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- Over the course of five years, **MSU Billings will receive a \$450,000 grant through the National Institutes of Health (NIH)** via the Montana IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE). The grant will fund undergraduate research projects in biomedical and public health areas and clinical internships for medical laboratory sciences students.
- **MSU Billings received two Telly awards for the Montana REAL ID public information campaign videos.** The TV ads and information campaign were developed by students in five classes over two semesters and feature Lewis and Clark as they try to navigate Montana without REAL IDs.
- **MSU Billings' Master of Science in Special Education Advanced Studies Applied Behavior Analysis degree was awarded a five-year accreditation.** The program is the 21<sup>st</sup> worldwide to earn accreditation through the Association for Behavior Analysis International Accreditation Board.
- **MSU Billings has named Susan Simmers, MBA, as Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance.** She most recently served as Assistant Vice President for Finance at the University of Northern Colorado. Simmers has an MBA from Creighton University, a Bachelor of Business Administration from Saint Louis University, and a CPA Certificate issued by Nebraska. She plans to seek licensure in Montana. Simmers joined the university on August 19.
- **Nearly 40 MSU Billings students embarked on five faculty-led study abroad programs during the month of May.** Students traveled to Morocco, southern Europe (including Italy, Greece, and Macedonia), Germany, Peru, and Spain.
- **City College at MSU Billings was awarded two grants** to fund Career Technical Education Programs and grow dual credit CTE programs. The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act grant will allow City College to sponsor a CTE seminar for City College faculty and high school teachers and counselors. The Montana Career Pathways grant will allow the development of dual enrollment courses related to CTE.
- **MSU Billings student Michael Largo was chosen to represent Native American culture** at Rocky Mountain College's Festival of Cultures. Largo was the sole Native American representative at the festival. He will graduate in December with a degree in criminal justice and a minor in art.
- **The Elk River Writing Project, a branch of the National Writing Project at MSU Billings, hosted the Invitation Leadership Institute.** Participants developed strategies to cultivate best literacy practices with an emphasis on Indian Education for All.
- **Becky Anglin, department chair of health care services at MSU Billings, was awarded a \$15,000 grant** to add screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment training (SBIRT) to the curriculum of the Healthcare Service program. SBIRT training will educate those taking the health promotion and education and family nursing courses on how to screen patients for substance abuse and help refer them to the proper services.
- **MSU Billings Veterans Upward Bound and the MSUB Military and Veterans Success Center hosted a free Veterans' Resource Fair** on July 18. Over 40 organizations participated in the fair geared toward military service members, veterans, and veteran families.
- **The MSU Billings Foundation and College of Business announced the 2019 Montana Business Hall of Fame inductees.** The 2019 class includes Marilyn Bartlett, George Selover, and Larry Simkins. The annual Montana Business Hall of Fame Banquet will be on November 6 at the Northern Hotel.
- **MSU Billings welcomed representatives from the Capital University of Economics and Business.** Representatives met with the Office of International Studies, College of Business, and Chancellor Dan Edelman to discuss the universities' relationship.
- **MSU Billings Assistant Professor of Health and Human Performance Will Hobbs embarked on a faculty trip abroad to Taiwan and Japan.** Hobbs represented both MSU Billings and the Wilderness Education Association, working alongside his counterparts and guest lecturing at other universities.
- **The Elk River Writing Project co-sponsored the Writing in Science Summer Intensive** with the Montana Office of Public Instruction at Fairmont Hot Springs July 7-9. The institute provided Montana teachers with a community of learners, writers, and practitioners in writing and science and allowed participants to use writing to connect themselves, their students and their communities while implementing the new Montana Content Standards for Science.
- Billings band Arterial Drive, which features an **MSU Billings alumni member and several current students, noted the impact their university classes had on their success.** Alumnus Drew McDowell credits the classes he took while a student at MSU Billings for the group's marketing strategies and notes that the lessons he learned at the university extended far beyond the classroom.