hosted the annual Trunk or Treat event for youth in the community in the SUB Ballroom. Local youth were invited to campus to do trick or treating and enjoy a Halloween carnival co-hosted by the Association of Student Athletes and the ASMSUN Inter-Organizational Council.

MSU-Northern Hosts MPSEOC Counselor Update



On Monday, October 28, MSU-Northern was one of nine sites across Montana to host the Montana Post-Secondary Educational Opportunities Council (MPSEOC) Counselor Update. The event brought together 10 high school counselors from the Hi-Line region at MSU-Northern for an engaging and information-rich Zoom session. Other hosting sites included Kalispell, Missoula, Helena, Great Falls, Bozeman, Billings, Miles City, and Glasgow.

During the session, all 26 Montana colleges, universities, and MPSEOC members each gave a 5-7 minute presentation highlighting the top five developments on their campuses. This annual event offers an effective way to connect with counselors statewide and serves as yet another opportunity to showcase MSU-Northern's role in Montana's higher education landscape.

Kiewit Returns to Northern with a Pheasant Jamboree Team



Lyle Nichols, a recent retiree from Kiewit after 30 years of dedicated work, found himself back in familiar territory at MSU-Northern's annual Pheasant Jamboree, hosted Oct. 11th-13th. Lyle first joined the event in the early 2000s as Kiewit's representative on the Diesel Advisory Board, and was initially invited by Mike Tilleman. For several years, he and his team of Kiewit colleagues attended the Jamboree, blending recruitment efforts with camaraderie. Though they haven't hosted a team since 2010 or 2011, this year marked an exciting comeback. Now retired, Lyle and a group of fellow Kiewit retirees returned to participate

once again, reuniting with old friends, supporting a good cause, and celebrating the ties between Kiewit and MSU-Northern's Diesel program.

"It's good to come back and hunt with these guys for such a great cause," Lyle shared. His team the "Kiewit Collaborators" were grateful for the chance to give back to the college and relive old memories.

Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Frank Zuccala



Dr. Frank Zuccala, Faculty member of the MSU-Northern Nursing Program, has recently completed his Master of Psychopharmacology Certification through the Neuroscience Education Institute (NEI). This certification, which required eight weeks of rigorous study and over 35 hours of continuing education, represents a significant advancement for our nursing program and is a testament to Dr. Zuccala's dedication to academic excellence.

This achievement equips Dr. Zuccala with the latest insights in psychopharmacology—knowledge he is already working to incorporate into our curriculum to benefit faculty and students. With his expanded expertise, Dr.

Zuccala is enhancing our program's approach to teaching pharmacology and psychiatric nursing, providing students with a more comprehensive understanding of how medications impact mental health, from neurobiological mechanisms to clinical practice.

These updates will translate into richer learning experiences, including new case studies, modernized treatment frameworks, and practical applications of psychopharmacological principles. Dr. Zuccala's commitment to integrating this knowledge will ensure that Northern students are well-prepared for the dynamic challenges of today's healthcare landscape.

MSU-Northern is grateful for Dr. Zuccala's dedication to pushing the Nursing program forward. His efforts reflect Northern's ongoing commitment to delivering top-tier education that empowers students to make a real difference in the communities they serve.

Congratulations Dr. Zuccala, you make Northern Proud!

MAT Presented “An Enemy of the People”



During the Fall Break, Montana Actor's Theatre presented a riveting version of *An Enemy of the People*. The story is about a small Norwegian town that has just begun to win fame and wealth through its medicinal spring waters. Dr. Stockmann, resident physician in charge, discovers that the waters are poisoned. On receiving proof of this, he immediately reports to his associates, but is shocked to find that instead of being thanked, he is looked upon as a dangerous crank, motivated by a desire to prove that his fellow townsmen are wrong, and to bring ruin upon them. As the people who run the local paper do their utmost to urge secrecy and compromise, the determined doctor realizes that the honesty and idealism he has counted upon to make the truth prevail, simply does not exist in the face of selfish “practical” interests. The press will not report his findings; the officials refuse to give him a hearing; he loses his position and the townspeople boycott him; and every weapon of blackmail, slander, and eviction are brought against his family. The show was a powerful drama about the fight for truth when people are unwilling to accept it.

Lights vs Alumni Wrestling Dual



One of the most respected traditions at MSU-Northern is the annual Lights vs Alumni Wrestling Dual was held on Oct. 12th. The dual occurs every year, a few weeks before the start of the team's regular season, and gives fans a chance to see how this year's team stacks up against some of our alumni Legends. The dual always makes for a fun, exciting, and a fast-paced match.

