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Provost Retires – Dr. R. Neil Moisey retired on Dec. 7 from his position as Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs for MSU Northern. During his time at Northern, he oversaw many curriculum and program changes, and several successful accreditation reviews.

Interim Provost Named - Dr. Carol Reifschneider was named Interim Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Provost. Dr. Reifschneider came to Northern in 1995 as the Assistant Professor of Water Quality and retired as Professor of Water Quality Technology in May 2022. During her time at Northern, Dr. Reifschneider also served as department chair as well as Interim Dean of the College of Education, Arts & Sciences, and Nursing.

Cowboy Christmas - the MSU Northern Rodeo Booster Club celebrated the 22nd Annual Cowboy Christmas Fundraiser. There were over 500 people in attendance and they raised over \$90K (gross). The funds raised from Cowboy Christmas go toward scholarships, travel, and practice facilities.

Leadership Training – Eight members of the Chi Alpha Club traveled to Dillon, Montana, to take part in the Student Activist Leadership Training (S.A.L.T.) conference, which included the Chi Alpha clubs from Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, and Utah. Stuart Jenks won the Chi Alpha Chalice by competing against a representative from each campus.

Plains Indians Lecture - Kenneth “Tuffy” Helgeson shared an oral history of the Plains Indians for Dr. Grant Olson’s Intro to Humanities class. Growing up in Lodgepole, Montana, he learned the Nakoda language and about the culture of the Assiniboine people. He shared amazing stories about his life and the history of the Plains Indians.

Dean’s List - MSU Northern’s fall semester Dean’s List contains 364 students. To be included in the Dean’s List, students must carry a minimum of 12 credits and earn a grade point average of 3.25 or better.

Brown Bag Lectures – The Instruction, Research, & Faculty Development committee, along with the Office of Teaching & Learning Excellence present a monthly lecture over the lunch hour, which allows faculty an opportunity to showcase their work and present some of their research results. These lectures are very educational and answer questions like, “How Precise is Precision Agriculture?” what are, “The Metabolic Effects Related to Four Weeks of High Intensity Interval Training? Was the Lights pre-season conditioning program effective in improving their cardio endurance?”

TOPP Program Success - MSU Northern's grant-funded “Grow Your Own” program, Teachers of Promise Pathways (TOPP), helps address teacher shortage by offering teacher preparation dual enrollment courses for high school students across the Hi-Line and Northcentral regions this spring. TOPP hopes to build on its success from the fall semester of 2022, which found approximately 40 high school students from Havre and Great Falls enrolled in teacher-prep college classes at MSU Northern and Great Falls College MSU.

Real Life Marketing - MSU Northern business students are writing a marketing plan for Feed My Sheep, a soup kitchen in Havre, Montana. Students are using their communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills to develop a plan that will meet their needs and the budget of this local non-profit organization.