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MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | BOZEMAN
President Waded Cruzado

Collin Avery, a senior photography major is one of 10 finalists for the Google Photography Prize for his collection of interior studies. More than 20,000 students from 146 countries submitted photos to the competition and Avery was the only American selected as a finalist by a panel of respected photographers from around the world.

MSU's Western Transportation Institute recently launched a statewide, web-based ridesharing tool RideShareMT.com to make carpooling a reality on the rural roads of Montana.

MSU, the state's first land-grant university, has been invited to participate in the 2012 Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, D.C. celebrating the 150th anniversary of the nation's land-grant university system and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Montana State University and its Museum of the Rockies will present a public exhibit titled "Dinosaurs Under Montana's Big Sky," an interactive look at its world-class paleontology program.

An MSU team placed second at the Rocky Mountain Regional Model Arab League and advanced to the national competition. Members of the MSU team won two of 10 outstanding delegate awards, five of 10 honorable mentions, as well as outstanding chair. The Model Arab League is a diplomatic simulation of the real-world Arab League, based on the model of the Model United Nations.

David Halat, a junior in chemistry and mathematics, is the 54th MSU student to win a Goldwater Scholarship, the nation's premier scholarship for undergraduates studying math, natural sciences and engineering.

MSU was named one of the "Sustainable 16," a group of 16 colleges and universities exemplifying excellence in environmental academics in the first-ever March Madness Tournament for Environmental Studies.

Nearly a quarter of the food MSU's University Food Services buys each year now comes from farmers and producers in the state. The increased percentage purchased reflects a relatively new emphasis on local food at the university, brought about in part by student wishes.

MSU researchers developed and patented a protein that can increase oil yield by as much as 40 percent in oilseed crops. The implications for the biodiesel industry are significant.

Designing Our Community, an MSU engineering program that aims to recruit and retain Native American students, was honored by the College Board as a regional winner for the CollegeKeys Compact Innovation Awards. In 2011, 10 Native American students who participated in the DOC program graduated and MSU's percentage of Native American graduates is one of the highest among engineering programs in the United States.

MSU and Bozeman High School have partnered to offer a dual enrollment course, the first ever, so high school students taking the course can earn college credit at the same time.

Hilary Fabich, who graduated in December with a chemical engineering degree, became the first MSU student or graduate to win a Gates Cambridge Scholarship that will fund graduate work at the University of Cambridge in England.

MSU geology professor Dave Lageson, graduate student Travis Corthouts, and a team of The North Face global athletes, led by Conrad Anker, are climbing and studying Mount Everest this spring. As the team climbs and collects data, they are sharing it with more than 1,000 students in classrooms across Montana.



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MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | BILLINGS

The Jacket Shuttle, a new pilot project by MSU Student Life & Housing, transports students from one campus to other easily and efficiently while saving gas money.

Best wishes to MSUB students Charmayne Hicks and Jarod Burton who were recently deployed to Afghanistan. We salute your commitment to service and look forward to your safe return to campus.

As a Service Learning Project, the MSUB Art students along with the expertise of College of Business Marketing students mentored with 7th graders from Lewis and Clark Middle School to create a meaningful impact on the Billings community through their ceramic project. Each young artist created a unique ceramic jar that was auctioned at the Big Brothers and Big Sisters "2012 Big Times Auction." The 7th graders donated all proceeds to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Yellowstone County, Casey's Cause and Relay for Life.

Valerie Hemingway, personal aide to author Ernest Hemingway, was a guest of Dr. David Craig, Adjunct Professor and Director of University Honors Program, during Spring Semester. She team taught in his research writing class, composed of community members and students, encouraging students to find their voice and their passion through writing. She connected with the students through her experience as secretary to Hemingway during his later years as well as her own book "Running with the Bulls: My Years With the Hemingways." She presented insights into Hemingway and his effect on four generations of writers at a talk, also open to the public.

