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MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | BOZEMAN
President Waded Cruzado

A new record for research expenditures - \$112.3 million - was set by MSU in the fiscal year ending June 30. The new mark was up nearly \$10 million from last year, and beat the previous record of \$109.5 by nearly \$3 million. Top research departments included immunology, chemistry and biochemistry, transportation, physics, and land resources and environmental sciences; and much of the funding came from the National Institutes of Health, departments of Energy, Defense and Agriculture, and private sources.

MSU entomologist Kevin Wanner led a team of scientist who recently made a discovery about the genetics involved with moth communication. The discovery, which was published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, has significant implications for natural methods to control pests.

Two graphic design students, Dominique Fultz of Boise, Idaho, and Brian Abbott of Billings, interned at New York City-based Time Inc. magazines this summer, positions they earned by placing in the Society of Publication Designers 2012 Student Design Contest. Fultz's submission was awarded third place, which came with an internship at People magazine, while Abbott's submission earned an honorable mention with an internship at Money magazine.

To improve access to higher education President Waded Cruzado testified before the U.S. Senate Finance Committee in Washington, D.C. on higher-education tax incentives and the need for tax reform. Cruzado focused on the mounting challenges students and their families have in paying for college and how tax policy can play an important role in making higher education more accessible.

Fresh vegetables for senior citizens are available in Three Forks and Belgrade thanks to a \$200,000 Hunger Innovation Grant, funded by the AARP Foundation, and a partnership between Montana State University's Towne's Harvest Garden, the Gallatin Valley Food Bank and the Human Resource Development Council. The groups collaborated to develop a Community Food Truck, a mobile farm stand that delivers vegetables to the communities to increase access to fresh, nutritious produce for seniors ages 50 and older in southwest Montana and provide beneficial nutrition education.

A radiation-proof computer system that is being developed by Justin Hogan and Raymond Weber, graduate students in electrical and computer engineering, and faculty member Brock LaMeres, has been selected by NASA for development and demonstration on commercial launch vehicles in 2013 or 2014. The project was one of only 14 selected by NASA because they address high-priority technology needs identified in the recent National Research Council's Space Technology Roadmaps and Priorities report.

MSU and the MUS were featured in a profile on MSNBC entitled "In Montana, small changes spur nation's biggest jump in college graduates." The profile highlighted efforts being made at MSU and across the state to help students stay in school and graduate which has effectively increased "the proportion of its population with college degrees faster than any other state," according to the story.

An efficiency program underway at MSU is expected to reduce energy and operations costs by \$370,000 annually. McKinstry, a consulting, construction, energy and facility services firm, will help improve efficiency at MSU's auxiliary buildings, including the Student Union Building, residence halls, the Brick Breeden Field House, and the Hosaeus Fitness Center.

An interdisciplinary team of engineering students (computer science, electrical engineering, and mechanical and industrial engineering) competed in the NASA's annual Lunabotics Mining Competition. The teams placed first in the Systems Engineering Paper category, second in the Outreach category, and eighth in the competition to excavate simulated moon dirt with a student-built robot.



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What's New at MSUB – a construction project that merges the best of two worlds for MSUB students into one location! The collective vision of collaborative learning and energized students is in progress on the main floor of the Student Union Building. The 50 year old Academic Support Center, which was once the SUB, has found a new home. The remodeling project over the summer, on the main floor of the SUB, now offers students the best of two worlds, Academic Support Center and Stingers Bistro into one location. The ASC is home to developmental math and writing classes preparing students for college-level work as well as free tutoring in math, writing, reading, science and foreign languages and is often a gathering place for hundreds of commuter students who seek a comfortable place to study between classes. The SUB will now offer a more inviting atmosphere with an expanded, updated café named Stingers Bistro, with seating capacity for students to eat, study or mingle. The bookstore, Jackets & Company, will utilize more efficient use of their space. The remodel also makes available a convenience store area including a copy center as well as grab-and-go meal items. We are all excited and looking forward to the beautiful updates to our campus!

MSU Billings, the ASMSUB student government and Billings Chamber of Commerce will host a legislative forum for all the Yellowstone Area legislative candidates at Petro Theatre on September 24th. On October 2nd, MSUB and the Billings Gazette will host the U. S. House and Montana Gubernatorial Debates. Join us October 8th for the U. S. Senate Debate between incumbent Senator Jon Tester and U. S. Representative Denny Rehberg. After election day MSUB will kick-off weekly community forums at the Downtown Campus every Monday morning between November and Christmas, giving various community members and groups a chance to voice their views prior to the 2013 Legislature. The meetings generally draw between 10 – 20 area legislators for the forums.

The MSUB Youth Soccer Camp was a huge success, drawing 138 participants between the ages of 5-13. Yellowjacket Men's Head Soccer Coach, Dan McNally, was pleased with the growth of the program and also very appreciative for the support from the soccer community. McNally includes local college soccer players from MSUB and Rocky Mountain College to help as coaches for the youth.

In 2008, Cyclone Nargis made a devastating sweep across the Irrawaddy Delta in Myanmar resulting in lost lives and huge infrastructure, housing and agricultural damage. In spite of its poverty, Myanmar values reading and have thousands of small community libraries in addition to 150 college and university libraries. Through the collaborative efforts of John Badgley, Executive Director, Nargis Library Recovery (NLR); Bill Cochran, Director of the Parmly Billings Library; Brent Roberts, Director, MSUB Library; MSUB student-workers; and staff at libraries from Whitefish to Livingston to Great Falls and Billings, a significant number of donated books were gathered and sorted for distribution across the Irrawaddy Delta in Myanmar.

