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**Enrollment Update-** Northern's enrollment is up 18 students from the 2015 spring semester. We hope to see even more growth as the new Diesel Technology Center begins construction and we continue to expand and enhance our recruiting and retention efforts.

**Strategic Advance Team Charges:** Chancellor Greg Kegel has charged nine teams to take a strategic look at the following areas: Equine/Horsemanship program; Veterans Success Center; Lights Football Stadium; Native American Cultural Center; Scheduling enhancements; Identify untapped industry support for programs; Expansion of fine arts offerings; Student Life; and Collaboration with Great Falls College – MSU.

**We Love Northern Ball** – This year's We Love Northern Ball was a Hollywood Lights theme and included new formatting including the chance for attendees to pledge just one gift to the scholarship fund instead of bidding on auctions all throughout the evening. The change was a good one. The evening was enjoyable, and the event raised a substantial amount of funds towards student scholarships.

**Second Phase of R&R-** As part of Northern's second phase of R&R (Recruiting and Retention), Chancellor Kegel will be meeting with every department on campus, asking every person on campus to do something to improve R&R. These meetings are also a great opportunity for the Chancellor to share his vision and get everyone's ideas on how to we can work together to enhance the Northern family.

**Spring Career Fair** – Northern's Career Center hosted the 2016 Spring Career Fair this February. The fair brought in 42 employers. This fair's "Gold Sponsors" were GE Transportation Systems and Wartsila. The "Maroon Sponsors" were Mountain View Co-op, Torgersons, Frontier Electric, and Northern Rockies Medical Center. Around 300 students attended the event. Seven of the employers arranged interview schedules for students, and multiple offers for co-op and full-time positions will likely result from these interviews.

**MSUN Wrestling Versus the Iowa Hawkeyes-** This semester, MSU-Northern's, Wrestling team (6-time NAIA National Champions), took on one of the top wrestling dynasties in the nation, the Iowa Hawkeyes, 23-time NCAA National Wrestling Champions. This event offered a great opportunity for Northern to showcase its thriving wrestling program, as well as bolster school spirit by having our team compete against an NCAA level team.

**Lecture Series Featured Mary Stevens on The Power of Music-** The Montana State University-Northern, Chancellor's Lecture Series hosted Havre resident, Mary Stevens and her presentation, "The Power of Music: The Effect of Therapeutic Music on the Mind and Body." The event included a lecture and harp demonstration on Vibroacoustic Harp Therapy which Stevens offers to local hospice patients and the residents of two care facilities in north central Montana.

**The Dating Doctor David Coleman-** In the spirit of Valentine's Day, Northern hosted The Dating Doctor, David Coleman. During his presentation, students, faculty, and staff were welcomed to ask the toughest relationship questions, and Coleman addressed every issue with his expert advice.

**Denise Brewer and Pam Hillary retired** – Denise Brewer, 27-year Northern employee, recently retired from her position as director of student activities/events. Denise's unwavering dedication to Northern students will be greatly missed. Pam Hillary is another recent Northern retiree, retiring from her position as Student Support Service's tutoring coordinator. Pam served Northern students for six years and did so with a passion and fervor that seemed unmatched. Both of these women brought a joy and light to the campus, so we will miss them, but wish them all the best.