Faculty was recognition for excellence in teaching, research and service to the campus and community. ASMSUB Outstanding Faculty Awards were presented to Ms. Tami Haaland, College of Allied Health Professions; Mr. Gary Amundson, College of Business; Dr. Susan Gregory, College of Education; Ms. Anne Cole, Academic Support Center; and Mr. Lonnie Schrag, College of Technology. MSUB Outstanding Faculty recipients were: Ms. Kathy Holt, College of Education; Mr. Brian Kmec, College of Arts and Science & Faculty Service Learning Coordinator for the Office for Community Involvement; Ms. Jamie Porter, Dr. Thomas Regele, Dr. Joy Honea, Dr. Steve Coffman and Dr. Brian Dillon, all faculty members in the College of Arts and Sciences; and Ms. Elizabeth Fullon, College of Technology.

The Alumni Association held the 30th Annual Outstanding Alumni Awards Gala celebrating excellence. Dr. John Cech, Mr. Tim Harris, Mr. Darrell Kipp, Dr. George McGrail were recognized for exceptional achievement. Wayne Hansen, DDS was the recipient of the Alumni Merit Medallion Award. Andrew Small, J.D. was honored as Distinguished Alumnus.

At the annual Staff Appreciation Dinner, the following staff were recognized: Jill Hirschi, MSUB Foundation; Ron Huck, Facilities Services; Harmony Jantz, College of Technology; Jeff Rosenberry, Housing and Residential Life; and Linda Wham, Information Technology.



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MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | NORTHERN

Frontier Conference Tournament Champions - The MSU-Northern Lights, 2011 defending champions, basketball team, are the 2012 Frontier Conference Tournament Champions and the regular season Co-Champions for the second year in a row.

Inauguration – Northern hosted its first Inauguration on Friday, April 20, 2012. Dr. Waded Cruzado provided the Investiture of Dr. James Limbaugh. Dignitaries from across the state were on hand to help Northern celebrate its past, present and future.

New Vision Statement - For the past three months the campus has been involved in crafting a vision statement. Eleven different versions were offered for consideration through on-line voting. The final vision statement is: *Montana State University-Northern will be known for its supportive, student-centered environment in which a unique mix of academic programs are responsive to local, regional, and state workforce needs, offered in an atmosphere that promotes student success.*

SkillsUSA 2012 – MSU-Northern hosted the 41st annual SkillsUSA state conference. The competition included 365 students coming to compete, 300 judges, 55 advisors, 32 contest chairpersons, and 3 headquarters staff.

Dedication of the Circle of Honor - MSU-Northern dedicated their donor wall, known as the Circle of Honor (located by the flags in front of Cowan Hall). The dedication ceremony honored our donors through the unveiling of a donor wall.

Spring Fling - The Northern Lights Athletic & Scholarship Foundation (NLASF) Spring Fling Dinner and Auction was held to raise money for Northern athletic scholarships. This annual event included games, live and silent auctions, and a spectacular dinner. The total raised exceeds \$77,000.

TekNoXpo - Northern hosted the 4th Annual TekNoXpo with 141 students participating from 15 different high schools. This event enabled high school students to visit the campus and meet faculty, staff, students, and industry partners. It also allowed them to operate some heavy equipment and check out some of our programs.

New MAFAA President – Northern's Director of Financial Aid, Cindy Small is the new President of the Montana Association of Financial Aid Administrators, Cindy Small attended the 2012 Leadership Conference in the Washington, DC area.

SIFE Competition - Ten members of the MSU-Northern Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) Team earned the First Runner-up spot at the SIFE Regional Competition held on March 30th in Seattle, WA. The Northern team finished ahead of teams from both Washington State University and the University of Hawaii.



