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MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | BOZEMAN
President Waded Cruzado

Montana students can now enroll in the first Montana-centered veterinary medicine program. The program is offered in cooperation with the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University. The goal of the program is to help rebuild the veterinarian workforce in rural Montana and provide affordable access to a veterinary medical education.

A partnership between more than a dozen local agencies and organizations, including MSU's Western Transportation Institute, has been awarded a \$2.8 million grant to construct a 2-mile pathway connecting the city of Bozeman to the "M" and Drinking Horse Mountain trailheads. The path will provide a safe trail for pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

Yann Martel, author of bestselling "Life of Pi" which was made into an Academy Award-winning motion picture, spoke to MSU's incoming freshman class and conducted a master class with new students. The event marked the beginning of MSU's Year of Engaged Leadership initiative, a series of events scheduled throughout the year to help students, faculty and staff to become more effective leaders on campus and in the community.

MSU Extension has announced the inaugural class for Resource Education and Agriculture Leadership Montana program which launches this fall. REAL Montana is a two-year program focused on building a network of informed and engaged leaders to advance the agriculture and natural resource industries in Montana.

The Blackstone Charitable Foundation's three-year, \$2 million grant establishes a partnership between MSU, the University of Montana and Headwaters RC&D to introduce entrepreneurship as a viable career option and provide university students with a network of venture coaches and entrepreneurial support to transform new ideas into sustainable companies.

Three doctoral students won 2013 Kopriva Graduate Student Fellowships from the College of Letters and Science at MSU. Timothy Hamerly, biochemistry; Nicholas Dotson, neuroscience; and Sydney Akapame, statistics; will all receive \$5,000 to support their research.

Gallatin College MSU added a new certificate program in Health Information Coding. The program is designed to quickly prepare students to work in a variety of health care settings from hospitals and clinics to long-term care facilities or insurance companies.

Nico Yunes, an MSU physicist, won a five-year \$500,000 Young Investigator CAREER Award from the National Science Foundation. The CAREER Award is the NSF's most prestigious award that supports the early career development of teacher-scholars and honors outstanding scientists who haven't yet received tenure.

MSU's College of Arts and Architecture created a new scholarship for Native American students who want to study art, architecture, film, photography or music. The \$2,500 scholarship is for incoming or transfer students who will attend full-time for the 2013-2014 year.

Seven MSU graduates earned National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships to pursue graduate school. The fellowships will provide each of the students \$30,000 per year for three years to attend graduate school and conduct research.

Scientists at MSU developed a therapeutic that has potential as a biological drug or probiotic food product to combat many of the more than 80 autoimmune disorders that affect some 23.5 million people in the United States. MSU has 213 licenses from technologies developed by faculty and researchers. Of those, 85 licenses are with Montana companies.



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Congrats to City College for their outstanding success at the National Skills US competition. Pete Bushman is the Diesel Technology Instructor at City College. His four students (Dan Long, Jedrick Schatz, Matthew Tucker and Taylor Fouts), enrolled in the Auto Service Technology and the Diesel Technology programs at MSUB, successfully competed on the national level.

MSUB in conjunction with Easter Seals-Goodwill, Parents Let's Unite for Kids (PLUK), and The Montana Autism Education Project hosted the 2013 Autism Conference: Connecting the Dots Through Transition. The two-day conference included VIP Speaker, Dr. Peter Gerhardt, Director of Education, Upper School for the McCarton School and the Founding Chair of the Scientific Council for the Organization for Autism Research (OAR). The conference included breakout sessions for parents, educators and other professionals.

Students of the Instituto per la Bella Voce (Institute of the Beautiful Voice) hosted a summer recital. Under the tutelage of MSUB staff members, gifted high school and junior high solo signers honed their talents during a week-long institute.

Assistant Professors Jodi Lightner and Doug Nagel were visiting artists and faculty at Xuchang University in Henen Province China this summer. Art Professor Lightner displayed her drawings and paintings while teaching Xuchang art students. Music Professor Nagel performed and had the opportunity to teach voice to 20 Chinese students during his stay.

MSUB Historian Tom Rust was awarded the Meritorious Achievement Award from the Lewis and Clark Heritage Trail Foundation. This award was presented for his significant contributions in bringing the nation a greater appreciation and awareness of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Big Sky Economic Development, City College, Billings Chamber of Commerce/CVB, and the Billings Job Service have partnered to address the development of our future workforce. The group created a draft vision statement for their efforts moving forward: By 2023, the Billings region will be the premier business-driven workforce development hub in the Rocky Mountain West.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is a committee assembled to provide insight on the student-athlete experience. The committee offers input on the rules, regulations and policies that affect their lives on NCAA member institution campuses. The group organized the "Athletes Against Hunger" food drive and will host their annual blood drive this fall - continuing their active community involvement.

Tami Haaland, MSUB English Professor and award-winning poet, named by Governor Bullock as Montana's Poet Laureate. Governor Bullock hopes to work with Tami to expand youth literary programs and she is also interested in providing more opportunities for young people to get involved in creative writing. Two writing classes were offered spring semester: *Memory as a Source of Inspiration for Poetry and Lyric Essays* with Tami Haaland and *The Craft of Writing* with novelist Russell Rowland. Students learned how to use memory as a resource for discovery, how to move beyond the limitations of chronology and personal narrative to explore a point of view, and how to create lively and imaginative poems and lyric essays which rely on memory for inspiration.



