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Industry Visits Help Students Secure Rewarding Careers



MSU-Northern students are finding incredible career opportunities through industry visits and on-campus recruiting events. In the last month, representatives from Modern Machinery and Tractor & Equipment visited campus, resulting in 19 interviews. This week, Gallatin Motors (Ressler) held an Info Session and conducted interviews.

These events are part of the many services available through MSU-Northern's Career Center. The Career Center helps connect students with potential employers through Info Sessions, interviews, and the university's Co-op Internship program. They also help students and alumni with resumes, cover letters, and job searches—on campus, off campus, and after graduation, and host two Career Fairs annually, bringing numerous employers directly to campus.

One of the most valuable tools the Career Center offers students is Handshake, an online platform where students can search for jobs, internships, and professional opportunities. By creating a profile on Handshake, students can sign up for on-campus interviews, view job postings, and learn about employer visits.

[Learn More...](#)

Apprenticeship Program Provides Innovative Solution to Montana's Teacher Shortage

Montana is grappling with a severe teacher shortage, especially in rural and Native American communities like Rocky Boy, Harlem, and Wolf Point. To address this crisis, Montana State University-Northern has launched an innovative Apprenticeship Program that allows students to work as full-time or part-time teachers while completing their degrees, providing an immediate solution to the teacher gap. The program embeds apprentices directly in schools, offering hands-on experience while they earn a salary, and making certification more accessible.

A key element of the program is the collaboration between schools and the university, where Site Administrators and Cooperating Teachers mentor apprentices. This initiative not only supports teachers with emergency certifications in obtaining full licensure but also ensures classroom stability. As interest in the program grows, the vision includes expanding support and creating a sustainable cycle of mentorship, ultimately aiming to alleviate Montana's teacher shortage.

[Read more...](#)

MSU-Northern Food Service Hosts Holiday Dinner

The MSU-Northern Food Service hosted a Holiday Dinner on Wednesday (Nov. 20) in honor of the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday. The meal included all of the traditional Thanksgiving items like: Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green bean casserole, Salad, Rolls/butter, Pie, and a beverage.

The NNN would like wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving. For those who are unable to go home for the holiday, you're invited to join the free Community Thanksgiving Dinner (see below for more information).

Northern Welcomes Christina Fullerton

Meet Christina Fullerton, the newest addition to MSU-Northern's College of Technical Sciences team. Christina serves as the Administrative Associate III under Dean Steven Don, stepping into the role previously held by Mary Brown. Originally from Nebraska, Christina has called Havre home for the past year. With a strong background in accounting and bookkeeping, she brings valuable organizational expertise to support the college's mission of excellence in technical education. Welcome to the Northern family, Christina!



Faculty Spotlight – Chuck Terry



Chuck Terry, a dedicated welding instructor at MSU-Northern, is shaping the future of Montana's welding industry through his innovative dual enrollment program. For eight years, Terry has partnered with high schools across the state, allowing students to earn college credits while still in high school. His efforts have not only expanded opportunities for students but also filled a critical gap in skilled trades education.

Currently, eight Montana high schools—Havre, Chinook, Malta, Dutton/Brady, Helena High, Arlee, and Alberton— offer dual enrollment welding courses through MSU-Northern under Terry's guidance. Each year, 40-50 students participate in the program, learning skills that prepare them for high-demand careers in welding. These schools have agreed to put up banners in their classrooms to recognize Northern's contribution to their welding programs.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Break

November 27 - No classes, Offices Open

November 28-29 – No classes, Offices Closed

NNN Schedule

November 29 – No NNN next week because of thanksgiving

December 6 – last NNN of the Semester

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Thanksgiving Dinner – Nov 18

All are invited to the free Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday November 28, 2024 from 11:00am-2:00pm at the St. Jude Thaddeus Parish Center-440 7th Ave. Havre, MT. Dinner with all the trimmings will be provided free of charge. No "to go" meals are available. Home deliveries will be provided to individuals who are unable to make it to the St. Jude Thaddeus Parish Center.

You may reserve one meal per person by calling the North Central Montana Senior Citizens Center at (406)265-5464. Meals will be delivered Thursday November 28, 2024 between the hours of 9:00am-11:00am. If you are interested in volunteering to help Wednesday and/or Thursday in the dining room and/or kitchen please call or text Debbie at (406)945-2833. If you are interested in delivering meals Thursday morning, please call Gus Sharp Financial at (406)265-1610.

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 22

- Lights Wrestling in Oregon

Wednesday, November 27

- Thanksgiving Break (no classes, offices OPEN)

Thursday, November 28

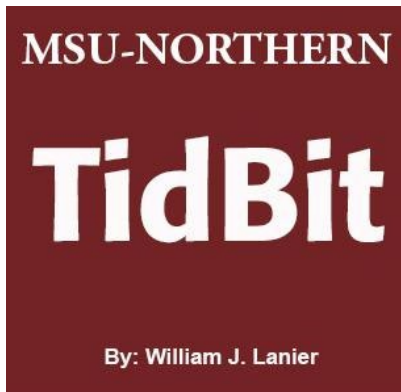
- Holiday ~ Thanksgiving ~ No Classes, Offices Closed

Friday, November 29

- Thanksgiving* Holiday - No Classes and Offices are Closed.
- Skylights Basketball @ Dickinson vs Valley City State University, 1pm
- Lights Basketball @ Dickinson vs Valley City State University, 5pm

Saturday, November 29

- Skylights Basketball @ Dickinson State, 5pm
- Lights Basketball @ Dickinson State, 7pm



(#424) Job Searching Assistance and Tips

Last week's TidBit #423 concentrated on the state of Montana Job service offices. This week's TidBit is a list of resources that are available for all to use regarding virtual job searching, labor market information and career information!

National Labor Exchange Virtual jobs

<https://virtualjobs.usnlx.com/>

Utah State University Remote Job Boards

<https://extension.usu.edu/remoteworkcertificate/resources>

Labor Market Information for Montana and the U.S. are listed below for you to refer to for wage trends.

National: <https://www.bls.gov/>

Montana: <https://lmi.mt.gov/>

Montana Career Information (MCIS)

<https://lmi.mt.gov/career/index>

Northern students and alumni, keep in mind that Jennifer Henderson (406-265-4198) at the MSU-Northern Career Center is also an amazing resource.

Some job search tips:

- It's always easier to find a job when you have a job.
- If you feel the need to register with Indeed, make a completely new e-mail just for Indeed.
- Always verify that the job you are applying does actually exist (go to the company's website).
- Set up a folder in your e-mail just for job searching and place everything into that folder.
- Make it a habit to have your resume and cover letters proofread by others.
- Customize your resume and cover letter for EACH job/position you apply for.

- Be cognizant of the format you use when uploading resumes and cover letters.

Again, Job Service offices in Montana can assist job seekers with career exploration, job searching, a new career and potentially training. Best of all these services 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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