



Automotive and Diesel Programs Prepare for New Facility – Many of Northern’s diesel/automotive faculty and staff have been working all summer moving their classrooms to a temporary, off-campus location, so their classes can continue to be taught while the new Diesel Technology Center is being built. Once the new facility is finished most of the automotive classes will be conducted in the Farm Mechanics building and most of the Diesel classes will be consolidated into the new Diesel Technology Center.

NC3 Prepares to Open – Northern has spent the last 8 months renovating the first floor of the Electronics Building to house a National Coalition of Certification Center (NC3). The curriculum was developed collaboratively with industry experts and educators; the certifications validate skill sets required to meet performance standards. Northern plans to make this certification available to our students, educators throughout the state, and industry professionals who are required to have these certifications for their jobs.

New Staff and Faculty – This summer, Northern has experienced a number of changes in staff and faculty. Some of the most significant changes are: Dr. Steven Wise was hired to replace Kim Watson as our Dean of Students. Dr. Larry Strizich was made the permanent Dean of the College of Technical Sciences. Jaime Duke and Kasthuri Udayakumar were both hired as Assistant Professors of Nursing, and Brian Heuett was hired to replace John Donaldson as the Director of Student Support Services.

New Library System – This summer, Northern’s librarians have been getting trained on the new Alma Unified Resource Management System which will go live on December 16. This new library system will allow all of the libraries in the Montana University System to share resources. This will make it easier for our students to access information.

Summer Co-ops/Internships – This summer 83 Northern students spent their summer doing co-ops or internships with professional companies. Many of Northern’s programs require some form of co-op or internship. These programs are coordinated through Northern’s Career Center.

Staff Appreciation luncheon – On July 13, Northern hosted their annual staff appreciation luncheon. The event featured “Back to the Future” skits, pizza, and jeopardy.

Sports Camps - Summer camps were held on campus throughout the months of June, July, and August in football, men’s and women’s basketball, and volleyball for kids of all ages. The Lights men’s basketball program also introduced a summer league for young players on the Hi-Line, which was highly successful and well-received.

Campus Improvements

- Repaired the brick on the Kuhr Park Memorial wall and the NMC memorial planter
- Renovated a small classroom in Metals Technology for a “breakout classroom “for the welding program
- Renovated Hagener Science Center room 103
- Renovated Electronics Technology rooms 102 and 103 for NARS and NC3
- Renovated a small locker room in the Gym for the referees
- SUB HVAC improvements - new boilers, building controls and new kitchen hood exhaust
- Morgan Hall south wing restroom renovations to begin this coming late summer and fall
- Lewistown site parking lot improvements project completed in July
- Began redesigning the south parking lots to accommodate a Montana Motorcycle Riders Safety Program
- New Diesel Technology Center Project now out to bid as of 08/05/16
- Relocated the tool storage room in the Farm Mechanics Building for automotive program