



CAMPUS REPORT | Board of Regents Meeting | January 6, 2015 | Helena



MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | BILLINGS

- Therapy dogs were on campus to help relieve student final exam stress. “Ruff Relief” is a non-profit that brings trained therapy animals into schools and hospitals. The furry four-legged animals spent a few hours on campus to decrease the level of cortisol (stress hormone) and increase endorphins (happiness hormone) for our students.
- MSUB College of Education will offer new and revised programs beginning spring semester 2015 in preparation of the preschool accreditation standards approved recently by the Montana Board of Public Education. The proposed “Early Edge Montana” program would make block grants available to every school district in the state to implement pre-kindergarten programs. Participating preschools would be required to follow accreditation standards that include one licensed early education teacher for every 10 students. The College of Education’s pathway to the early childhood endorsement includes revising the undergraduate early childhood education minor courses and adding a preschool-third grade student teaching experience, thereby setting the state for eligibility for accreditation through the Montana Board of Public Education.
- The campus is alive with music. The MSUB Symphonic Band, the Jazz Ensemble and the Music Department each presented their annual concerts. MSUB clarinetist student, Mady Johnson, performed with the Billings Community Band and Katelynn Leora Meyer, a mezzo-soprano presented her junior recital. May Staffileno performed her senior recital accompanied by pianist Gail Briceno and was joined by her husband, Thomas, for the final piece, “The Prayer.” Richard Feeley presented his senior bass recital and Kelly Marie Deiling performed her junior soprano recital.
- Matt Rich, army veteran and a political science major sophomore at MSUB, has stepped into the role as President of the Veteran Support Club. This student organization has re-emerged to bolster veteran support services and outreach and to provide a sense of camaraderie for the veterans throughout campus.
- MSUB is introducing a state of the art TEAL (Technology Enhanced Active Learning) classroom spring semester 2015. The classroom, located in the College of Education, is designed to develop student learning through active, engaged instruction.
- MSUB Extended Campus Downtown Location presented a Customer Service Seminar, training participants on how to excel in dealing with the public. Chuck Wendt, President/CEO MSUB Foundation, shared his insights through a fun and highly interactive seminar.
- City College at Montana State University Billings celebrated their third year rebranding anniversary and have proudly served the Billings community for 45 year as College of Technology and Billings Vocational Technical Center.