# News and Events from Montana Western:

## Faculty Awards & Honors

JULIE BULLARD, longtime early childhood education professor and ECE program director, has been named the 2015 Outstanding Early Childhood Teacher Educator by the National Association of Early Childhood Educators.

Environmental Science Professor ROB THOMAS participated in the Project Kaleidoscope Summer Leadership Institute July 25-30, 2015. Thomas said he enjoyed demonstrating how Montana Western's Experience One learning model is training the next generation of scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians.

Assistant English Professor FRANCIS DAVIS has been awarded a full fellowship to participate in the Vermont Studio Center community in August.

Business Professor CHRISTIAN GILDE will be returning to his native country of Austria to attend the Salzburg Global Seminar on a full fellowship. Gilde will be attending the conference titled "The Search for a New Global Balance: America's Changing Role in the World," Sept. 24-29, 2015.

#### **UMW Facts**

Montana Western is celebrating its 10TH YEAR UNDER EXPERIENCE ONE. Chancellor Beth Weatherby said the unique scheduling program has been a phenomenal success on a number of fronts including enrollment growth and student success.

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Montana Western will receive \$1.24 MILLION over the next five years to continue providing academic and support services to low-income, first-generation and disabled students. The grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Education as a part of the TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES program with the goal of increasing retention and graduation rates among qualifying participants.

The university's INAUGURAL PLANNING COMMITTEE has announced a fundraising reception and dinner as a part of inaugural festivities, Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015. All proceeds from the event will fund student scholarships.

### **Student Successes**

Recent Montana Western graduate TAELER MARIE RODRIGUEZ has been accepted to the University of Denver's psychology graduate program.

Rodriquez said her goal is to become an education specialist in child, family and school psychology.

TROY BREKKE, a graduate of the Montana Youth Challenge Program and Montana Western, has used the skills he's learned at both institutions to start a promising career at Helix Business Solutions.

Montana Western grad JUSTINN MARSHALL has been accepted into the WWAMI regional medical education program with the University of Washington School of Medicine as a Targeted Rural and Underserved Track scholar.