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**SkillsUSA** - MSU-Northern was proud to host the 2017 SkillsUSA Montana State Leadership and Skills Conference. During that time, 325 students came from 35 Montana high schools and 2 colleges to participate in 36 different competitions.

**Scholarship Awards Celebration** - This year's awards ceremony was a well-attended event full of thanks and appreciation. There were 256 scholarships given to 188 people. The total amount given in scholarships was \$204,670.

**Student Excellence Award Winners** - To receive the award, the student must demonstrate a commitment to educational goals through academic achievement and participation in extracurricular activities. The winners were: Courtney Cota, Thomas A. Cooper, Natalee Faupel, Genasee Bass, Jaime Toscano Gabriel A. Benavidez, Jessica Hoel, Tayla Snapp, Joshua Gomez, Brandy Tannahill, Chelsea N. Mavencamp,

**Golden N Awards** - The Golden "N" recipients this year were Will Taylor, Tom Welch, and Jeremy Hofman. The winners are selected by students based on the helpfulness and overall readiness to assist students and help them achieve.

**First Annual International Poetry Reading Night** - Presenters spoke in 18 languages, including French, Spanish, Old English, Malayalam, Aaniinen, Assinboine, Filipino and Mandarin. They presented works from renowned authors as well as personal poetry from Minerva Allen and Lenore Stiffarm

**Forty-First Annual Sweetgrass Society Powwow** - The Sweetgrass Society hosted the 41st Annual Powwow in the MSUN Armory Gymnasium. The Powwow brought hundreds of Powwow participants to the Hi-Line from places throughout the United States and Canada.

**All-Sports Banquet** - Northern hosted their fourth annual All-Sports Banquet. The All-Sports Banquet provided an opportunity for people to say thank you to the senior student athletes who will be moving into the workforce to begin a new chapter of their lives.

**\$250K Matching Grant from Washington Foundation** – MSU-Northern received an additional matching grant of \$250,000 from The Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation that was able to turn into \$500k to help build the new Diesel Technology Center. This donation was the fulfillment of a matching grant issued by The Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, in conjunction with Modern Machinery, a Washington Company.

**Twelfth Spring Fling** - The Northern Lights Athletic Scholarship Foundation hosted its 12th Annual Spring Fling, one of the greatest fundraisers of the year for athletic scholarships.

**Student Athletes of the Year** - The 2017 Male and Female Athletes of the Year were Ben Stroh (wrestling) and Natalee Faupel (women's basketball). Stroh, captured the NAIA National Championship at 184 pounds. He won seven tournament titles throughout the season, and finished with a record of 45-2. He ended the season on a 41-match winning streak, and was named the NAIA Wrestler of the Year. Faupel holds numerous Skylight basketball records, and is the program's all-time leading scorer with 1829 points. She was a First Team All-Frontier selection for three consecutive years, and was the 2016 Frontier Conference Most Valuable Player.

**Students Cleaning up Donaldson Commons for Year End Dance** – Donaldson Hall has been closed for over 10 years. Student Senate is cleaning up Donaldson Commons in order to hold their first annual Bowtie Dance on the evening of graduation. They hope to stimulate the campus and community into making the facility usable again.