



**Best School for Economic Mobility in Montana** - A report just released by Zippia named MSU Northern as the #1 school in Montana for economic mobility in the state, and #15 in the nation. The report was based on data compiled by Opportunity Insights, a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization located at Harvard University. Zippia's rankings focused on the college or university's "mobility rate," or the number of students that started college in the bottom 20 percent of income distribution and reached the top 20 percent.

**Enrollment** – MSU Northern has 1082 students attending classes. While that number is down compared to last year, the University is seeing growth in many of our target initiatives. We are pleased to see that in the last year, our diesel program has grown 35%, Nursing 29%, and Business 22%.

**\$162k Grant to Increase American Indian Student Retention Rates** – MSU Northern received a supplemental award for \$161,904 from the U.S. Department of Education's Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) program. The funds will enhance the current five-year NASNTI project known as the Little River Institute.

**2018 YALC** - A number of MSU Northern Ag students attended the 2018 Young Agriculture Leadership Conference (YALC) in Billings. YALC brings young Montana agriculturalists together and offers opportunities for leadership, education, networking, and personal growth.

**American Indian Heritage Week** - The Little River Institute and the Sweetgrass Society organized several events in honor of American Indian Heritage Week. These included Tipi raising from various Montana tribes and the "Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness Walk" where people walked one mile while holding signs sharing the names of each missing or murdered Indigenous woman from Montana.

**WANTO Workshop** – MSU Northern presented a WANTO (Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations) workshop for women in the Havre area. Women had the opportunity to get a hands-on exposure to the work that electricians and plumbers do for a living.

**Suicide Awareness Walk** – Two hundred people participated in the fourth Annual Hill County Suicide Awareness walk on the MSUN campus. The event provides an opportunity for those who have struggled with depression or suicidal thoughts as well as those who have lost someone to suicide to share their stories and heal.

**Ag Clubs Host Livestock Judging Event** – MSU Northern's Collegiate Stockgrowers Club and their Professional Agricultural Student Club (PAS) hosted a livestock-judging contest at the Northern Agricultural Research Center's (NARC) livestock facilities. Approximately 30 contestants from as far away as Canada and Valley County learned how to judge livestock.

**Festival of Nations** - The Lethbridge Lankas, Southern Alberta Ethnic Association (SAEA), and the University of Montana Pacific Islander Club traveled to MSUN to celebrate the Fifth Annual Festival of Nations.

**Hook Up Information Session** - Catharsis Productions conducted an engaging discussion about dating, sex, and hooking up. The session helped people clarify when actions are considered sexual violence and how bystanders can protect potential victims from predators.

**Frida Kahlo Art Exhibit** - This art exhibit was in observance of Hispanic Heritage Month. Frida Kahlo is one of the most iconic surrealist female artists in Mexican history. Her art is very autobiographical and dramatic.

**Ed Asner Performed on Campus** - MAT veterans Jay Pyette and Kate Hagen teamed up to perform the hilarious political comedy, *God Help Us*, with ED ASNER (of *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, *The Lou Grant Show*, *Elf*, *Up*, and many more). The show ran for one weekend and was directed by Los Angeles director Mitch Levine.