

CAMPUS REPORT

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TO: Board of Regents
FROM: W. Franklin Gilmore, Chancellor, Montana Tech of The University of Montana
RE: Campus Report for the May 27-28, 2010 Board of Regents' Meeting

- Ten Montana Tech students have qualified for nationals at the Business Professionals of America (BPA) competition to be held in Anaheim, CA in May, including five Networking Technology/Web Administration majors: Matt Dunbar, Zeb Kaupish, Travis Bragg, Jason Otten and Glenda Crum, along with Tyler Lee (Computer Science), Eric Spafford (Biological Sciences), Mandy Webb (Liberal Studies), Brandi Cayler (Metallurgical Engineering) and Katie Faulkner (Business & Information Technology). Rita LaMiaux, Network Technology Instructor, was Team Advisor.
- A Network Technology course was successfully simulcast to students at Butte High School. The students at Butte High viewed the instructor's desktop and heard the instructor in real time. Instructor Rita LaMiaux had a full view of the Butte High classroom as well as each student's computer screen.
- A team of eight students from Montana Tech's Network Technology Program won first place in the North Central Regional Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition, which focused on the operational aspect of managing and protecting existing 'commercial' network infrastructures. They went on to compete in the National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition at San Antonio, Texas, but did not place.
- Together with Tech's Research Office and the General Engineering faculty, Assistant Professor Brian Kukay worked closely with the Western Transportation Institute to integrate Montana Tech into the University Transportation Center model.
- Montana Tech's Health Care Informatics Department successfully led a consortium of Montana colleges in seeking a grant from the Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology. Montana is a member of the Region A multi-state consortia and will receive \$625,000 over the next two years to develop an undergraduate Health Information Technology certificate program. The cooperative program will educate and certify 300 trainees over two years (2010-2012) by sharing courses, working in partnership with MSU-GF, FVCC and UM-HCT.
- Matt Vincent of the Department of Technical Outreach was awarded the First Lady's Montana Math & Science Award at the Governor's Serve Montana Symposium. The individual award recognizes exceptional promotion of math and science opportunities in Montana. Vincent is director of the Clark Fork Watershed Education Program, a K-12 inquiry and place-based science outreach education program on the Montana Tech campus that serves over 2,000 students and teachers each year.
- Liberal Studies Professor Robert Ziegler is scheduled to present a paper ("The Decadent Devil") at The International Decadence Conference, "Decadence or an Aesthetic of Transgression," scheduled to take place in Tromsø, Norway, June 9-12.
- Professor Pat Munday, Science & Technology Studies, will publish the article "A Semiotic Exploration of the Na'vi as Spiritual Hunters" in the *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*. His chapter, "Thinking through Ravens: Human Hunter, Wolfbirds, and Embodied Communication," will be published in *Communication Perspectives on Animal-Human Interactions*.
- Emma MacKenzie, Technical Communications graduate student, has been invited to participate in a New England Workshop on Science & Social Change at the Marine Biological Laboratory. MacKenzie will present her thesis-in-progress, "Hunting the Big Bad Wolf: Analysis of Community Discourse."
- At the 2010 American Society of Civil Engineers Pacific Northwest Competition, Montana Tech took the following honors: Second Place, Serviceability – Montana Tech Steel Bridge Design Team consisting of Levi Hansen, Chris Connors, Shay Sullivan, Steve Olig, and Anthony Laslovich; Third Place, Design Report – Montana Tech Concrete Canoe Design Team consisting of Ian St John, Kyle Richards, Megan Taylor, Kayla Schumacher; and Third Place, Overall Race Results – Montana Tech Concrete Canoe Design Team made up of the Design Report team, Dustin Hover, and Kimberly Holten.