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- Dr. Sandra Yancy McGuire, Director Emerita of the Center for Academic Success at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, presented a back-to-school conference for student access and success. Her plenary address: Access Success for All Students: “It Takes the Whole Village!”
- The MSUB Eclipse Party was a fantastic event for the community and our campus. A solar telescope was set-up to provide an opportunity to look directly at the sun and observe features such as sunspots, prominences, and granulation of the sun’s surface before, during, and after the eclipse. The progression of the moon blocking the sun was also viewable through the solar telescope. Special viewing glasses were provided to the first 350 people in attendance. All ages participated and enjoyed the excitement.
- City College Day offered an opportunity for individuals pursuing higher education or advancing their careers to tour the campus, participate in demonstrations from the different fields of study, meet with faculty, and become more informed about admissions and financial aid. Workforce Development/America’s Promise was also available with information regarding non-credit training opportunities and additional funding opportunities via the America’s Promise Grant.
- The annual 9/11 Memorial Service held at City College gave the campus and community an opportunity to reflect on the strong and enduring spirit of our country. From the destructive fires and the devastating hurricanes and flooding, communities have come together in time of need to volunteer and donate.
- Every other Tuesday during fall semester the Dean of Students, Kathy Kotecki, has invited the campus to meet and explore a variety of ways that our students can be better served. The invitation encourages individuals to become an engaged member of the campus community by learning about resources and issues that may be impacting students.
- MSUB’s Multicultural Club gave a cultural presentation on the Islamic Republic of Iran. Paul Foster, Director, MSUB Office of International Studies and Outreach and Dr. Elena Petroska, who teaches at MSUB, discussed the context and relevance of Macedonia’s “The Colorful Revolution.”
- The Women’s and Gender Studies Center and Phoenix Center sponsored a quilting bee open house to create the “Empowerment Quilt” honoring survivors of sexual assault and advocates who fight for change and social justice. Individual quilt squares created by members of our campus and the community relay messages of encouragement, support, and empowerment.
- The “Civil Conversations Series: Confederate Monuments Panel Discussion” was a free event sponsored by the Billings Public Library and MSUB. Historians/panelists from MSUB and Rocky Mountain College discussed the historical context and varied meanings of the Confederate monuments and answered questions on the role monuments have in shaping historical memory and contemporary debate on their removal.
- The Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) granted the MSUB Master of Science in Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling program full accreditation for eight years. Dean Duin stated, “This is the result of very hard work by Dr. Blackwell, Dr. Dell, Karen Mikelson and the REHA Grad Assistant, Patti Mazukiewicz.”
- A ribbon cutting ceremony in September celebrated the opening of the William R. Lowe Native American Achievement Center. This dedicated space will provide a center for indigenous learning and achievement. It supports concentrated efforts in recruitment and retention of American Indian students at MSUB.
- Artist Shayla Fiscus displayed her senior thesis exhibition, *In Spectrum*, at a public reception held in the Northcutt Steele Gallery. Shayla has worked on campus as a gallery assistant and as a studio technician and will graduate from MSUB with a BFA in Art (Sculpture) and a BA in Art. Korrin Dietz presented her piano recital in Cisel Hall featuring Beethoven, Chopin, Ponce, Tchaikovsky, and Khachaturian. She is currently working on two degrees in English and in Music Performance. Korrin also has a private piano studio where she teaches children from ages five to sixteen.