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Cross-Country Student Heads to Nationals



MSU-Northern is pleased to announce that James Stensland-Plymale, a freshman student-athlete in the Automotive Technology program, has qualified for the NAIA Cross Country National Championship in Columbia, Missouri.

James earned his spot as an individual qualifier after an impressive finish at the Frontier Conference Championship in Billings last Wednesday. He placed 14th overall with a time of 26:19, maintaining a pace of 5:18 per mile. His performance secured him a place among 36 teams and 80 individual qualifiers who will compete at Nationals on Friday, November 22nd at 10:30 a.m. CST.

James joined MSU-Northern following a standout high school career, where he placed sixth in the Class B State Cross Country meet and earned fourth place in the 1600m track event. Outside of running, he enjoys hunting and fishing. After graduation, he plans to pursue a career in the automotive industry.

Head Cross Country and Distance Track Coach Deborah Callahan shared her excitement: "As a second-year coach for MSU-Northern, I couldn't be prouder of my team," Callahan said. "They are a fantastic group of young adults who demonstrate determination, perseverance, and a positive attitude every day. I remember when Tim and I traveled to Columbus to recruit James. Over lunch, I asked him about his goals for running at Northern, and he confidently stated that he wanted to make it to Nationals. It's incredible to see that dream become a reality."

Congratulations, James, and good luck!

MSU-Northern Students Celebrate National Native American Heritage Month



Throughout November, MSU-Northern is celebrating National Native American Heritage Month, honoring the traditions, languages, and stories of Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Island communities. The Little River Institute hosted a series of workshops to promote culturally responsive leadership and mentorship, including sessions led by Dr. Randy Bachmeier on Indigenous leadership teachings and Dr. Alex Kemp on Native American peer mentorship. Beadwork workshops facilitated by Tabias Melendrez were held twice a week, open to all skill levels, while the Sweetgrass Society conducted biweekly meetings. Special events also included “Rock Your Mocs” Week from November 10-16, encouraging students and staff to make and share their moccasins online for all to see and enjoy.

College of Health Sciences Hosts Alumni Gathering



The College of Health Sciences (COHS) at MSU-Northern recently hosted a successful alumni social at the Wild Fig in Havre, bringing together local nursing alumni for an evening of networking and community engagement. Around 25 alumni attended the event, where they had the opportunity to meet the new Dean of COHS, Tiffany Vickers, and learn about exciting new initiatives within the college.

The gathering allowed alumni to reconnect with old classmates, share their professional journeys, and hear about the college's vision for the future. The new Dean shared updates on programs and initiatives designed to enhance the educational experience and broaden career opportunities for students at MSU-Northern.

"We're thrilled to see such strong support from our alumni community," said Melanie Skoyen, MSU-Northern Foundation Director. "This event was a wonderful opportunity to meet our nursing alumni face-to-face and discuss the future of the College of Health Sciences".

The success of this event marks the beginning of what will be a series of alumni gatherings, with plans already underway for a spring social. The next event may take place outside of Havre and will extend invitations to all alumni within the College of Health Sciences.

MSU-Northern Honors Veterans with an Appreciation Lunch



MSU-Northern was closed on Monday, Nov. 11 in honor of Veterans Day, and on Tuesday, Nov. 12, veterans and their family members were invited to a Veterans Lunch in the Veterans Lounge on the third floor of Cowan Hall.

Veterans Day is observed on November 11th every year, a date chosen to recognize the armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, that occurred during WW1 between the Allied nations and Germany, which went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

D&D Club Hosts Back-to-Back Game Nights



This past week, the Vande Bogart Library came alive with two fun-filled game nights hosted by the MSUN Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) Club. On November 13, students celebrated International Games Month with a special International Game Night, where attendees enjoyed tabletop games from around the world. The event was co-hosted with the Havre-Hill County Library, and invited participants to

share their favorite international games for an evening of global fun. The following night, November 14, the library was filled with laughter and friendly competition during the monthly Board Game Night. Attendees explored a wide selection of classic and modern board games, making new friends and enjoying a relaxed evening of strategic challenges and good times.