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MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | GREAT FALLS

In an effort to promote awareness of library services available to the general public, the MSU-Great Falls Weaver Library held a community open house on Tuesday, April 10th. As a publicly funded institution, the Weaver Library doors are open to the community, offering evening and weekend hours as well as public access computers, Wi-Fi and scanners

The Spring "Bring the Bling" Whoop Fling was a week-long celebration to cheer the arrival of spring, but more importantly to re-energize and inspire students for the remainder of the semester and to reinforce a sense of classroom community at a point in the semester when many students are feeling overwhelmed, discouraged and might consider giving up. The event was a brainchild of the science faculty to help their stressed students surge through the last weeks of the semester.

Students Stephen Wurz and Mandy Jordan were nominated for the New Century Scholar award, a program sponsored by the Coca-Cola Foundation and the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and administered by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Mr. Wurz was selected as a New Century Scholar from Montana and will attend a celebration for all awardees at the American Association of Community Colleges Annual Convention in Orlando, FL.

MSU - Great Falls partnered with UM Tech, Flathead Valley and UM Helena to provide education to health care professionals and students on the skills needed to establish and maintain electronic health records. Kate Peterson was instrumental in helping our college exceed the goals that were set. Congratulations to all who were involved in this effort.

Health Science faculty received hands-on Laerdal mannequin simulation training during a two day event at the Great Falls campus state of the art Simulation Hospital. Laerdal simulation educator Kelly McKeever was brought on Campus to provide advanced training on SIM patient operation, maintenance and pedagogy to creating, performing and analyzing the student-simulation process. These simulations will provide students with real life patient scenarios developed by faculty to provide a wide array of signs, symptoms and disease processes in which they will practice their medical training prior to entering their hospital based clinical rotations.

Montana's volunteers were presented awards from the Governor's Office of Community Service at the ServeMontana Symposium. "This is a room filled with the spirit that makes Montana great," Lt. Gov. John Bohlinger told those at the ceremony. Among those honored was T.C. Knutson, MSU - Great Falls Campus Corps Leader. T.C. has helped students develop and open the college's first food pantry, improve and support the all-volunteer run Veteran's Center, and connect and engage students with the Red Cross and the disaster services community. T.C. is Ebullient, Genuine, and Selfless!

Members of the Design Review Board approved plans for a 6,505-square-foot child care center at MSU-Great Falls College of Technology. The center, which will accommodate seven employees and 90 children, is to be built at 1900 23rd St. S., on the southeast corner of MSU-Great Falls' property. The building will be a single-story craftsman/bungalow-style design. The front will include a covered porch. L'Heureux Page Werner designed the structure.

Susan Whatley, Program Director of the Medical Transcription program, has been appointed to the Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity (AHDI) Credentialing Development Team. As a member of the team, Susan will assist in developing the Registered Medical Transcription (RMT) and Certified Medical Transcription (CMT) credentialing exams. She is hoping that MSU - Great Falls students will sit for the RMT when they have graduated.

Dental Hygiene (DH) students visited the gymnastics center and discussed oral health and healthy foods with preschool children during Children's Dental Health Month and volunteered with Project Homeless Connect in Missoula. They also provided exams, oral screenings, and education to HeadStart children in the dental clinic. A group of senior DH students traveled to Fort Belknap Indian Reservation to provide oral screenings and oral health education to young mothers and children. The Student Member American Dental Hygiene Association delivered toothbrushes, toothpaste, and oral health educational materials to community members that receive assistance from Meals on Wheels.

In celebration of the American Red Cross month, Campus Corps and the American Red Cross of Montana distributed disaster preparedness bags to the community, training recipients about what items every bag should contain, and stressing the importance of having a family action plan in the event of an emergency.

The Montana University System Writing Assessment (MUSWA) was held at MSU - Great Falls. Teachers and administrators from regional public schools and colleges will score the writing submissions from Montana high school students.

An Anti-Violence Rally will be held at MSU - Great Falls to help students learn early warning signs, risk reduction, how you can help and what to do if violence happens to someone you know.