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President Waded Cruzado

Jake Jabs, president and CEO of American Furniture Warehouse based in Denver, announced in October that he will give \$25 million to MSU's College of Business. It is the largest private gift made in the history of Montana higher education.

MSU's fall 2011 enrollment set a new record with 14,153 students, 594 above last year's record 13,559. Enrollment increases occurred in the freshmen class, Native American students, veterans and the Gallatin College programs. In addition, the average ACT score of entering freshmen was 25.2 – also a new record for the university. The previous record was 25.1, set in both 2009 and 2010.

MSU's student newspaper, The ASMSU Exponent, is a finalist in the Associated Collegiate Press's 2011 Pacemaker competition. The Pacemaker awards are known as the Pulitzer Prize of student journalism, and the Exponent is one of only 24 finalists in the "four-year non-daily newspaper" category.

The Montana University System received a \$20 million, five-year National Science Foundation grant aimed at strengthening the science and engineering workforce in Montana. The funds will serve each and every university, college and research institution in Montana.

Gaines Hall, a recently renovated state-of-the-art teaching facility, was awarded prestigious LEED Silver Certification for sustainable construction and operation. Renovation of the 80,000-square-foot building was completed in 2010 and it houses University Studies, a 300-seat lecture hall, and laboratories for chemistry, biochemistry, geochemistry, biology, physics, earth sciences and modern languages.

A new program, "Science Montana: Engaging 4-H Teens with Bioscience Research," funded by a \$1.2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health, will enable nearly 150 Montana high school 4-H students to conduct research and learn about careers in bioscience over the next four years.

A new international engineering certificate option, launched in fall 2011, will help prepare engineering students to effectively engage with the global community. The certificate requires students to select a particular country or region of the world as a focus and earn a minimum of 15 credits relevant to that focus. They must also complete an international experience for two weeks or longer, such as a study abroad program or work or service experience.

MSU paleontologists Davich Varrichio and doctoral student Mike Knell were part of a research team that discovered a new species of dinosaur. The new raptor dinosaur, called *Talos sampsoni*, is a member of a rare group of feathered, bird-like theropod dinosaurs.



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Dr. Marsha Riley, new Dean, College of Technology, at MSUB, is a longtime educator who earned her master's degree in education from Eastern Montana College. Prior to accepting the Dean position, Marsha was the Dean of Academic Affairs at Colorado Mountain College in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

As a means of connecting with quality employees, the TechExpo career fair at the COT created a link for job and internship opportunities with students earning two-year degrees and certificates. MSUB Office of Career Services also held "Yellowjacket Market" to connect local businesses with college students looking for part-time employment.

Ron Basini, CEO of West Virginia Angel Investor Network, gave a public presentation on "Entrepreneur-in-Residence" for the College of Business. Dr. Tim Wilkinson, Interim Dean at the COB, wanted to bring an entrepreneur to the University to show students what possibilities exist for entrepreneurial-minded students.

After a national search for a new University Budget Director, Trudy Collins will be joining MSUB as our new Budget Director upon Liz Tooley's retirement at the end of October.

Artistic Director Doug Nagel, Assistant Professor of Music at MSUB, along with faculty, students, and alumni presented Verdi's tragic Italian opera "Rigoletto" at the Alberta Bair Theatre. The on-stage cast included MSUB students Mary Elizabeth Ryan, Josh Aaby and alumni Philip Johnson, Nate Liptac, Kelly Deiing, Jordan Jones and Lisa Lombardy. Dr. Mark Fenderson, MSUB Assistant Professor, played trumpet in the orchestra pit.

The Academic Support Centers at MSUB employs 37 tutors at both the four-year campus and the two-year COT campus. To honor the tutor's work during National Tutor Appreciation Week, the centers had an open house with refreshments and encouraged faculty, staff and students to stop and learn more about the centers and what they had to offer. From student tutors to retired Billings residents and alumni tutors, the centers are available to help pave the way to success for MSUB students.

Senior College of Business students, through the ongoing efforts of Dr. Jennifer Leonard, Assistant Professor of Management, are working with owners of small businesses or non-profit entities who need help with their business plans. The project not only offers added value to area businesses, but also provides a valuable educational experience for MSUB students.

MSUB HEROES, the Associated Students of MSUB, Yellowjacket Athletics and Yellowstone County DUI Task Force, presented "Triumph Over Tragedy" which is the tragic story of Bobby Petrocelli, author of "10 Seconds Will Change Your Life Forever." Petrocelli is a motivational speaker, high school teacher and coach whose love of youth inspired him to share his story of a drunken driving incident that left his life in shambles. He shared with the audience the power that decisions have toward building a strong foundation in life.

Dr. James Barron, Associate Professor, Evolutionary Biology, Vertebrate Zoology, as part of a series of monthly seminars presented by the Science Faculty, brought an exciting discussion to campus about his on-going horned lizard research.



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Janice Brady retires after 40 years of service to MSU-Northern. The campus threw her a retirement party and the library created a display consisting of a timeline of Janice's service over the last 40 years. Janice has worked at Northern for nearly half of its existence!

Student Union Building's 50th Anniversary - The Associated Students of MSU-Northern hosted a 50th Anniversary Party for MSU-Northern's Student Union Building on October 13. The party was held in the SUB Pin-n-Cue where birthday cake was served and multiple activities were enjoyed in honor of the wonderful blessing our SUB building has been for us throughout these last 50 years.