MSU-Northern Community Orchestra Jazzes Up the Campus



The MSU-Northern Community Orchestra was pleased to share with the campus and community an evening of jazz with their concert, *Jazz Connections: Where Styles Converge*, held on Thursday, Nov. 14, in the Little Theatre in Cowan Hall. This captivating musical event featured a variety of jazz styles, providing an enjoyable night for all ages. The program included beloved jazz standards such as *All of Me*, *I'm Getting Sentimental Over You*, *My Funny Valentine*, *Puttin' On the Ritz*, *Route 66*, *Stormy Weather*, *What the World Needs Now*, *I Just Called to Say I Love You*, and more. The concert showcased the talents of vocalists Kristi Peterson, Jeffrey Patterson, , who brought these timeless songs to life under the direction of Rhonda Minnick.

Faculty Spotlight – Dr. Jaime Duke



Congratulations to Dr. Jaime Duke on completing the Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC) certification, a rigorous program provided by the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) to prepare registered nurses for high-stakes trauma care. The TNCC course covers essential topics such as assessing and prioritizing trauma patients, managing airways and shock, and treating musculoskeletal injuries. It also emphasizes teamwork and communication, ensuring that nurses are equipped to handle trauma situations effectively. This certification reflects Dr. Duke's commitment to staying at the forefront of trauma care and advancing her skills to better support her patients and her students.

Dr. Duke's exceptional performance in the TNCC program led to an invitation to participate in the prestigious "Train-the-Trainer" course. This additional certification will allow her to train other nurses in the TNCC curriculum, further extending her impact on trauma care education. With Dr. Duke now qualified as a TNCC instructor, MSU-Northern's nursing students will benefit directly from her expertise, gaining hands-on training and insights from someone deeply versed in trauma care best practices. Dr. Duke's expanded role means she can offer advanced instruction and mentorship, preparing students to enter the healthcare field with confidence in handling complex trauma scenarios.

This achievement not only strengthens MSUN's nursing program but also supports the university's mission of excellence in healthcare education. By equipping future nurses with top-tier trauma care training, Northern is contributing to better patient outcomes in the local community and beyond. Nurses trained under Dr. Duke will be well-prepared to deliver high-quality, life-saving care, enhancing Northern's reputation as a leader in nursing education and positively impacting the healthcare workforce.

Vice Chancellor Visits High Schools



MSU-Northern's Vice Chancellor of Student Success, Josh Engle recently visited Capital High School in Helena, where he spoke to AP English and 12th-grade English students about preparing for college and navigating the challenges of freshman year. He made sure to leave behind academic guides and contact information for the students.

Next, he traveled to Great Falls High, where he had a productive meeting with Counselor Chad Getter, who provided him with a tour of the school. During the tour, Josh took the opportunity to connect with teachers in the culinary, print, and auto shop programs. A highlight was his conversation with Ken Van Lieshout, the Vocational Development Coordinator. Ken expressed a strong interest in rebuilding the past collaboration between Great Falls High and MSU-Northern, especially within their automotive programs. He was enthusiastic about arranging future visits from MSUN faculty to reconnect and expand on shared training opportunities for students.

The visit was filled with positive interactions, and Josh left with plans to further explore how MSUN's Academic Affairs and auto programs could play a role in this renewed partnership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

2024 Frontier Conference Volleyball Tournament – Nov. 15 & 16



The 2024 Frontier Conference Volleyball Tournament presented by First Interstate Bank will be hosted by MSU-Northern in the Armory Gymnasium on November 15-16. This event is not part of the season ticket price and staff/faculty will not get in for free, as it is a Frontier Conference event. Tickets can be purchased at the door and will be \$15 (adults) and \$10 (seniors & students) on Friday and \$10 (adults) and \$8 (seniors & students) for Saturday's championship match. Current MSU-Northern students are free with a valid student ID and will need to go to the ticket booth to get their student wristband. Student Senate will cover the cost of your attendance.

The tournament will feature all six teams from the Frontier. The top two finishers in the regular season standings receive an opening-round bye. First round matches will feature the No. 4-seed facing the No. 5-seed while the No. 3-seed will play the No. 6-seed. Those first round matches will be played on November 15 at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., respectively.

The two semifinal matches will take place at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on November 15, with the No. 1 seed playing the lower seed remaining in the first match and the No. 2 seed playing the higher seed remaining in the second match.

The two semifinal winners will play in the championship match on November 16 at 7 p.m. The winner of the Frontier Volleyball Tournament will receive an automatic bid to the NAIA Opening Round on November 23.

