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**Fall Graduation** - The 2nd annual Fall graduation reception was held on December 1st in Henseler Auditorium. This year we had 56 students who applied for Fall graduation. Students and family members enjoyed a brief ceremony followed by cake to celebrate. We are proud of our graduates and look forward to hearing what their futures hold.

**Collegiate Stockgrowers Meet-N-Greet** - MSU-Northern Collegiate Stockgrowers club held its 2nd Annual Meet-N-Greet. This year's guest speaker was John Paterson from the National Cattleman's Beef Association. There was a variety of live and silent auction items available to raise money for the North Central Stockgrowers and the Collegiate Stockgrowers.

**Three Rare Flags Preserved** - The Louis and Antoinette Hagener Museum of the Northern Montana Plains Indian and the Northern Alumni Foundation hosted a brief reception to present the three flags that recently returned from being conserved by Teresa Knutson at Rocky Mountain Textile Conservation. The presentation/reception was for the Lions Club and Toni Hagener, who provided the funds to conserve the flags. The 39 Star Flag and the 42 Star Flag will be on display in the museum.

**One MSU Symposium** - MSU-Northern hosted the 3rd Annual One MSU Symposium. This year's theme was "Beyond Articulation Agreements: Developing a Winning Strategy." The two keynote speakers were Senator Mary Sheehy Moe and Commissioner Pam Bucy. Senator Moe shared a presentation called, "Why Teams Win," and Commissioner Bucy spoke on the topic, "The Need for an Educated Workforce." The event provided an opportunity for the top administrators from each of the four MSU campuses to collaborate on ways the campuses can work together for the betterment of our students. The agenda included several panel discussions with experts from around the state gathered to offer their input. The schedule also included various small group discussion times and sessions on "The Student Experience: A Seamless MSU" and "Getting in Sync: Course/Program Sharing."

**First Annual Zombie Chase** - Northern's Cross Country Team hosted the first ever Zombie Chase which took place on Halloween day. The event included four different one-mile chases around campus. The rules were simple: run like crazy, and hope you don't get caught by a zombie. Those that finished without getting caught, won. The cross country program and Relay for Life gave out over 30 prizes and 10 pounds of candy! Ninety-two community members participated in the event.

**2nd Annual Festival of Nations** - Northern hosted its 2nd annual Festival of Nations in celebration of United Nations Day. The theme was "A Day in Colombia," and the dancing troupe, Mi Colombia Linda (My Beautiful Colombia), from Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, performed traditional Colombian dance selections. MSUN student Nicola Ivanovic presented information about his country, Serbia, and Ophelia Gustafson represented the unique culture of Hawaii with a hula presentation. Attendees enjoyed ethnic treats and various vendors' goods alongside the exciting entertainment.

**MSU-Northern Bookstore Remodeled** – This semester students, staff, and the general public have enjoyed the newly remodeled bookstore. The new carpet, new spacious front counter for dual cashier stations, and new metal displays have created an updated look and a welcoming atmosphere. The bookstore is now offering more NIKE selections plus Columbia, Ping, and U-Trau.

**Cowboy Christmas** - MSU-Northern Rodeo Booster Club and Team hosted their 15<sup>th</sup> annual Cowboy Christmas Dinner/Auction on December 5 in the gym. This event was a sellout with over 500 people attending and is the Rodeo Team's primary fundraiser of the year. All benefits are used toward financing MSU-N Rodeo team travel expenses, practices, and scholarships. This year the event grossed over \$56,000 dollars.