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- ASMSUB President, Sonja Choriki, was elected to serve as the Montana Associated Students President. Dr. Joe Oravec, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at MSUB, said, "Choriki has been a visible and passionate student leader in many roles. She brings previous experience as ASMSUB Student Resolution Offices and ASMSUB Vice President.
- A comprehensive two-volume set of the *Montana Poll 1989-2015* was released in May by Dr. Craig Wilson, MSUB Professor Emeritus of Political Science. Wilson, in conjunction with the MSUB Library, made the two-volume set available to the public via the library's website www.musbillings.edu/library. "This is a piece of Montana history and MSU Billings history that we are proud to display," said MSUB Library Director, Brent Roberts.
- MSUB Outstanding graduates were honored for their highest ideals in academics, leadership, community service and campus engagement. Recipients of the 2015 Outstanding Graduate Award were undergraduates Brianne DePuydt, Elizabeth Mullins, Jamie Slauch, Ben Smith and graduate student, Emily Peters. The Golden Merit Award recipients were Charmayne Burton and Brianne DePuydt. Best wishes on your achievements. Congratulations!
- An "Evening Reading Series" was featured as part of the new graduate certificate in Teaching Creative and Expository Writing, offered through MSUB Extended Campus. The series was free and open to the public.
- MSUB Career Services partners with close to 70 businesses and organization in Yellowstone County to offer students internships. Employers who offer internships are able to train students and after graduation are ready to employ our students for full-time positions within their business. Senior accounting major Ashley Chouinard began her internship last fall with MSUB Information Technology as a part-time staff member. She said the experience helped her land a full-time job at a public accounting firm after graduation.
- MSUB Night on the Van in partnership with the Salvation Army along with volunteers serve meals every Wednesday throughout the summer to kids, families and individuals within low income neighborhoods through the Billings community.
- TRiO Week, sponsored by MSUB's Student Support Services, Educational Talent Search and Upward Bound, is a national celebration of TRiO programs and their participants. The federally funded program includes outreach and support programs that assist first-generation, economically disadvantages and disabled students to obtain an education. MSUB Student Support Services serves about 280 students annually, Educational Talent Search serves 570, Upward Bound 75 and Veteran's Upward Bound 155. All services are free of charge to students enrolled in the programs.
- Faculty Fridays allows faculty members the opportunity to lecture within their field of expertise to the MSUB campus as well as the community. Dr. Tom Lewis, Associate Professor, Biochemistry, featured Bacterial Sulfur Metabolism: From Bioremediation to Human Disease." Dr. Rod Chiodini, Research Biologist, presented, "The Intestinal Microbiome in Health and Disease with Special Reference to Crohn's Disease" and Dr. Keith Edgerton, Professor of History presented, "Clark on the Yellowstone Lecture Series."