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Nursing Program Earns National Accreditation - Following a rigorous evaluation in the fall of 2015, Montana State University-Northern was granted continuing accreditation to both MSU-Northern's baccalaureate and associate nursing programs with the next evaluation visit scheduled for the spring of 2021. ACEN's announcement of this full accreditation is a reflection of their review and evaluation of Northern's rural frontier nursing educational practices and the commitment of its faculty.

Lights Wrestling Team Takes Second in the Nation - Northern's wrestling team finished the year with a dual meet record of 10-2, a first place trophy at the West National Qualifying Tournament (first time since 2004), and second place at the NAIA National Championships.

Little River Institute – Erica McKeon-Hanson is the Program Director for Northern's new Little River Institute, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) program. This program provides students with access to culturally responsive tutoring and mentoring services, and faculty opportunities to engage in professional development on the topics of cultural responsiveness, and to foster the integration of technology in teaching as well as provide advising support and a gathering space for the Sweetgrass Society American Indian student group. They hosted the first Indigenous Education Lecture with Dr. Donald Pepion and the First Annual Indigenous Education Conference which featured nationally recognized experts in the field of American Indian Education.

SkillsUSA – Northern hosted the 45th Annual 2016 SkillsUSA Montana State Leadership and Skills Conference. The event attracted 379 students from 30 high schools and 2 colleges to compete in 36 different competitions.

All-Sports Banquet - This event offered attendees a chance to thank our student-athletes for all their time, energy, and effort and to give appreciation to our senior student-athletes, many of whom have been with Northern for 4 or 5 years. All of the senior athletes were given a watch.

Spring Fling - The Northern Lights Athletics Scholarship Foundation's (NLASF) Annual Spring Fling Dinner and Auction was a great success. There were around 450 attendees. During the festivities, Northern recognized its athletes of the year, Garrett DeMers and Natalee Faupel. Independence Bank won the Bob Bricker Shining Light award, and Nichole Borst, Chris Mouat, and Shawn Huse received their Athletic Department 10-Year Awards.

Tribal Transfer Day - For the second year in a row, students from Blackfeet Community College, Stone Child College, Aaniiih Nakoda College, and Fort Peck Community College spent the day at Northern attending short presentations about Native American studies, the Little River Institute, admissions, financial aid, student activities, registration, housing in Havre, childcare, and North Central Montana Transit.

Safety Workshop - During Spring break, Northern's Strategic Advancement Team and Safety and Disaster Committee members took part in an all-day safety training that prepared them for how to respond if a shooter were to threaten the campus. Five area policemen ran the seminar during which the attendees learned several survival skills that could be used to help them Run, Hide or Fight.

Athletic Hall of Fame – The 2016 inductees for the Athletic Hall of Fame were: Chad Edgar ('99) and Jaci Heny ('07).

Founders Excellence - The MSU-Northern Alumni Foundation presented the 2016 Founders' Excellence Award to Tom Baker and Dr. George Bandy. Both the Hall of Fame and the Founders' Excellence Award were presented on May 6 at the Founders Awards Banquet.