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- The MSUB Upward Bound program was awarded federal grant funding, ensuring continue support for the successful program that prepares area high school students for college. Dan Benge, Upward Bound Director, said, "Our goal isn't recruitment, but in placing them in a college that benefits the student and the data shows that Upward Bound is a great success."
- Staff Appreciation celebrated the great staff at MSUB. Special recognition went to: Shayla Fox, Volunteer Engagement Coordinator with the Office for Community Involvement; Tara Haupt, Academic Advisor, Advising and Career Services; Zachery Delger, Computer Systems Analyst, Information Technology; Tami Eller, Accounting Associate, Business Services; Geraldine Miller, Custodian, Facilities Services; and Emily Peters, New Student Support Specialist, City College Jacket Student Central.
- "Kids on Campus at MSU Billings" is a great opportunity for students to experience life on a college campus. The programs are for children in 4-9 grades who are looking for a great summer experience learning something new or building upon existing skills. The camps are academic-based and taught by K-12 educators or MSUB/City College faculty who are professional educators and experts in their fields.
- Internships offer MSUB students valuable experiences and skills that look impressive on their resumes. Jasmine Ness, marketing major, is spending her summer internship with Big Sky State Games drafting press releases and managing its social media presence. Leonie Gelfarth, a marketing & management major, is also interning with Big Sky State Games updating and designing promotional publications for the non-profit.
- City College Construction and Carpentry students completed a 1,400 square foot, 28 ft. x 50 ft. modular home project. Sealed bids were accepted through May 19th. Instructor, Terry Madtson, said "This yearly project really gives students the hands-on experience they need so they are ready to enter the workforce and many go on to run their own contracting business." Francisco Saldivar, Department Chair for Business Construction and Energy Technology, said, "This sale is vital to the program's sustainability at MSUB."
- New student summer orientations have begun at MSUB on both the university campus and at City College. The overnight, two-day orientation program will provide students with an informative and engaging experience. The face-to-face with students, faculty and staff, in addition to the Virtual Hive Post-Orientation, are an effort to get students ready to start college in the fall and to help set them up for a successful transition into college.
- MSUB Extended Campus launched a new drone program. Kevin Nemeth, Director of the Extended Campus, scheduled the first class this spring, *Drones for Dummies*, and a second more advanced class this summer, *Droneography*.
- MSUB hosted a model United Nations Summit for area high schools. The Summit, sponsored by the Political Science Department, brought over half a dozen high schools and some 120 high school students together to take part in the mock UN General Assembly and Security Council conferences. "We are hosting the event because we want to give a platform to schools all over MT and beyond to come together and discuss issues of global concern and seek policy resolutions to those issues," said Nisha Bellinger, Assistant Professor of Political Science.
- The Fifth Annual Montana State University Billings Research and Creativity Conference offered students the opportunity to showcase their research, scholarship or creative work in a professional and supportive setting," said Honors Program Director David Craig. David also stated, "We are pleased how faculty and students have worked in tandem to grow the quality of this event. With each year, we've been delighted to see how our students take the knowledge gained in our classrooms, labs, and studios and apply it to generate insights about the world around them. This application of classroom learning to innovative research and creative expression is at the heart of what our university represents."
- A beautiful array of musical performances were enjoyed this spring from the Symphonic Band; Jazz; Chamber Singers and Chorus; Soprano Malia Howell; solo pianist Tanner Jordan; senior clarinet recital, Mady Johnson; junior horn recital, Belle Horman; and senior trombone recital, Josh Zeeck. Guest artists in Josh's recital included Danielle Branson, John Roberts, and Josh's accompanist, Tim Schoessler.