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Student Success Committee Presents:

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All faculty and staff encouraged to attend



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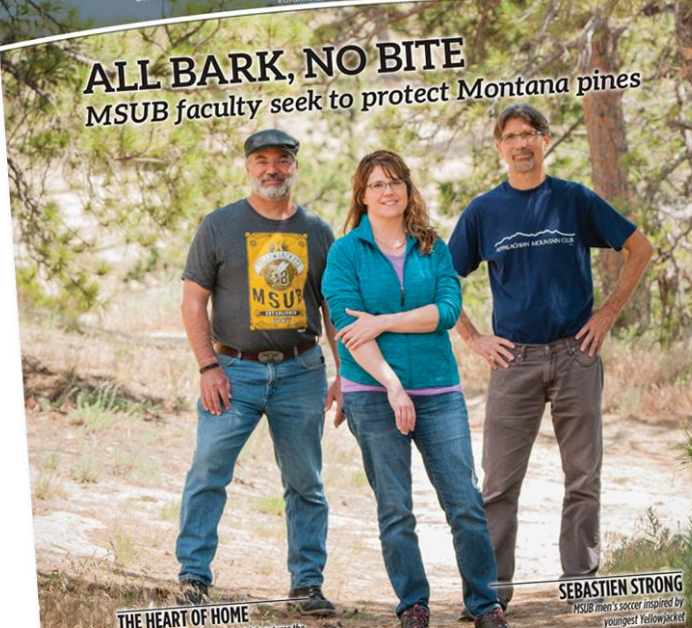


PEAKS to PLAINS

an inside look at montana's urban university
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ALL BARK, NO BITE

MSUB faculty seek to protect Montana pines



THE HEART OF HOME
MSUB marketing students' commercial captures the heart of Miles City downtown

FROM MONTANA TO MOROCCO
Allied Health students explore health care in a global way

SEBASTIEN STRONG
MSUB men's soccer inspired by youngest fellow jacket

NEW TO NEUROSCIENCE
NIH grant provides student research opportunities at MSUB

Marc Swanson named Alaska's Educator of Year, receives Governor's Award

The Alaska State Council on the Arts and the Alaska Humanities Forum plus the Arts and Culture Foundation in conjunction with the state's Governor's Office named Eastern Montana College alumnus Marc Swanson of Seward, Alaska, the 2016 Alaska Studies Educator of the Year.

The award recognizes individuals who "enrich the culture of the state," the announcement states.

Alumni Association caught up with Swanson. Here is what he had to say:

Q. Where are you now and what has been your path to getting here?

I currently reside in Seward, Alaska and have been (kinda, sorta) since '92. I headed straight out the doors of Eastern Mt. College in 1980 teaching in native villages throughout Alaska. I also had the pleasure of a teaching fellowship in the "land down under." Upon my retirement, I returned to Red Lodge, Montana and established a mini-career in environmental education offering programs for local schools. That led to contract jobs back in Alaska including the historic videos curriculum I developed, which was recognized for in the Governor's Award."

Q. What drew you to getting an education degree?

I'm mildly ironic that as a young student I thoroughly loved school. It wasn't until high school when I worked as a summer camp counselor instructing natural sciences that I realized my passion, and aptitude, towards education. This led and amplified my drive to pursue an educational

Q. What are some of your favorite memories of your time at EMC?

My college studies at University of Montana. Growing up in Billings who would attend college in their hometown? wrap up my degree at Eastern Montana. A difference it made. I found an educational setting that was fun and more personable. My department was family. Professors and I were approachable on a basis and the core of the right knit. It was such a warm atmosphere from UM and it fit



Marc Swanson, back row center, was named Alaska's Educator of the Year.

Q. How do you feel about the award?

I chose to switch to Eastern late in my studies. It was a decision that could have bitten me in the ass; however, I learned that though change can be difficult, it can be rewarding. Also, since I had to justify the transfer of various credits, I learned to be an advocate for myself and to be confident in my own skill set. That in itself was a life lesson."

