



Students Respond to Lodgepole Fires – MSU-Northern Collegiate Stockgrowers club received statewide recognition for helping local ranchers rebuild 10 miles of highway right-of-way fence, which was destroyed by the Bridge Coulee fire along Highway 200, west of Sand Springs. The stretch involved 12 different pastures of various sizes.

Education Advances Award – MSU-Northern is one of six higher education institutions who won the 2017 Hobsons Education Advances Awards, recognizing innovative approaches to helping students succeed. The award recognized MSU—Northern’s use of the Radius CRM software to solve data and communication challenges that were hindering recruitment. Radius has since helped the Office of Admissions and Recruiting streamline its workflows and to be more strategic in its recruitment efforts.

Wärtsilä Engine Donation – MSU-Northern was pleased to accept the donation of a big bore diesel engine from Wärtsilä North America. The engine and related tools are valued at \$1.1 million dollars, and will be used in Northern’s “Big Bore Lab,” which will be housed in the new Diesel Technology Center. The 12-cylinder 3000 horsepower engine represents a smaller scale of their larger engines that are used in freighters and cruise ships. Due to the basic components being the same in all Wärtsilä engines, this engine is an ideal trainer for MSU-Northern’s diesel technology students. In addition to the engine, Wärtsilä is providing manuals, faculty training, and specialized tools designed to work on this engine. Faculty will be able to teach fuel systems, components, component removal, and component installation using correct and safe methods as per Wärtsilä procedures.

Staff & Faculty Update – Maura Gatch was hired as the new Director of Admissions and Recruiting. Two new Admissions Specialists joined us as well: Bo Bettinson and Laura Willis. Roselidah Obunaga leads the Women’s Volleyball team as the new head coach. Charlie Mack joins the Diesel program as an Assistant Professor. Marvin McCLEndon has accepted an offer for Assistant Professor of Mathematics. Dane Vanderpan is a new Assistant Football Coach. Suzanne Hunger now serves as the Human Resources Manager.

Summer Co-ops – This summer we had 68 MSU-Northern students do a co-op with one of our industry partners. The students were part of the following programs: 9 Agricultural, 3 Auto, 7 Business, 13 Criminal Justice, 1 Community Leadership, 30 Diesel Technology, 3 Health Promotions, and 2 Plumbing Technology.

Staff Appreciation luncheon – On June 13, MSU-Northern hosted their annual staff appreciation luncheon. Chancellor Kegel gave a heart-felt address and affirmed that every person at MSU-Northern is important and valued.

Summer Camps – This summer the campus was alive with young people taking advantage of various camps. These camps included drama, Upward Bound, wrestling, football, men’s basketball and women’s basketball. They ranged in age from elementary to high school and are a great way for kids to get comfortable with our campus.

Campus Improvements

- New Diesel Technology Center Project being constructed
- Repaved the south parking lots
- Repaired the brick in front of Cowan Hall
- New locker room for Wrestling
- New locker room for Cross Country
- Several classrooms and offices were painted and carpeted
- Renovated Cowan Hall Conference Room
- Renovated Hagener Science Center room 103
- Renovated a small locker room in the Gym for the referees
- SUB HVAC improvements - new boilers, building controls and new kitchen hood exhaust