Congrats Jackets Softball Team – Conference Champs! Congrats Tanner Lambert, College of Business student, winner of the Capsim Foundation Challenge, simulated global business competition! Congrats also to the American Indian Business Leaders group at MSUB, first place honors at a national competition, identifying culturally significant business plans to boost the economy on American Indian reservations.



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New Governance and Communications Structure: To facilitate communication and the effective management of the University, three new shared governance units have been created: the Academic Council, providing leadership to the university's academic function and comprised of the Provost, Deans, Chairs, and faculty representatives; the Chancellor's Council, responsible for both the business of the university and its strategic positioning; and the University Advisory Council, affording representation of every segment of the campus in discussions and recommendations on policy and institutional concerns. In this model, the former Senior Executive Staff and the former Cabinet have been absorbed into Chancellor's Council. Bi-weekly Chancellor's Forums will continue, and additional opportunities for engagement and discussion will be established.

The upgrading of the Student Union Building (SUB) and the Creation of a Food Court: The entire SUB has been given a facelift through a coordinated color scheme. The most significant achievement has been the transformation of the former dining hall into the MSU-Northern Food Court. What formerly was an admittedly dark and unappealing dining hall is now a bright, appealing dining space with a "scatter system" court that allows students to select from a wide variety of options (e.g., grill items, Mexican dishes, made-to-order sandwiches) and to choose from "grab-and-go" items in our new convenience store. Previously, MSUN did not have a student gathering place anywhere on campus, so we have created a student lounge within the former dining area and reconfigured the entrances so that students will be able to come in and "hang out" at any time.

The renovation of the Armory Gymnasium: This summer, the MSU-Northern Foundation began the renovations to the Armory Gymnasium, including a new Connor SportsFlex Performance floor, new Draper side-baskets, and new Interkal bleachers. The new bleachers will provide improved levels of safety and handicap access. Other improvements include paint, new signage, and new lobby carpet.

Redesign of the MSUN Website: As part of an overall effort to develop and maintain consistency in our graphic image, as well as to improve usability, the MSUN website has been completely redesigned. It is undergoing beta testing now and is expected to "go live" by September 17.

Resurrection of the MSU-Northern Ambassadors: The Ambassadors, a cohort of students specially trained to serve as tour guides and to represent the University at various functions, have been resurrected after several years of dormancy. Their return is part of an overall attempt to improve first impressions of the campus, along with the aforementioned facilities upgrade and web redesign.

Cooperation and Collaboration: Without question, MSUN could not have achieved some of the above-cited successes without volunteers who stepped forward from within the university, the broader Havre community, and the Bozeman campus.

- Mr. Paul Mineau and Mr. Rick Schneider, production manager and executive chef, respectively, from MSU-Bozeman's Dining Services, have spent weeks (literally) at MSUN, providing expert advice and hands-on instruction on everything from service layout to production to customer service. Throughout the SUB project, other members of the MSU-Bozeman staff freely offered their assistance, from the retail manager, head baker, and catering manager to representatives of Residence Life.
- Over forty members of the MSUN and Havre communities—employees, students, alumni, business people, and parents—provided a variety of skills that facilitated the successful remodeling of the Food Court, the Student Union, and the Gymnasium. They painted booths, built cabinets, tore down bleachers, and moved furniture and equipment. Fourteen members of local churches volunteered their time to sew new window curtains for every residence hall room.



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Dr. Susan J. Wolff is the new CEO/Dean of Great Falls College MSU. Prior to coming to Great Falls, she was the chief academic officer at Columbia Gorge Community College in The Dalles, Oregon for eight years. She has also held leadership positions at Linn-Benton Community College in Albany, Oregon; Clark College in Vancouver, Washington; and Oregon State University and operated her own small business for a number of years. She earned her doctorate and master's degrees from Oregon State University and her bachelor's degree from Montana State University.

Mandy Wright, Assistant Director of Developmental Education and Transfer, recently returned from the Kellogg Institute, which is an advanced professional program for the training and certification of developmental educators. It was held at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. Great Falls College professional development funds allowed Mandy the opportunity to attend.

Laura M. Wight, Director of eLearning & Library Services, graduated from the HERS Denver Summer Institute, held July 22 through August 5 at the University of Denver. Since 1978, the HERS Institute for Women in Higher Education at the University of Denver has annually offered women faculty and administrators the opportunity to participate in an intensive program that prepares them to be leaders in higher education. Laura attended the HERS Institute through a nomination/selection process sponsored by MSU.

New students were oriented to campus at a **Fall Fiesta celebration**. Following network, email and D2L presentation, the students participated in Student Services Success training and concluded with financial literacy. Establishing relationships with faculty at events like Fall Fiesta helps students feel more connected to the campus as a whole and strongly influences their success in college.

The **GFC Dental Hygiene Class of 2013** was featured on the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) home page in July.

Accreditation of the Surgical Technology program was affirmed on August 7. Congratulations to Program Director, **Sandra Allen**, and the Health Sciences Division.

The Medical Assistant program has met the standards and guidelines for initial accreditation by the Medical Assisting Education Review Board. Program Director, **Pam Christianson**, has done a wonderful job strengthening this program.

In June a call for graphic designers to assist with the Great Falls Growth Policy Update was issued to the public. **Ali Winberry**, webmaster/graphic designer at Great Falls College and local freelance photographer, designed the logo for the Growth Policy Update and is playing a vital role in the Update process. Ali is assisting with the creation of educational materials, maps, display boards and will continue with the lay-out and design of the final Growth Policy document.

Ruth Knudson, Adjunct Instructor in GFC Native American Studies and a scholar on early Plains Indian Culture, spoke at the Pictograph Cave State Park in July. She discussed what is known of early Native Americans from archaeology sites around Montana.