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- FLOW, a socially-engaged art project at MSUB, with exhibition and installations setting the framework for a series of community conversations about water issues, rights and usage. MSUB art education students brought the ideas of FLOW to regional youth, inviting groups to create 5x7" panels reflecting upon personal experiences of water and waterways. Resulting works by members of Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming and the Boys & Girls Club of Billings, along with students from Will James Middle School, were on display in the Outer Gallery on campus. Symposium panel presentations and discussions broadened the collective understanding of environmental and geologic aspects of the Yellowstone River and policy perspectives on the river.
- MSUB Service Saturday had more than 70 students, members of the MSUB Softball Team, staff and family members, volunteering to help the Tumbleweed Runaway Program. Heather Tracy, MSUB sophomore said, "We participate in Service Saturday once a month and always as a team." In addition, MSUB student groups assisted Habitat for Humanity, YWCA, Sage Towers and the soon-to-open Rainbow Coffee House at Grace United Methodist Church.
- 10 students from the College of Education presented an exhibit combining computer coding with art, an outcome displaying a synchronized light show created from hundreds of LED light bulbs on strips, controlled by an Arduino microcontroller. The project was led by Professor David Snow, Mathematics Education; Kathryn Plymnesser, Engineering Professor; and Jodi Lightner, Art Professor. Snow said, "All teachers, particularly those in the STEM fields, need to help students see how accessible computing careers are and how even a smaller interest in coding skills can enhance careers in so many other fields."
- As in past years, MSUB accounting students partnered with the Human Resources Development Council (HRDC) to provide tax-filing assistance to the community through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.
- The Power of One week commenced with the national bell ringing ceremony on Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the Peaks to Plains Park on the MSUB campus followed by a reception featuring community activist Eran Thompson; Campus Minister Rob Kirby; and the Reverend Stacy Siebrasse of First English Lutheran Church. Former NFL player, Wade Davis, an advocate, writer and public speaker on race, gender and orientation equity, also presented a lecture.
- After one of the top seasons in men's soccer for MSUB, sophomore forward Ricardo Palomino earned the HERO Sports Division II Legend of the Year award.
- Exhibited in Northcutt Steele Gallery was a galaxy themed collection from in-resident artist Whitney Polich; and an exhibition *Kayfabe* by artist Mark Earnhart. The MSUB Art Students League and Potters Guild presented their exhibition, *Noir [Ambiguity]*, at the December Art Walk. The MSUB Symphonic Band showcased a full range of styles of wind band music during their fall concert.
- Dr. Joshua Poulette, MSUB University Lecturer in the Department of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies; along with political science major Blair Koch, and criminal justice major Jacob Cattnach; presented the 2015 Montana Poll. The poll, now in its 27th year, was conducted by 12 MSUB students through a statewide random sample telephone survey with 435 adult Montanans. Poulette said, "24% identified terrorism while 9% identified the economy, 8% said the federal debt, 11% the government and 8% pointed to immigration as the most important problems facing the United States. It should be noted the poll was taken just days following the attacks."
- The MSUB Chamber Singers and University Chorus presented their holiday concert under the direction of Assistant Professor Doug Nagel. The MSUB Percussion Ensemble featured works by Bach and Wagner under the direction of Luke Kestner. Music student Serin Kwon presented her junior piano recital. Serin moved to Montana from South Korea her junior year in high school. She began studying under MSUB Music Instructor Dorothea Cromley.