Dr. Campbell Visits Eastern Montana



Dr. Margaret Campbell, MSU-Northern's Chief Diversity Officer, Tribal Liaison, and Advisor to the Chancellor, recently completed a week-long recruiting tour across eastern Montana, sharing MSU-Northern's unique offerings with high school students and their families.

Dr. Campbell is a committed educator and former legislator. She was the Minority Whip in 2005 and House Majority Leader in 2009 for the Montana House of Representatives. She was the first Native and was the second woman in the History of the Montana Legislature to hold the position of House Majority Leader. Dr. Campbell is deeply invested in fostering educational opportunities

for students across the state, particularly in rural and tribal communities.

Her journey took her to Glasgow, Culbertson, Plentywood, Scobey, Fraser and Fort Peck Community College. She visited coffee shops in Scobey and Plentywood where she left information and visited about Northern.

Despite early starts and long drives, she engaged with juniors, seniors, and parents, highlighting Northern's diverse programs and welcoming campus environment. The trip resulted in 19 committed students, with 12 more interested in discussing the opportunity further with their families. Speaking directly in classrooms during the day and meeting with parents in the evenings, she shared her passion for education and the many benefits of studying at Northern.

Reflecting on the trip, Dr. Campbell noted the effort required: "It was a long and tiring trip, a lot of driving and a lot of dark miles. I had to leave by 5:45 a.m. to make it to the 8:15 classes." Though the travel was challenging, her connections with these communities made the trip immensely rewarding. Dr. Campbell looks forward to supporting prospective students in their journey to higher education, with hopes that they will soon call MSU-Northern home.

Northern Alum Wins "Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence"



MSU-Northern would like to congratulate alumnus Rob Hunter, an automotive teacher at Flathead High School in Kalispell, who was recently awarded the prestigious Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence. As the only teacher in Montana to receive this honor, he was among 25 educators nationwide to be recognized for their outstanding contributions to skilled trades education.



Hunter's award, which includes a \$50,000 prize with \$35,000 allocated to his school's automotive program, underscores his impact. With 29 years of teaching experience—24 of those at Flathead High—Hunter has inspired countless students, equipping them with technical skills and life lessons that reach far beyond the classroom. His students, who regularly tackle complex automotive projects, express gratitude for his approach, respecting them as young adults and guiding them through hands-on learning.

Rob Hunter's success reflects MSU-Northern's commitment to preparing skilled professionals who excel and lead in their fields. We're honored to see one of our own making such a profound difference in Montana's education and automotive industry. Congratulations Rob, you make Northern Proud.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show - Shadow Cast Performance – This Weekend Only



In this cult classic, sweethearts Brad and Janet, stuck with a flat tire during a storm, discover the eerie mansion of Dr. Frank-N-Furter, a transvestite scientist. As their innocence is lost, Brad and Janet meet a houseful of wild characters, including a rocking biker and a creepy butler. Through elaborate dances and rock songs, Frank-N-Furter unveils his latest creation: a muscular man named "Rocky."

This is not a performance of the live musical The Rocky Horror Show. This is a shadow cast where a group of performers act out the movie scenes in real-time as the film plays on a screen behind them. They mimic the actions, costumes, and dialogue of the film's characters. These shadow cast performances are a unique and interactive experience. The audience will watch a screening while a live cast performs the movie on stage. The shadow cast experience combines film viewing with live theatre, audience participation, and a lot of fun.

[Click here for ticket information...](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't Forget to Vote – November 5

Positions Available at MSU-Northern

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

- Instructor/Assistant Professor - Agriculture Faculty (Tenure Track)
- Career Center Coordinator
- Recruiting Specialist
- Instructor/Assistant Professor of Electrical Technology
- Assistant Professor of Psychology, tenure-track
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Counselor Education, tenure track

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAT Season Schedule

The Rocky Horror Picture Show – Shadow Cast – Nov. 1-3

Women of Rock Tribute Concert – Nov. 8, 9

Sound of Music – Dec.6,7,13,14, 19-21

Hill Country Revue Too – Feb 7,8,14,15

Oliver – March 27-29, April 3-5

The Prisoner of second Avenue – Apr. 18,19, 24-26, May 1-3

William Shakespeare's The Tempest – June 20-22

[Click here for ticket information...](#)

Ultimate Frisbee and Pep Rally - Nov. 1

November 1st: On Friday, a community Ultimate Frisbee game and Pep Rally will be held at Tilleman Field at 5 PM, followed by a BBQ hosted by ASMSUN and the MSUN Alumni Foundation for all participants and spectators.

Homecoming Football Game – Nov. 2

On Saturday (Nov.2), the Homecoming football game will take place at 12 PM on Tilleman Field, as the Northern Lights challenge the UM-Western Bulldogs. During halftime, four Homecoming "Royal Lights" will be crowned, recognizing students for their leadership, involvement in campus activities, community engagement, and overall contributions to student life.

