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**Fall Graduation** - The 3rd annual Fall graduation reception was in Hensler Auditorium. This year, Northern had 52 students who were able to graduate in December. All of these graduates will also have the opportunity to receive their diplomas with their classmates in May.

**UTV Donation** - Case IH and Torgerson's of Havre donated a \$22,000 Scout XL Utility Task Vehicle (UTV) to Northern's diesel program. This vehicle has proven to be very valuable to the diesel program especially since the classes are being held in various locations across campus while the New Diesel Technology Center is being constructed.

**Cowboy Christmas** - MSU Northern's Rodeo Booster Club and Rodeo Team hosted their 16th annual Cowboy Christmas Dinner/Auction. About 500 people attended this fun-filled event which is the Rodeo team's primary fundraiser of the year. They had 32 live auction items and 70 silent auction items. Cynthia Bryson received outstanding rodeo team advocate of the year award.

**Fall Career Fair** - Thirty-four employers attended the fair seeking an opportunity to visit with students from a variety of majors offered at Northern. The final count showed 308 students signed in and took advantage of the time to visit with the different employers who may have openings for co-ops and full-time placement.

**F-150 Donation** - Ford Motor Company generously donated a 2015 Ford F-150 pickup to MSU Northern's automotive program. This donation is a direct result of to our partnership with them through the Ford Maintenance & Light Repair (MLR) training program.

**Rape Prevention Training** – The Rape Prevention and Education grant sponsored a faculty and staff training session on campus sexual assault. The presenter, Kelly Parsley, has been working on sexual assault prevention and advocacy work since 1996 and is a nationally recognized expert on Campus Sexual Assault.

**Second Annual Zombie Chase** - the Men's and Women's cross country teams hosted their 2nd annual Zombie Chase – an annual fundraiser and health promotion activity. Participants jogged and walked the 1.5 mile course through campus while trying to avoid the 12 zombies that moved throughout the course.

**Meet-N-Greet** - The Collegiate Stockgrowers club held their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Meet N Greet was a great success. Over 200 people in attendance. Lane Nordlund with Northern Broadcasting Network, and Gene Curry, President of Montana Stockgrowers Association, were the keynote note speakers.

**American Indian Youth Leadership Gathering** – On Nov. 15, the Little River Institute hosted over 70 regional high school students and their advisors as part of OPI's Department of Indian Education Youth Leadership Initiative. Don Wetzel, Jr., American Indian Youth Development Coordinator with Montana OPI, facilitated the youth gathering centered on the core themes of diversity, bravery, identity and unity.

**Holiday Extravaganza** - The MSU Northern Community Orchestra presented their Holiday Extravaganza featuring Christmas arrangements made popular by groups like the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Manheim Steamroller, and the Canadian Brass. They were joined by two local dance studios, the Montana Academy of Dance and The Studio of Dance and Arts. Emma Faus Ralston, one of our diesel students, was one of the featured dancers.

**Pease Appointed to Third Term** - Scott Norton Pease, an art and graphic design professor has been reappointed to serve another term as Chair of the College of Education, Arts & Sciences, and Nursing.