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**Harmon Family Donates Land** – MSU-Northern was gifted a parcel of 43 acres at the west-end of Havre. The gift comes from the family of Ron and Patty Harmon, also of Havre, whose intent is that the property be used for future projects or buildings as deemed by the University.

**Advanced Stroke Course** – MSU-Northern’s nursing department is the first training center in Montana to offer the advanced stroke life support workshop. They have taught three classes so far and will be starting community classes this summer.

**Montana Education and Agriculture Showcase** – MSU-Northern helped facilitate a series of meetings with educators, agricultural industry leaders, legislators, and the Montana Board of Regents for the first Montana Education and Agriculture Showcase. Over 120 people enjoyed a delicious meal entirely sourced and made in Montana. The event gave Northern a chance to showcase the importance of MSU-Northern’s programs to the state’s workforce.

**MSU-Northern Commencement** – MSU-Northern hosted the graduation ceremony for the 2022 class. This year’s commencement speaker was Senator Brian Hoven. The Registrar’s office reported that 263 students received a total of 377 degrees. The numbers breakdown is as follows: 131 females, 132 males, 52 certificates, 142 associate’s, 163 bachelor’s and 20 master’s degrees.

**Nurses Pinning** – Seventeen Nursing students received their nursing pin at the annual Nurses Pinning Ceremony, which was held on May 6, 2022. Assistant Nursing Professor Stacey Fast gave the challenge to the class.

**44th Annual Powwow** – MSU-Northern’s Sweetgrass Society was honored to host the 44th annual powwow in the Armory Gymnasium (April 8-9). This is the first year back since Covid caused a two-year delay. The powwow featured over 100 dancers registered in categories for males and females ages 18 to 54 and golden age dancers 55 and older.

**Student Scholarships** – On April 8, MSU-Northern gave out 296 scholarships to 184 students. The total amount of scholarships awarded was \$247,485. This was \$22,000 more than the previous year!

**Students Rock SkillsUSA** – Four MSU-Northern students traveled to Helena to compete at the Montana SkillsUSA competition. Nicole Burnside and Riley Mortenson took first place at the state level. They are planning to attend nationals in Atlanta, Georgia in June.

**Student Excellence Awards** - The Student Excellence Award is the highest honor that a student can receive at MSU-Northern. This year’s recipients are: Shay Waldbillig, ShaAnn Danelson, Grace Schwenk, Kaci Nicholson, Tristin Gauer, and Jennell Huff.

**MSU-Northern Honors Retirees** - The four staff and faculty members who retired this year are: Lori Borth - the coordinator for Veteran’s Upward Bound, Vicki Gist – library director, Dr. Steve Hesske – English professor, and Dr. Carol Reifschneider – science professor of water quality technology. Together these four people have given 114 years of collective dedication to MSU-Northern.

**Outdoor Plumbing Lab** - The plumbing students moved outside to use their new outdoor plumbing lab. In this lab, students learn how to prepare and run the plumbing that is located under a house or business structure.

**COTS Advisory Boards** - The College of Technical Sciences hosted advisory board meetings for Diesel Technology, Automotive Technology, Ag Mechanics & Agricultural Operations Technology, Civil Engineering Technology, Business Technology, Electrical Technology, Plumbing Technology, Pipefitters & Related Training, Joint Welding Technology and Industrial Technology.