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MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | BOZEMAN  
President Waded Cruzado

MSU and the Bozeman community rallied to win the “Can the Griz” food drive and set a new record in the process. The drive brought in nearly 58,000 pounds of food (more than double last year’s amount), plus more than \$31,000 in monetary donations that will help provide food for local individuals and families in need.

MSU was announced the winner of the C. Peter Magrath University Community Engagement Award by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities in November. The annual award recognizes a four-year public university that embraces outreach and community engagement and comes with a \$20,000 prize. The award was won largely thanks to the efforts of MSU’s Engineers Without Borders chapter to bring clean water to Kenya.

Will Swearingen, executive director of MSU’s Techlink, received the 2011 Economic Leadership Award from the Prospera Business Network, a Bozeman-based organization that supports the local economy by promoting technology and clean industries. TechLink helps to commercialize cutting-edge new technologies by partnering DOD labs with private sector companies for technology licensing, transfer, and research and development.

Jason Baldes, a graduate student in land resources and environmental sciences (LRES) won a Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Graduate Fellowship. With the award, he plans to work toward reintroducing buffalo on the Wind River Indian Reservation and promote both ecological and community health.

A student-built satellite that launched on a NASA rocket in October became the first MSU satellite to make it into orbit. The satellite will circle the Earth every 90 minutes in an “eccentric” orbit, elliptical instead of circular, and the distance above Earth will be anywhere from 283 to 503 miles according to David Klumpar, director of MSU’s Space Science and Engineering Laboratory.

MSU received a \$743,000, three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture to research the use of sheep in organic farming. Discoveries from the research are to be incorporated into new courses and shared with producers and growers around the state.

A team of MSU former and current MSU students won a competition to design a proposed outdoor climbing tower. The team designed an 85-foot climbing tower that organizers hope will be built as part of an attempt to lure the 2013 world cup of ice climbing championships to Bozeman.

Liberty Mutual Insurance named Rob Ash, fifth-year Bobcat head football coach, the 2011 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award winner for the FCS. The Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award is the leading college football honor recognizing coaches for their sportsmanship, integrity, responsibility and excellence, on and off field.

President Obama named a Montana State University graduate head of the newly created White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education. William Mendoza, who earned a master’s degree in educational leadership from MSU in 2010, will head the initiative that is designed to help expand educational opportunities and improve educational outcomes for all American Indian and Alaska Native students.

A new microscope, purchased by the Center for Biofilm Engineering with grant funds from the National Science Foundation and the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, is enabling researchers to better understand microbes. The Leica microscope, which allows researchers to video live microbes in their natural conditions, is one of only five in the U.S. with such capability.



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MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | BILLINGS

The Office of Housing & Residential Life held their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual “Stocking Stuffer” program to benefit the men, women and children residing at the Montana Rescue Mission Women and Family Shelter. They prepared nearly 100 stockings with warm hats, gloves, small toiletry items and toys.

Joel Grinder, a native of Cut Bank, after finishing his fourth year in the ROTC program at MSUB, was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant during a ceremony held on the MSUB campus. In collaboration with MSU in Bozeman and with coordination from faculty and staff at MSUB, nearly two dozen students are now a part of the program.

Emily Harris, an MSUB honors senior majoring in psychology and with a minor in creative writing, was elected to serve a one-year term as a student member on the Board of Directors for the National Collegiate Honors Council.

College of Business students Tyler Melugin and Robert Stricklin teamed up to take top honors in running a simulated business company. They are the first place recipients of the 2011 Fall Foundation Business Simulation Challenge. This is the fifth time for MSUB students have won the web-based simulation competition.

Tim Urbaniak, drafting & design instructor at MSUB COT, was appointed by Governor Brian Schweitzer to serve as a representative on the State Historic Preservation Review Board. Members of the review board serve as advocates for historic preservation in Montana. Tim also ties his interest with history and preservation into class projects by exposing students to different technologies to gather architectural and historic data which includes three-dimensional scans of historic buildings and archeological sites.

The campus was alive with music! Branden Martinez, who sings baritone, performed his senior recital accompanied by pianist, Sandi Rabas. Vocalists Mary Elizabeth Ryan and Marshall Pluhar all appeared in the program. The MSUB Jazz Ensemble presented their winter concert as did the University Chorus along with the Chamber Singers. Adam Wetzel presented his Junior Recital and percussionist Nathan Gurtler performed his Senior Recital.

Justin Tinnes, a paramedic student at MSUB COT was selected as the recipient of the \$500 Renee Johnson Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was established in 2006 by Lois & Troy Johnson in memory of their daughter, Renee who completed her AAS degree in paramedics in 2000 at the COT. In 2004, while serving as a paramedic for both AirEvac Ambulance Service and Southwest Ambulance Service in Arizona, she lost her life in a helicopter accident.

The MSUB Men’s Basketball Team spent time with a community service agency, St. Vincent de Paul, lending their time and effort to assist the homeless and needy in Billings.

