

University of Montana Western

November 2010 campus report to the Montana Board of Regents (mostly from our website)

- As you know Dr. Rob Thomas was named the first Regents Professor from UMW at the September 2010 meeting.
- We recently received this from Rich McCormack, Publisher, *G.I. Jobs* magazine:
I am proud to notify you that, after years of research and after compiling survey results and other data, The University of Montana Western has been named by G.I. Jobs magazine as a Military Friendly School for 2011! This honor ranks you in the top 15% of all colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide. You should take great pride in this honor. We have about 85 veterans enrolled at UMW.
- Two University of Montana Western business professors presented their work on marketing in higher education at an international conference in Zurich, Switzerland on Oct. 15 and 16. Fredrick Chilson and Christian Gilde were two of only four conference attendees to facilitate a workshop at the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE). The UMW Business Department is [accredited through IACBE](#). The idea for their workshop, “Marketing Business Education: Tools, Topics, Trends,” came from a desire to get the university more involved at the international level. Professor Gilde, originally from Austria, provided much experience on international higher education to the conference. He has presented his work at the Academy of Management Conference, the International Conference in Higher Education Marketing, and the European Marketing Academy Conference. The workshop took an in-depth look at what universities in the United States and Europe are doing to market and distinguish themselves from other institutions.
- Professor of English Rebecca Knotts and her service learning class recently raised several hundred dollars for the Humane Society of Beaverhead County. The class, Writing 101: College Writing – Learning to be an Advocate for Animals, featured reading material, video, and firsthand experience with animals. The class did not promote a certain agenda. Rather, its purpose was to raise awareness in regards to how consumer needs affect animals, whether product testing for cosmetics or food production.
- Education professor Julie Bullard recently took her Exploring Rich Early Childhood Environments class on a tour of early childhood facilities in Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Early childhood education philosophy emphasizes the importance of environment when children are learning. The class explored different ways facilities use the environment to enhance learning.
- Tyler Wines is the new president of the Montana Associated Students. Mr. Wines, a pre-med and pre-professional health major in Montana Western’s biology department, is also the student body president at UMW and a rodeo athlete. He hopes to attend medical school after graduating from UMW.
- Taylor Nahrgang, a 2010 graduate from the University of Montana Western’s business program, and two-time student body president, was recently appointed to the UMW Foundation board. He qualified for the College National Finals Rodeos (CNFR) in Casper, Wyo. four times and finished his collegiate rodeo career by winning the CNFR steer wrestling national championship in 2010, Taylor also took an active leadership role serving as the NIRA Big Sky Region student director and the NIRA student president.