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Enrollment Remains Steady - MSU-Northern has 1232 students attending classes. Northern has experienced an increase in the numbers of freshman students for the past 3 years. Enrollment is up 40 FTE in undergraduate students. Residence halls are running at near capacity with 302 students living on campus (280 last year) and they had 25 more out of state students than last year.

Accreditation Visit – The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities recently conducted their seven-year on-site accreditation review visit. The team met with various faculty and staff members and gave two commendations and several recommendations which were very helpful and encouraging.

Scholarship Donation - The Haynes Foundation, a charitable foundation founded by Jack Ellis Haynes and Isabel May Haynes in 1958, has established an endowment of \$661,000 with the Montana State University Northern Alumni Foundation. The endowment will be used to provide scholarships to undergraduate students who have graduated from a Montana high school.

Alumni Auction - Northern Alumni Foundation held their annual Alumni Chinese Auction to raise funds for student scholarships at MSU-Northern. This year's auction was another great success with close to \$17,000 raised. The event included a wine lotto, a gun raffle, and some great silent auction prizes.

Chancellor's Lecture Series – Northern has already enjoyed two lectures this semester. Dave Caserio presented a dramatic, high-energy, Reader's-Theatre performance based on the work of Walt Whitman, entitled "Walt Whitman and the Civil War." Kristi Hager presented "Dueling Paintbrushes" which was a look at the paintings by two different painters, George Catlin and Karl Bodmer as they traveled up the Missouri River within a year of each other.

3rd Annual Festival of Nations - This year, Northern had dancers from the University of Montana that were originally from China, Indonesia, and Armenia; they will be presenting traditional pieces from their respective countries. They also had guest speakers from Greece, Denmark, and Puerto Rico.

Faculty Promotions – The Chancellor and his wife hosted a special dinner to recognize the hard work and dedication that the faculty have accomplished to achieve promotion or tenure. The faculty honored were: Norton Pease was promoted to Full Professor, Jeremy Siemens and Dr. John Foley were promoted to Associate Professor status, and Dr. Peter Hart received his tenure.

Hello Walk – Northern honored its long-standing tradition for Northern clubs to each paint one of the steps on the Hello Walk. The Hello Walk is the staircase between the Dining Hall and Pershing Hall and is lovingly named to welcome people to the campus with its location and bright colors.

2nd Annual Suicide Awareness Walk - Montana has been in the top 5 states in the nation for rates of suicide, due to access to firearms, social isolation, the shortage of mental health professionals and the high number of residents living in rural remote areas. Nearly 100 people gathered on the Northern campus to "be the life raft" for those feeling like they are swimming alone in the turbulent waters of their lives.

American Indian Heritage Week - Northern's Little River Institute honored the cultural heritage of our American Indian students and their families by celebrating American Indian Heritage Week. The activities began with a Tipi raising and the traditional blessing, and included painting, hand games, arrow-throwing, and lessons in beading.

Motivation Presentation - Marc Mero, former WCW and WWE Wrestling Champion and 4-time New York state Gold Glove Boxing Champion gave an inspirational and motivational talk about some of the principles he has used to help him succeed.