Dean Duin, College of Allied Health Professionals, recently completed the year-long Leadership Development Program sponsored by the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions (ASAHP). Dr. Duin worked with a team to conduct primary research on *Self-Perceived Attitudes about Professional Behaviors among Allied Health Students*.

The Associated Students of MSUB Drama Committee and theatre program students presented its fall production “Crimes of Heart.”



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MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | NORTHERN

**Visioning Initiative** - MSU-Northern has initiated a campus-wide Visioning Initiative which seeks to collect the thoughts of faculty, students, staff and community on where they see Northern in five years. This information will also become the basis for Northern's new vision statement and strategic plan.

**MSU-Northern Receives EDA Grant** – MSU-Northern received a \$647,748 grant from The U.S. Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration (EDA), which will allow MSU-Northern's Bio-Energy Center to function like a proof of concept center for many new companies seeking to test their products. MSU-Northern was able to leverage \$400,000 they received from the state as the required match funds for the grant. Consequently the state's investment of \$400,000 actually became a \$1,067,000 investment in the future of North-Central Montana.

**Enrollment Update** – Preliminary data available at the time of this report indicates we are up in new students but down slightly in overall FTE. The enrollment management team is working to implement new recruitment and retention strategies to ensure incremental growth in the future. MSU-Bozeman has been helping with the implementation of our new CRM software.

**Inauguration on April 20** – We plan to celebrate MSU-Northern during my inauguration as the 11th Chancellor of Montana State University-Northern. This will be the first Inauguration in the history of MSU-Northern.

**Branding Initiative** – I have appointed a branding committee and charged them to develop a set of branding guidelines for the existing logo and develop a complete redesign of MSU-Northern's website by July 1, 2012.

**Coach Hits 200<sup>th</sup> Win** - The Lights basketball team's recent victories have given Coach Shawn Huse his 200th win at MSU-Northern. We are so thankful for Coach Huse's leadership over the years. He has led many Northern players to many victories. We thank Coach Huse for his dedication and drive.

**Student Enters 1,000-point club** - Lights player Shaun Tatarka became a member of the 1,000-point club at MSU-Northern during Northern's 63-62 win over Great Falls on January 6. Entry into the 1,000-point club is a great achievement as only 16 MSUN players have met the standards.

**Campus Upgrades** - During the semester break two electric kilns were installed in the basement of Pershing Hall. These kilns replaced an old gas powered kiln and will provide a cleaner and more energy efficient classroom for our ceramics class. The Pin and Cue area of the SUB and the Cowan Hall entryway were painted and new carpet was installed in Hager Science Center room 117.

**Community Reception** – Our Foundation hosted a reception January 26<sup>th</sup> to facilitate my engagement with alumni and community leaders.



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**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | GREAT FALLS**

Gwendolyn Joseph, who retired early as a vice president with the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, has been appointed as the interim dean/CEO of the Montana State University-Great Falls College of Technology by MSU President Waded Cruzado. Dr. Joseph's appointment began on Jan. 1, 2012. She will serve until a new dean/CEO is found to replace Joe Schaffer, who accepted the presidency of the Laramie County Community College in mid-November.

Deborah Newton has been invited to serve on the national certifying committee for the American Medical Billing Association (AMBA). She will be involved in the upcoming development of advanced credentials and the updates of current Certified Medical Reimbursement Specialist (CMRS) credentials.

Bruce Gottwig, Program Director for Microcomputer and Network Support, announced the College's recognition from Cisco Networking Academy for 10 years of successful and active participation in Cisco. According to Gottwig, Great Falls began participating in the Cisco Networking Academy as a local and regional academy in spring of 1998. Dr. Suzanne Waring organized and implemented the program at the College and throughout the State, establishing both regional and local academies. Since then, more than 700 students have enrolled in the MSU-Great Falls Cisco Networking Academy taking a wide variety of technical classes leading to degree programs and / or industry standard certifications.

The PTA Class of 2012 volunteered for a number of recent community and campus events, including the What Women Want Expo, the Buddy Walk, and Employee Health Check on campus. They also held various fundraisers and donated proceeds to the local Veterans Center. This semester, they donated to the Center via the Association providing "vouchers" for motel stay. The Center appreciated the donation, which will directly go toward assisting our Veterans.

The National Kitchen and Bath Association announced that one of the MSUGF interior design students, KC Smelser of Fairfield, is a national finalist in the NKBA Student Kitchen Design Competition. KC qualified for the top tier and is among the top 10 or higher in the nation. Only student members of NKBA are eligible. The national winners will be announced in an official webinar for NKBA Academic Coordinators and chapter officers. The top 3 places receive scholarships and all-expense paid trips to the International Kitchen and Bath Industry Show in Chicago this year; 2 additional students receive honorable mention. KC entered the project in DE 270 Kitchen & Bath I and is a student of Julie Myers.