[Learn more...](#)

Campus Rummage Sale – Nov. 16

Student Family Housing Residential Education staff are coordinating a Rummage Sale this Saturday to benefit the MSUN Community Center. They will be accepting donations all day Friday 11/15/24 (8am - 5pm) from MSUN students, staff & faculty. If you have any items you would like to donate, please bring them to the SUB Ballroom!

The rummage sale will be open to the public all day on Saturday 11/16/24 from 8am-5pm in the SUB Ballroom. Cash payment only please. If you have any questions – please contact me or taryn.wallon@msun.edu

Holiday Dinner – Nov. 20

Attention MSU-Northern Faculty and Staff! The MSU-Northern Food Service is planning a Holiday Dinner on November 20th at 5:30. The price will be \$16.95 for the following meal: Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green bean casserole, Salad, Rolls/butter, Pie, and a beverage.

Please let Susan Solomon (susan.solomon1@msun.edu) know if you are planning on attending the dinner and how many you will be bringing, so she can plan accordingly and prepare enough food.

Live MAT Production of *The Sound of Music* – Dec. 13-14, 19-21

Montana Actors Theatre is pleased to present Rodgers & Hammerstein most beloved musical. Featuring a host of cherished songs, including “Climb Ev’ry Mountain,” “My Favorite Things,” “Do-Re-Mi,” “Sixteen Going on Seventeen” and the title number, *The Sound of Music* won the hearts of audiences worldwide, earning five Tony Awards and five Oscars. The inspirational story, based on the memoir of Maria Augusta Trapp, follows an ebullient postulate who serves as governess to the seven children of the imperious Captain von Trapp, bringing music and joy to the household. But as the forces of Nazism take hold of Austria, Maria and the entire von Trapp family must make a moral decision. Seating is limited so get your tickets early.

[Click here for tickets](#)

D&D One-Shot Adventure at the Library – Dec. 8

Calling all adventurers! The University D&D Club invites you to dive into a thrilling Dungeons & Dragons One-Shot at the Vande Bogart Library on Dec. 8 from 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM. This event is perfect for both seasoned heroes and newcomers eager to embark on their first quest. Step into a world of magic, mystery, and monsters as you join fellow players for an epic, self-contained adventure.

Characters, dice, and everything else you need will be provided—just bring your imagination and a sense of adventure! No experience necessary—our Dungeon Masters will guide you every step of the way. Whether you're looking to save a village, uncover ancient secrets, or face down a fearsome dragon, there's a quest waiting for you. Don't miss out on the chance to become the hero you were always meant to be. Grab your friends or come solo and make new ones. Let the adventure begin!



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 15, 2024

- Frontier Conference Volleyball Tournament, 11am, Gym

Saturday, November 16

- Lights Wrestling @ Grandview Open (Oregon)
- Community Rummage Sale, 8am-5pm, SUB
- Lights Football vs Rocky Mountain College, 12pm, Tilleman Field
- Frontier Conference Volleyball Tournament, 7pm, Gym

Monday, November 18

- Registration for Spring Semester 2025 begins for new students

Thursday, November 21

- 3D Printing 101, 6-7:30pm, Library
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TidBit

By: William J. Lanier

(#423) Montana Job Service

Before I start with this week's TidBit, I need to recognize Brenda Kadrmas. She was the closest in guessing the number of wins that the Skylights women's basketball team have totaled over the years. Thank you and good job Brenda!

Since I currently work at the Job Service-Havre Office, I am going to put in a plug for the Job service offices around the state. If you are not familiar with Montana Job Service, the MontanaWorks.gov website states that "Job Service Montana offices are part of a statewide network of workforce development centers that collaborate with community partners to provide customer focused employment and training opportunities. These centers assist in preparing, training, and connecting a highly skilled workforce to local businesses."

The local Job Service offices can assist job seekers with career exploration, job searching, a new career and potentially training. These offices can also assist employers in getting employees by posting openings on the Montanaworks.gov website!

Here is a map with the local job service offices around the state of Montana!



For additional information on the Montana Job service please follow this link.
<https://montanaworks.gov/job-service-montana/>

National Labor Exchange is used to search for jobs. This can be by location and/or with keywords
<https://usnlx.com/>

O*Net OnLine is used for exploring careers and jobs. It is a great tool in writing resumes and cover letters.

<https://www.onetonline.org/>

Also, keep in mind that all services with the Montana Job Service are free of charge.

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

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