Q. What's next in your career and life?

"Wow. Who knows? I've been recently hired by the University of Alaska to help manage the Seward Marine Center Laboratories and to coordinate the regional National Ocean Science Bowl... talk about a wild swing in career from a former 6th grade teacher! I also am continuing my outreach work with Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm NHA. (My work, including videos, is on line at kmtacorridor.org)

Q. What do you like to do for fun?

"For me outdoors. I also volunteer at the local fire department as an EMT/Firefighter/Search and Rescue. All that and being with good friends drinking beer around a campfire.

Q. Tell us about your family

"The woman who allows me to live with her is Letty Swanson. We met as Alaskan bush teachers some 34 years ago and managed to procreate two pretty dang'ed nice kids."





Welding his way to a national competition

Nick Neihenke brought home a 2nd place national win from the 52nd Annual SkillsUSA Competition — the second top 10 medal for City College



The American Indian Business Leaders team of Montana State University Billings brought home the national championship last week, and while the trio's business venture is just beginning, it's the sixth national championship won by MSUB's AIBL

**2016 Montana Business
Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
Tuesday, October 11**



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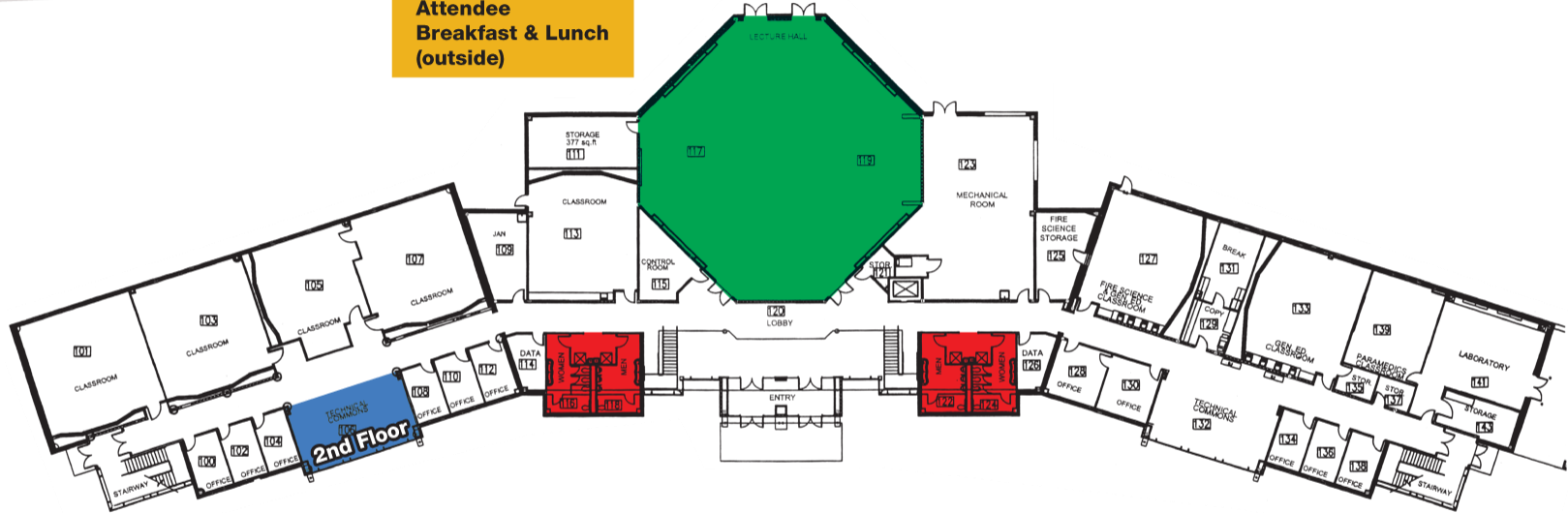
Henry Winkler





**TICKETS
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**Attendee
Breakfast & Lunch
(outside)**



-  **Regents Meeting**
-  **Restrooms**
-  **Sept. 14 & 15, Regents Lunch & Breakfast**
-  **Business Center**



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2 Travel north on Shiloh Road for 1.7 miles, to Rimrock Road.

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