

CAMPUS REPORT | March Board of Regents Meeting | March 14-15, 2024



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[Alzheimer's Research](#) – Progress continues on Dr. Giuseppe Paolo Cortese's INBRE grant that studies cellular and molecular events that may cause the synaptic disruptions commonly associated with Alzheimer's Disease. Their preliminary findings have already led to a novel gene candidate that is downregulated in the AD brain, and contributes to hyperexcitable activity in cultured neurons.

[Vitamin D Research](#) – Dr. Chad Spangler is conducting a study on the changes in vitamin D levels and respiratory illness frequency in 19 men's and women's basketball players. Participants are not provided with vitamin D supplements and are tested during the first week of each month, regardless of illness status, and thereafter take weekly surveys about upper respiratory illness symptoms.

[Two Named as NWCCU Fellows](#) - MSU-Northern is proud to announce that Dr. Lindsey Brandt-Bennett and Jay Howland have been selected as Fellows for the NWCCU Data Equity Fellowship program.

[2024 Annual Chamber Meeting](#) - Chancellor Greg Kegel had the honor of being the keynote speaker for the 2024 Havre Area Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting. He spoke on the economic impact MSU-Northern has on Havre and the Hi-Line communities.

[New Dean of COTS](#) - Steven Don was named the new Dean of the College of Technical Science at MSU-Northern! With a rich background in education and a dedication to fostering collaborative environments, Dean Don brings a wealth of experience and passion to his new role.

[Renovations Over Winter Break](#) - The cafeteria replaced the two food lines with state-of-the-art friers, stoves, pizza ovens, and pop and juice dispensers. Brockmann Center received new LED lights, a new ventilation system, and sound absorbing ceiling tiles. The Auto Tech building received a new efficient HVAC system.

[Cowboy Christmas](#) - the MSU-Northern Rodeo Booster Club celebrated the 24th Annual Cowboy Christmas Fundraiser. There were over 500 people in attendance and they raised over \$100K (gross). The funds raised from Cowboy Christmas go toward scholarships, travel, and practice facilities.

[Dean's List](#) - MSU-Northern's fall semester Dean's List contains 334 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.

[Altana Student Scholarships](#) - Altana Federal Credit Union presented a major gift check for \$25,000 to the MSU-Northern Foundation for student scholarships. Altana plans to help it grow to \$100,000 or more in the years to come.

[Students Reaching Students](#) – Over the Christmas break, ten students from MSU-Northern took part in the "Students Reaching Students" program, an initiative aimed at connecting Northern students with high school students in their hometowns.

[Athletes In Service Award](#) - Sydney Hansen received the Montana Campus Compact's Montana Athletes in Service Award for her community service activities. She contributes to Havre and the surrounding communities year-round. Hansen has participated in nearly twenty service projects a year during her time at Northern.