Big Sky Pathways – Various MSU-Northern faculty members along with more than 50 K-12 teachers and OCHE/OPI workers met together to develop pathways termed Rigorous Programs of Study. This program is funded by the Carl Perkins grant.

Live Web Simulcasting – MSU-Northern is now offering live simulcasting of their athletic events across the Internet. To view the live simulcast, go to the bottom right corner of MSU-Northern's Athletic website and click on the link. This simulcast is being made possible by a generous donation by KRTV and our faithful advertisers.

American Indian Heritage Week - During American Indian Heritage Week MSU-Northern students had the opportunity to be introduced to the rich history of the Hi-Line and of MSU-Northern's Native American Students. They were able to take in lectures, guided tours of the Indian artifacts in Hagener Science Center and sample traditional Native American foods in the Multicultural Center.

Chokecherry Stomp Helps Lewistown Campus - The annual Chokecherry Stomp fundraiser was held in conjunction with Lewistown's Chokecherry Festival. Proceeds from the dinner/dance/raffle/silent auction will be used to help fund student scholarships, support the pinning ceremony for our nursing students in Lewistown, and to purchase equipment and supplies for the Lewistown campus.

Commissioner Stearns Visited MSU-Northern - Dr. Sheila Stearns was on the campus of MSU-Northern on Wednesday, September 14, to conduct listening sessions titled "Higher Education 2012-13 Agenda". MSU President Waded Cruzado and Board of Regent Member Lynn Hamilton were also at this listening session to answer questions. **MSU-Northern's Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)** has been re-funded for another five years. The grant award amount for this upcoming fiscal year is \$597,371.

New Equipment Lease - Torgerson's LLC along with Case New Holland (CNH), have established a unique educational equipment partnership and lease with MSU-Northern. Torgerson's recently delivered to MSU-Northern, via an educational use lease, three large agriculture tractors, a large Patriot field sprayer and a Scout utility vehicle. Every six months Torgerson's will exchange this equipment for different models. This will ensure our students are always able to work on the latest equipment.



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The Commission on Dental Accreditation affirmed accreditation of the MSU - Great Falls' Dental Hygiene program with the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements." The Dental Hygiene Clinic is a teaching facility, providing client services under the supervision of a licensed dentist and registered dental hygiene instructors.

The Advising & Career Center opened its doors on Tuesday, September 6. Academic advising and career services are designed to help students succeed and assist them in making the most of their college experience.

Nineteen MSU-Great Falls' nursing students participated in the 5th Annual Veteran's Stand Down event by taking blood pressures. The College also sponsored a booth, staffed with volunteers, which focused on educational opportunities for veterans and their families. Veterans were provided information on the GI Bill, Veteran's Tuition Waiver, and federal financial aid. Campus Corps Team Leader, T.C. Knutson even visited with a WW II vet about the process to receive an honorary Montana high school diploma!

Instructors from MSU - Billings, MSU - Northern, Montana Tech of the UM, and MSU - Great Falls participated in the Wind Montana Climb Safety Training held in Great Falls and at the Glacier Wind Farm. World-class safety trainer, Altezza Global, provided the training. Global is the exclusive safety trainer for General Electric, a member of the Wind Montana Project Advisory Board, and came to us highly recommended.

Dean Joe Schaffer and three MSU-Great Falls' faculty traveled to North Island College as part of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education's (WICHE) North American Network of Science Labs Online (NANSLO) project. This project, funded in part by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, is building on some pioneering work by North Island College with the goal of replicating Remote Web-based Science Labs, or RWSL's in the Colorado Community Colleges. The major goal of the NANSLO project is to create physical science laboratory environments and experiments that can be accessed and controlled through an online interface and then make these experiments, underlying pedagogy and overarching curricula part of the open education movement.

Anne Nugent Guignon, RDH, MPH, offered two professional development courses to area oral health professionals. The unique courses: "Melting Tooth Syndrome-Recognizing, Preventing and Treating Erosion and Dentinal Hypersensitivity" and "Sitting Pretty-Healthy Practice Options" were sponsored and organized by the Dental Hygiene faculty and staff.

Amy Cannata, Montana ACLU Representative, presented "Too Dangerous for the Big Sky? Banned Books in Montana," during Banned Books Week. The presentation covered the impact of events and culture on the banning of books from public schools and libraries. From the mining's heyday in Butte, through the Sedition Act of World War I and on to modern challenges in schools and public libraries, books have been targeted for being too violent, too insulting, too sexy or just plain dangerous.

MSU - Great Falls celebrated American Indian Heritage Day with a variety of events. Instructor Don Fish, an enrolled Blackfeet tribal member who teaches Introduction to Native Beliefs and Philosophy, opened his classroom to the public to provide the opportunity to learn about Native culture. Festivities included presentations that explained the significance of the culture's music, dancing and regalia, along with a Native American drum group and social dance with the public.

Ken Wardinsky, Chief Technology Officer, recently completed his Microsoft Certified IT Professional certification and Enterprise Administrator on Windows Server 2008; he has also earned his certification as a Microsoft Certified Trainer (MCT) and is teaching the course this semester. The course will give networking students the experience of learning Microsoft Official Curriculum from a certified instructor with fifteen years of real world experience in the networking field.