



**New Hockey Club Sport** – MSU Northern was approved by the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) to start a men’s hockey club and compete at the ACHA Division 2 level. This first year will be for recruiting students and building the program. Students will be allowed to walk on to the team. All players will have to pay \$1,500 to play and will be subject to the eligibility process.

**Autonomous Proposal** – Alec Bierbauer and Michael Marks visited campus to discuss ways MSU Northern could partner with them on their initiative to develop a National Center for Autonomous Technology. Their goals are to team up with MSU Northern to advance science and education regarding GPS guidance systems and precision Agriculture.

**STEM research** – Dr. Terri Hildebrand, MSU Northern Associate Professor of Biology, facilitated a summer STEM research experience for MSU Northern’s American Indian students. Dr. Hildebrand mentored students through research in the Lost River Wildlife Management Area, Beaver Creek Park, as well as the MSU Northern greenhouse. Their research includes long-term monitoring of natural resources in these areas.

**Auto Program Receives National Ranking** – The Best Schools (TBS) ranked MSU Northern’s Automotive Program second in the nation. TBS highlighted Northern’s comprehensive curriculum centered on Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification standards. The report emphasized that students gain valuable work experience with potential employers through practicums.

**2019 SkillsUSA National Conference** – MSU Northern’s diesel technology student, Cole Rhodes, took second place at the 2019 SkillsUSA National Conference and Competition, and Anton Poelman took 25th in the automotive technology category.

**Montana NEW Leadership Institute** – Two MSU Northern students, Jaclyn Bates and Erika Anderson, joined undergraduate women from across the state for the third annual Montana NEW Leadership Institute at the University of Montana.

**Spring Semester Dean’s List** – The Montana State University Northern’s spring semester Dean’s List contains 351 students. To be included, students must carry a minimum of 12 credits and earn a grade point average of 3.25 or better.