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ASMSUN Student Senate Election Results - The new officers of the Associated Students of Montana State University-Northern (ASMSUN) for 2013-2014 include

- President - Annie Kling;
- Vice President - Ron Kling;
- Business Manager - Molly Grubb;
- Program Council Chair - Stephanie Hotchkiss; and
- Recreation Council Chair - Michael Schulteis.

Leadership High School - Havre's Leadership High School participants came to the Northern campus for their awards banquet. Shannon Newth, KRTV News Anchor, was on hand to share what she has learned about leadership since she graduated from the program.

Golden "N" Recipients - Becky Nicholson and Wane Boysun were this year's Golden "N" winners, an award presented by Student Senate in recognition of outstanding service to students.

Spring Fling - The Northern Lights Athletic & Scholarship Foundation (NLASF) Spring Fling Dinner and Auction raised over \$53,000 for athletic scholarships. Over 500 community members participated in the event.

Consultants in External Relations – MSUN has retained the services of Woosley and Associates, a Billings-based consulting firm, to work with the university to expand its expertise in advocacy, alumni relations, external relations, fund-raising, and capital campaign management.

Northern Hosts TekNoXpo – This spring, 225 high school students visited campus and were exposed to our technical programs and an Excavator Simulator (involving 2 simulators), Backhoe Basketball (with 4 backhoes), and Skid Steer Racing (utilizing 4 skid steers).

Welding Students Help Community - Northern's welding students helped repair a floating fishing dock on Bailey's Reservoir for Fish and Wildlife and welded a 40' footbridge for the Pager's Campground. Students who participated in this endeavor received extra credit.

MSU-Northern Graduation - MSU-Northern conferred 282 degrees on 262 individuals on Saturday, May 4, in the Armory Gymnasium. Our speaker this year was Regent Paul Tuss. The newly formed MSU-Northern Community Orchestra provided live music.

Retirements – Faculty members Vaughn Rundquist, Janet Trethewey, James Edwards, Virgil Hawkinson, and staff member Michael Ley retired this spring.

2013 Founders' Excellence Awardees - The MSU-Northern Foundation presented the 2013 Founders' Excellence awards to David Leeds and Dave Clausen for their significant contribution to the development of Northern and to their profession.

HERS Institute - This summer, Tracey Jette (MSUN's Senior Director for Student Success) attended the 2013 HERS Institute for Women in Higher Education leadership in Denver. Jette connected with 70 women from across the US and heard from Provosts and Deans, Finance Directors, IT Directors and University Presidents.



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Larry Vaccaro, GFC MSU Communications faculty, was recognized as the 2013 recipient of the Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence at the GFC MSU commencement ceremony. The **Dental Hygiene Program** received the 2013 Dean's Award for Innovation for Project Homeless Connect held in January.

Officers of the Associated Students of GFC MSU (ASGFCMSU) for the 2013-14 academic year are: President-**Tim Reese**; Vice President-**Chad Ledbetter**; Secretary-**Katie Pipinich**; and Treasurer-**Nadine Lucke-Poupa**.

Marilyn Besich has been named by MEA-MFT as Faculty Member of the Year. With her background in business, both small and large, Burgess said, "Marilyn could have easily gone down the corporate road." Instead, Besich chose to teach at GFC MSU, where she serves as program director for the Business Administration Department, teaching management and entrepreneurship.

Congratulations to Testing Services Coordinator **Carol Berg**, who was notified recently that she will receive an expenses paid scholarship to attend the National College Testing Association 2013 conference. This award involved a competitive application process for which Carol applied including data and supporting documentation from our testing center.

When **Drew Uecker** became the Director of Adult Basic Education with the Great Falls School District, he set out to increase the number of individuals who earn their General Education Development test (GED) and then go to college. The Adult Basic & Literacy Education (ABLE) program moved to campus in June 2010. Then a Pathways course was developed and added to the six-week GED curriculum. During the course, students prepare a resume, explore vocational fields, and fill out paperwork for financial aid and enrollment to GFC MSU. As a result, the GEDs awarded have increased 74 percent and last fall semester 78 former GED students enrolled in college (approximately a 930 percent increase).

The GFC MSU **Dental Hygiene Program** just received the American Dental Association Community Service Award for Project Homeless Connect. This recognition included a \$3,000 cash award for the program. The first annual Project Homeless Connect Great Falls was held on January 26 with approximately one-hundred seventy-five people attending.

The **Surgical Technology** program, led by Program Director Sandra Allen, received the Galaxy Star Award again for 2013, based on the high percentage pass rate on the national exam.

This fall, through a partnership with the Great Falls Public Schools, 15 students will be dually enrolled at GFC MSU and their respective high schools. At the completion of the program, the GFPS students will receive their **Welding Technology** CAS as well as their high school diploma. Students interested in the program went through a rigorous application and interview process prior to being selected.

GFC MSU has been working with community volunteers to help with the construction of the first **campus garden**; volunteers have assisted in building the fence, constructing raised garden beds, and preparing the foundation for the garden shed.

GFC MSU's **Academic Master Plan** process is in its early stages. The results of a variety of data collection processes will be used for planning and funding for instructional program development and delivery modalities; college services to support student success; staffing; physical infrastructure and technology system. Results of the planning process are used to inform the Strategic Enrollment Management Plan, Facilities Master Plan, and Strategic Plan and may be used to inform department plans.

The **Strategic Enrollment Management Plan** will strengthen the college's value of making data-driven decisions. This work will focus our efforts strategically and become our primary guiding document.