

University Executive Boards

Montana State University-Billings

Kris Carpenter, Billings. Kris Carpenter owns and operates Billings' Sanctuary Spa & Salon, which she founded in 1998. Kris devotes 90 percent of the Sanctuary advertising budget to community sponsorships and donations and asks all employees to participate in community service. She is a former board member of the YWCA of Billings, a former recipient of the Aveda Humanitarian Award, and current co-chair of the 40th annual art auction for the Yellowstone Art Museum.

Montana State University-Northern

Darrel Briese, Havre. Darrel Briese was born and raised on a farm north of Loma, Mt. He attended high school in Fort Benton and later graduated from Montana State University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Darrel moved to Havre about thirty years ago. He now has a diversified farm and ranch that is located between Havre and Chinook. He also is co-owner of a manufacturing company that deals in the oil and gas fields

Jupe Compton, Havre. Compton is a graduate of Northern Montana College (now MSU-Northern) and is former teacher from Chester. He has owned the Palace Bar in Havre since 1974 and is President of the Montana Tavern Association from 2005 – 2007.

University of Montana-Western

William Kriegel, Dillon. Kriegel has won recognition for his entrepreneurial acumen and keen business skills in the U.S. power generation industry. He combined his personal passions for horsemanship, education, ranching and farming to create La Cense Montana and La Cense Beef. Kriegel is a proud contributor to a worldwide movement in natural horsemanship through his partnerships with the University of Montana-Western and the French Federation of Equestrianism. Most notably is the University of Montana-Western's Natural Horsemanship Bachelor of Science Degree, the first university-accredited natural horsemanship degree in the nation.