MSUN Softball Showdown – Nov. 3

Calling all MSU-Northern students, staff, and faculty! Get ready to step up to the plate for an exciting game of friendly competition! On Sunday, November 3rd at 1:00 PM at the Memorial Field, located at 1200 6th Ave. This is a free event, so come out, bring your A-game, and enjoy a fun potluck lunch with the Northern community. Let's make it a game to remember—see you at the field! You will sign up as an individual and a random generator will split up the teams!

Use this link to sign up... <https://forms.gle/m52UhM3FpRLCYaj46>

Sign up ends Friday, November 1, at noon! Make sure you get in on the fun!

Board Game Night at the Library – 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!



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...](#)

NEXT WEEK

Friday, November 1

- Fall Deferred Payment Schedule: 75% Due
- Homecoming Spirit Week
- Registration for Spring 2025 - Graduate & Post-Baccalaureate
- Ultimate Frisbee - 5:00 PM
- MAT Presents: The Rocky Horror Picture Show - 7:30 PM

Saturday, November 2

- Homecoming Spirit Week
- Lights Football vs Montana Western - 12:00 PM
- Skylights Volleyball @ Montana Western - 2:00 PM
- MAT Presents: The Rocky Horror Picture Show - 7:30 PM
- Homecoming Halloween Dance - 8:00 PM - Midnight

Sunday, November 3

- MAT Presents: The Rocky Horror Picture Show

Monday, November 4

- Registration for Spring 2025 - Seniors

Tuesday, November 5

- Associated Students of MSU-Northern Inter-Organizational Council (ASMSUN IOC) Meeting

Wednesday, November 6

- Registration for Spring 2025 - Juniors
- ASMSUN Student Senate Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Lights Wrestling @ University of Providence - 7:00 PM

Thursday, November 7

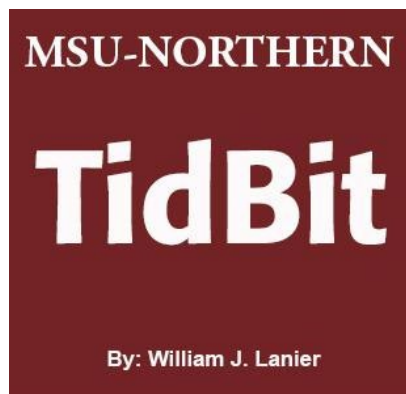
- Skylights Volleyball @ University of Providence

Friday, November 8

- Northern Cross Country @ Frontier Conference Championship
- Registration for Spring 2025 - Sophomores

Saturday, November 9

- Lights Football @ Montana Tech
- Skylights Volleyball @ Carroll College - 2:00 PM



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Northern Skylights Basketball All-Time Record

I had mentioned a couple of weeks ago that while checking out the NAIA site, there is a list of the NAIA Women's Basketball All-Time Program Wins list. Unfortunately, Northern is not on that list and has not been on the list. Currently there is one current Frontier Conference school is on that list and that is Western at #23 with 813 all-time wins. Again, here is link to that list.

https://www.naia.org/sports/wbkb/Records/WBB_Program_Wins_List.pdf

I had asked the question “Where do you think Northern should be on that list?” I did give a hint in that it began with the 1974-75 school year when Judy Bricker was the Head Coach for one year. According to my research over the past five years, the Northern Skylights have won 942 games versus 539 losses for a win/loss percentage of 63.61%. This should place Northern in the #11 spot or 12 spots ahead of Western.

My information and research came from the following resources. DAKstats (2003-21), Frontier Conference website (2021-24), the Northern History Book “*A Northern reflection*”, Northerner Yearbooks, NoMoCo, Havre/Hill County Library – Havre Daily News website, Newspapers.com and MSU-Northern Archives (much thanks to Val Hickman). I also got information from every coach beginning with the Skylights very first coach, Judy Bricker. Here is the list that I have compiled:

Coach	Year(s)	Wins	Loss
Judy Bricker	1974-75	2	9
Don Holst	1975-76	7	16
Bob Feist	1976-77	2	12
Linda Ponikvar	1977-79	16	23
Linda Schoenstadt	1979-81	20	33
Loren Baker	1981-91	243	70
Sherry Winn	1991-96	139	20
Ray Peters	1996-2000	96	34
Kevin Emerick	2000-2002	42	17
Mike Erickson	2002-2005	66	41
Chris Mouat	2005-2024	309	264
TOTAL		942	539

Now to get the NAIA to recognize this and place the Skylights on the NAIA Women’s Basketball All-Time Program Wins list.

If you have an idea for the NNN TidBit, send me an e-mail at wjlanier1963@yahoo.com

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