

News and Events from Montana Western:

Faculty, Awards & Honors

Montana Western English Professor ALAN WELTZIEN will participate in three panel discussions at the inaugural "Footsteps of Norman Maclean Festival" July 10-13, 2015 at Seely Lake. Weltzien edited "The Norman Maclean Reader," a compilation of the late author's writings.

FRED CHILSON, professor of business and technology, has been elected to the board of directors of the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) accreditation organization. Chilson was also named to the IACBE's board executive committee. Montana Western's business and technology department was the first in Montana to receive IACBE accreditation.

Montana Western's head athletic trainer and assistant professor JANELLE HANDLOS recently received the Northwest Athletic Trainers' Association (NWATA) Excellence in Service Award. The award recognizes leadership, character, integrity and an outstanding record of service both locally and regionally.

UMW Facts

Since the mid 60s, geology departments from across the country and Canada have come to Montana Western for their summer field camps. Between 20 and 30 universities visit each year including over 500 students and staff. The financial impact to UMW is considerable (about \$500,000). The camps also spend an estimated \$750,000 to \$1 million throughout the community.

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Montana Western awarded 440 degrees to 385 students at COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES in May. The class of 2015 represented 26 states with 75 percent coming from Montana. In addition, 57 percent graduated with honors. Montana Lt. Gov. ANGELA MCLEAN and former UM football coach MICK DELANEY were featured at this year's ceremony.

Environmental field studies students have completed a 476-page study of the Poindexter Slough near Dillon. Professor of Geology ROB THOMAS said the report represents a detailed inventory and assessment of the 4.73 mile slough. "What our students' work represents is graduate level research at undergraduate level," he said.

Oct. 3, 2015 has been chosen as the date for the chancellor's inauguration. The day's activities will include the inauguration ceremony, a showcase of experiential learning by UMW faculty and a scholarship fundraising dinner. Participants are expected from throughout the state and region.

Montana Western and Pima Medical Institute (PMI) will collaborate to offer a veterinary technician associate degree and veterinary assistant certificate program. The collaboration will offer the only two such programs in Montana.

Chancellor BETH WEATHERBY has established a permanent student art collection to display work across the campus. "The Chancellor's Collection" was launched with an initial piece by visual arts graduate JESSICA BACH.