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- MSUB was granted \$1.5 million in federal funding through the U. S. Department of Education to support the TRiO Student Support Services Program. Senator Jon Tester stated, "TRiO has given hard-working students the opportunity to attend college and be among the first ones in their family to graduate. He proudly supports the program so more students can obtain a higher education, accomplish goals and increase their shot at success. MSUB will receive \$304,719 annually throughout the next five-year grant cycle.
- Dr. Lynn George, Assistant Professor, Department of Biological and Physical Science at MSUB, is the recipient of the National Institutes of Health grant to conduct research leading to a better understanding of the neurodevelopmental and neurodegenerative disease, familial dysautonomia. After nearly a decade of research involving the development of the peripheral nervous system and the genetic disorder, FD, also known as Riley-Day syndrome, she was awarded the three-year, \$332,000 R15 Academic Research Enhancement Award. George said she and her students are seeking to better understand the molecular complex that is defective in the disease, the same complex that can be associated with the more common neurodegenerative disease ALS.
- Dr. Emily Arndt, MSUB Assistant Professor of History, was one of 20 scholars, academics and creative writers, selected to receive a 2015-16 short-term fellowship from the prestigious New York Public Library with the opportunity to explore the relationship between food and partisanship during the Early American Republic. Her research, "Making Politics Palatable: Food and Partisanship in the Early American Republic," examines how women participated in the history of politics through various nontraditional approaches such as planning parties and cooking elaborate, politically-themed meals. Arndt said, "By using the kitchen to investigate women's support for political activities, my research aims to expand our understanding of constituted political action in the early national United States. The New York Public Library has one of the most extensive collections of printed cookbooks in American, so it's going to be really fun to get my hands on those."
- The 2015 Montana Service Learning Colloquium hosted by MSUB is a high-quality professional development event that rotates annually among Montana's three largest universities. Jennifer Randall, Office for Community Involvement Coordinator, said, "This colloquium has great information for those just learning about service learning and those who have been implementing projects in their courses for many years."
- MSUB Department of Art's Annual Juried Student Show was on display at the Northcutt Steele Gallery. Guest Juror, Stephen Glueckert, senior curator of exhibitions at Missoula Art Museum, a practicing studio artist and writer of contemporary art in Montana, recognized outstanding achievements during a reception held at the gallery. Recipients of this year's awards were: Kyle Hedden, Melissa Morford, Shayla Fiscus, Holly Grob, Zachary Hinkie and Robbie Mann. Additionally, Jamie LaRie explored narrative paintings for her senior exhibition in the MSUB Student Gallery.
- The Honors Program hosted guest writer, Virginia Korus Spragg, an MSUB writer-in-residence, who shared with students and community members the creative process of writing a screenplay for the stage and screen. Spragg is the co-author of "An Unfinished Life," a 2005 film starring Robert Redford, Morgan Freeman and Jennifer Lopez.
- Junior Aubree Honcoop was nominated for the prestigious Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship for her research endeavors with Dr. Tom Lewis, MSUB Associate Professor, Biochemistry; on bacterial pathogen *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* which involves testing a hypothesis regarding sulfate assimilation in that organism.