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- MSUB senior, Alex Shin, organized the “Exploring Space” event on campus. The two night event featured an opportunity each night to use the university’s telescopes to view interesting celestial objects. As part of the program each night, Chancellor Nook presented short discussions on locating constellations and some of the stories associated with those constellations from various cultures. Mr. Shin is a participant in the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program. The scholarship, authorized by the National Science Foundation, encourages the development of STEM students and professionals to pursue teaching careers in elementary and secondary schools. Mr. Shin is a senior math major who wants to become a math instructor after graduation.
- The SkillsUSA Club at MSUB City College offered a free vehicle winterization inspection to the community. Katherine Pfau, Automotive Technology Instructor, said although the clinic was free, donations were accepted to help defer the cost of the Montana SkillsUSA Competition next April. About a dozen students will compete in SkillsUSA which partners with students, teachers and industry professionals working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce.
- The Office of Advising and Career Services hosted its annual Etiquette Dinner. The free event gives juniors and seniors a unique opportunity to connect with potential employers and to learn what it takes to make a strong first impression in a dining setting.
- Dr. David McGinnis, Director of Grants and Sponsored Programs at MSUB, was invited to serve a two-year term on the prestigious National Science Foundation Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education. As a member of the committee, he will provide recommendations and oversight concerning support for the NSF’s environmental and education portfolio and act as a liaison with the scientific community to inform the NSF of the impact of its research support and education initiatives.
- MSUB soccer captain, Katlyn Lokay, earned her first career GNAC Player of the Week honor after helping MSUB cinch a berth in the GNAC championships with a 1-0 shutout over Central Washington University. Head Coach, Wojtek Krakowiak, stated, “It is a fitting end to what has been a stellar GNAC career for Katlyn.” Teegan Koster, Ashley Marra are also among the cast of senior experienced veterans.
- The MSUB Music Department hosted close to 400 students, along with their teachers, parents and chaperones from 7 area schools, for a day to work with MSUB faculty in clinics and workshops.
- MSUB ROTC saluted our veterans with a special Vets Day Run. The Billings community was also invited to attend the annual Veteran’s Day Medicine Wheel Ceremony honoring those that have served the United States armed forces.
- The Office of International Studies and Outreach brought to campus acclaimed cellist Josef Luptak, accompanied by renowned musician and composer Boris Lenko. Community members, faculty, staff and students were invited to experience this multi-talented musician, whose mastery of the cello, as well as his captivation personality, delighted the audience.
- The MSUB branch of Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society, presented the 2015 Montana Writers Roundup. The nonprofit academic organization uses proceeds from the event to support a variety of English scholarships, awards and activities.
- Senior student, Molly Markus, received the 2015 NASPA Region V Undergraduate Student Rising Star Award during the Western Regional Conference held in Oakland, California. She is interning with MSUB’s Student Life and Auxiliary Service Office and was recognized for her service to others.
- MSUB art students Bonny Beth Luhman, Amy Mason, Levi Weeks and Flora Hammond explored several ideas for a service learning project in their Ceramics II course. After learning that suicide in Montana is the leading cause of death among youth ages 10-14, and that Montana rates as one of the highest suicide states in the nation, they created and distributed small ceramic keys along with an informational card containing local and national crisis hotline numbers.