



New All-time Leading Scorer - On January 26, senior skylights basketball player, Natalee Faupel, became Northern's new All-Time Leading Scorer, breaking Sheila Green's 25-year record of 1566 points. Faupel has received countless honors and has helped lead the Skylights to three straight NAIA National Tournaments. She has won eleven Frontier Player of the Week Awards and has earned Academic All-Conference honors three times. She has also been a First Team All-Frontier selection twice, and was last year's Frontier Conference Most Valuable Player. She was also a WBCA and NAIA First Team All-American.

Coach Honored - Coach Shawn Huse was presented a basketball in honored of winning his 300th game. Huse is the coach with the most wins in MSU Northern history and ranks 17th among all active NAIA Division I coaches in the nation.

Enrollment Update - Northern's enrollment is up 11 FTE and down 8 headcount from this time last year.

DTC Update – Construction on the new Diesel Technology Center is moving along nicely. They have been sculpting the site and pouring the foundation. The walls are starting to go up and the building is scheduled to be enclosed by the end of March.

Drug and Alcohol Awareness – In honor of National Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week the campus featured a series of lectures and panel discussions on the drug and alcohol problems across the Hi-line. We also hosted the traveling art exhibit entitled "Bitter Pill" which featured more than 30 pieces by professional and amateur artists. Renee Nelson, an intelligence research specialist with the Drug Enforcement Agency's pharmaceutical division in Billings and the curator of the show, spoke at the opening reception.

Chancellor's Lecture Series – The first lecture was "Diamonds for Dummies" by local gemologist and owner of Heirloom Jewelers, Jan Leibel. Leibel shared some characteristics of diamonds and she had several samples of diamonds and gemstones available for people to view.

American Indian Presentations - Mike Jetty and Stephen Morsette, Indian Education Specialists with Montana's Office of Public Instruction, gave three presentations on the Seven Essential Understandings for all Montanans, which are embedded in our state's Indian Education for All (IEFA) Act (MCA 20-1-501).

Speech and Drama Debate – Northern hosted the Class A Eastern Division Speech, Debate and Drama Tournament on one weekend and the next weekend hosted the state-wide Class B/C State Speech-Debate-Drama competition. More than 500 high school students were on the campus for those events.

We Love Northern Ball – This year's We Love Northern Ball had a Kentucky Derby theme. Participants enjoyed a Derby style dinner and had the opportunity to pledge a gift to the scholarship. They also danced to the music of The Plowed Under Band. The evening was a lot of fun and raised a substantial amount of money for student scholarships.

Spring Career Fair – MSU Northern's Career Center hosted the 2017 Spring Career Fair February 9, 2017. The fair brought in 38 employers. This fair's "Gold Sponsors" were Penske Truck Leasing and Peterson CAT. The "Maroon Sponsors" were Phillips County Hospital, CG Ag Consulting, GE Transportation Systems, and Wartsila North America. Around 300 students attended the event. Eight employers arranged interview schedules for students, and multiple offers for co-op and full-time positions will likely result from these interviews.

IndiVisible – Northern hosted the travelling National Museum of the American Indian Exhibit, *IndiVisible*. The exhibit explores the largely unknown history of people who share African American and Native American ancestry.