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**State Research Grant** - Governor Steve Bullock and Commissioner Clayton Christian visited campus to announce an \$800,000 grant to Montana State University Northern's Advanced Fuels Center. This grant will be used to advance bio-based chemicals and next-generation fuels from Montana's agricultural crops. This award was part of Montana's first ever large-scale research initiative.

**Grant for American Indian Education** - The U.S. Department of Education recently awarded a \$1.9 million grant to MSU Northern, from the Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) program. The grant money will be utilized over five years, and will help MSU Northern develop and implement culturally appropriate models and strategies for mentoring, tutoring, teaching, and socially engaging our Native American Indian students. The ultimate goal is to increase retention and graduation rates among this group.

**Diesel Advisory Board** - MSU Northern held a diesel advisory meeting which included various presentations concerning progress in the diesel program. The board members and attendees spoke on topics such as media promotion, fundraising for the new building, and recruiting strategies.

**Alumni Chinese Auction** - the MSU Northern Alumni Foundation held their annual Alumni Chinese Auction. Every year this event provides funds for student scholarships at MSU Northern. This year was an especially great success with around 200 attendees and donations totaling about \$23,000.

**Fall 2015 Career Fair** - The Career Center was able to bring forty-one employers to campus to meet with 305 MSU Northern students. This outstanding turnout made it the largest MSU Northern career fair to date.

**New Regent Visit** - Regent Robert Nystuen plans to visit all of the campuses in the Montana University System. Nystuen lived in Havre for many years so he said, "it felt like he was coming home." During his visit, he saw first-hand all of the changes to the campus since he left, and caught a vision for Northern's plans in the future with its buildings and programs.

**Pheasant Jamboree** - The Northern Lights Athletic Scholarship Foundation's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Legends for Lights Pheasant Jamboree took place last in October, and though the blustery winds made for some extra challenges, this social fundraising event was still a success. Professional sports legends and other interested individuals traveled from across the United States to take part in this one-of-a-kind experience.

**Student Clubs Hosted BBQ Fundraiser** - MSU Northern's student clubs hosted a fundraising barbeque to strengthen the resource fund the campus clubs share and use to host student, campus, and community events. Local businesses have donated supplies to cover the cost of food, so all proceeds from the event will support student clubs. Rather than charge a set fee, the Inter-Organization Council (I.O.C) asked the attendees to donate funds.

**Homecoming 2015** - was a festive week of school spirit and Havre pride. Representing MSU Northern Ambassadors, Tyler Leefers and Tayla Snapp were the homecoming king and queen. Trent Noel and Alicia Mason, the representatives for ASMSUN Senate, were crowned prince and princess. Karl Muelheim and Faith Martin took third as the duke and duchess, representing their campus club, Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship.

**Accreditation Visits** - MSU Northern hosted three accreditation visits from three different organizations. The Accreditation Commission of Education in Nursing (ACEN), and the Montana Board of Nursing (MTBON) looked over the Nursing program. The Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) reviewed our Civil Engineering Technology program. All of the visits went well.