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- Welcome to Billings and Montana State University Billings Interim Chancellor Ron Larsen and his wife Pris! The students, faculty and staff look forward to getting to know both of you.
- During the 2017 Yellowjacket Athletics Hall of Fame and Distinction induction ceremony, three outstanding Yellowjackets were honored: Samantha (Boehm) Milroy, women's soccer; Tom Milroy, men's soccer; and Tanya (Petersen) Hauptman, women's basketball. Congratulations students/athletes on your accomplishments!
- The MSUB Student Health Center earned accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc., encompassing all aspects of student health care: medical, counseling, wellness, sexual assault advocacy services and massage therapy. The AAAHC Certificate of Accreditation is widely recognized as a symbol of quality by their party payers, medical organizations, liability insurance companies, state and federal agencies and the public.
- MSUB hosted a lecture with Martin Cox, National Geospatial Intelligence Officer for Africa and analysis doctorate with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. The lecture, "Geospatial Operations and the Ebola Crisis in West Africa: a first-hand account of American relief efforts," exposed students to the diverse set of missions that intelligence professionals at NGA and the broader intelligence community perform. Cox said, "Although it may appear, at first glance, that an organization like NGA might only be looking for STEM majors, in reality, almost any field of study at MSUB would have some type of applicability to NGA or some other part of the nation's intelligence organizations."
- Nearly 30 students from around the globe were welcomed to campus this semester. Paul Foster, Director, MSUB International Studies, explained that in addition to class registration and campus tours, the Billings Friendship Families program exists to enrich student's lives. Neil Beyer, the program's international marketing and outreach specialist, explained the amazing opportunity for both international students and community members to share an understanding of American and Montana culture through experiencing holidays, family meals and weekend activities with volunteer families in the Billings community.
- The Power of One Week at MSUB focused on opening a dialogue and raising awareness about poverty and homelessness. The week featured Ken Nwadike of the Free Hugs Project, and included an uplifting sharing of how he overcame obstacles in his own life as a homeless student athlete.
- The MSUB Library sponsored a lively discussion on fake news.
- The annual MSUB Library Quilt Show, now in its 13th year, has drawn more than 77 final entries. The non-juried quilt show is open to all quilters of all skill levels. The display is open to the public from January 18th through March 3rd.
- The MSUB Library will partner with The Writer's Voice to introduce a new generation of Montanans to the writing of Carson McCullers. Through a collaboration among faculty and students, Billings Public Library, and area high schools, the NEA (National Endowment for the Arts) Big Read will focus on McCullers' book "The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter."
- Seventh grade students from the area participated in Lewis and Clark Week at City College. City College Dean, Clifford Coppersmith said, "We appreciate the opportunity to support Lewis & Clark Week. It is a fantastic program that familiarizes young people with the world-class history that occurred right here in our own back yard. It also exposes them to the broad diversity of cultures and people that have inhabited the landscape around us and continues to support that diversity today."
- The MSUB Jazz Festival was a wonderful event featuring jazz flutist, Katisse Buckingham and the MSUB Jazz Band. MSUB Assistant Professor of Low Brass John Roberts said, "I'm really excited about Katisse and our line-up of clinicians we have for this year's festival. It's going to give students a wonderful opportunity to learn a lot and have a great time."