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Enrollment - MSU-Northern has 1154 students attending classes. While enrollment is down, we are seeing growth in plumbing, electrical, and welding programs. We have started our Freshman Experience classes this fall and hope this will help improve our retention numbers.

New Provost - Dr. Neil Moisey will be the new Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs for MSU-Northern. His official start date will be December 1, 2017. Dr. Moisey brings a wide breadth of experience to Northern. He served as the Deputy Commissioner for Academic Research and Student Affairs for the Montana University System overseeing activities, planning, analysis, and accountability reporting for the Montana Board of Regents. He also worked in the system office as the Special Assistant for Academic Affairs, during which time he chaired the Executive Committee of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) Academic Leadership Forum.

New Website - www.msun.edu has a new look and is now more mobile-friendly. We designed the site to help potential students be engaged with our university and excited about Northern before they even step foot on campus.

American Indian Heritage Week Activities – The week featured the raising of three tipis from regional Montana tribes, a beading class with Elonda Longfox, Tonia Jo Hall-a native motivational speaker and comedian, and a Star Quilting Class with Willowa "Sis" Horn. Dr. Margaret Campbell gave a presentation focused on Montana's Indian Education for All (IEFA) implementation in the areas of policy and planning, professional development, materials review and selection, curriculum mapping, and curricular integration. The week of activities concluded with a Unity Walk that brought the campus and community together to remember missing and murdered indigenous women.

2017 Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration - Campus and community enjoyed dancing to Dimensión Norteña, a Hispanic band, from Walla Walla, Washington. The band interpreted their best tunes in the rhythms of cumbia and zapateado.

2017 Homecoming Week Activities - This year featured many of Northern's traditional activities, such as painting the "Hello Walk," pep rally, and pie in the homecoming candidate's faces. We also set several homecoming records-- a 30% voter turnout and two ties for Duke and Duchess and King and Queen.

Rape Prevention Lectures - Dr. Alan Berkowitz, PhD. gave several lectures to students, staff, and faculty regarding "Creating a Campus Climate to Prevent Sexual Assault." Dr. Berkowitz is currently on a lecture tour of several universities in Montana.

Festival of Nations - The fourth Annual Festival of Nations featured "A Day in the Philippines." The *Philippine Salto Group*, from the Southern Alberta Ethnic Association (Lethbridge, AB), was featured. They provided traditional song and dance to Filipino pieces. People also enjoyed Philippine food, games, and costumes.

2017 NAIA Athletic Trainer of the Year - Nichole Borst, MSU-Northern's head athletic trainer, was named the 2017 NAIA Athletic Trainer of the Year. Nichole is an active member of both the NAIA-Athletic Trainer's Association and the National Athletic Trainers' Association as well as a member of the Montana Board of Athletic Trainers. Nichole also serves as the Student-Success Advisor on campus and is an adjunct professor in the Health Promotions and Secondary Health and Physical Education Departments.

Playwriting Workshop - Nationally renowned playwright and arts advocate, Pamela Jamruszka Mencher, conducted a workshop entitled "Playwriting as Story: Creation, Performance, and Criticism." It introduced the basics of the story play from a critical perspective as well as how to craft a short story play quickly. This event was supported, in part, by a grant from the Montana Arts Council, an agency of the State Government, and the Montana Playwrights Network.