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- Chancellor Dr. Dan Edelman hit the ground running April 30, meeting first with students on both campuses, followed by faculty, staff, and community members. He has outlined his strategic goals and vision for MSUB and will continue plans to move our university forward.
- Alumnus Carl Ueland and his wife Barbara donated \$500,000 to the Yellowstone Science and Allied Health Building at the annual MSU Billings Foundation's Wine & Food Festival in May. Now, only \$700,000 remains to be raised to meet the Montana Legislature's requirement of \$5 million. The Uelands have donated nearly \$1.5 million to the Foundation over the past 30 years. The MSUB Wine & Food Festival raised approximately \$315,000 for student scholarships.
- The 91st Annual Commencement was held on May 5. MSU Billings conferred 789 certificates, associate degrees, bachelor's degrees, and master's degrees. Alumnus and Zoot Enterprises Founder and CEO Chris Nelson was the keynote speaker.
- MSU Billings hosted the 2018 Montana International Educators Conference on June 14-15. This annual meeting brings together educators working at public and private institutions with interests in international education.
- MSU Billings' Elk River Writing Project hosted a seminar for educators sponsored and organized by the Olga Lengyel Institute for Holocaust Studies and Human Rights.
- Students Cody Walters and DJ McGee received the President's Volunteer Service Award. Walters volunteered for over 120 hours as a chemistry tutor for Student Support Services TRiO and the Academic Support Center, while McGee volunteered for over 100 hours by hosting a food and clothing drive as well as working on community science and environmental projects.
- Adam Cox and Kaleo Johnson were the first ever MSU Billings student-athletes selected in the 2018 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft. Cox's name was called by the Philadelphia's Phillies, while Johnson's name was called for the Tampa Bay Rays.
- Five student-athletes from MSUB garnered All-American honors. Topping the list was Alisha Breen of the women's basketball team, who was named first-team All-American after a record-breaking year that propelled the Yellowjackets into the NCAA Division II Elite Eight. Four other student-athletes were also named All-American: Kaleo Johnson (baseball), Heather Tracy (softball), and Beau Ackerman and Jorey Egeland for track and field.
- David E. Buckingham was named Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. The assignment was placed through The Registry for Colleges and University Presidents. Previously, Buckingham has served in other interim leadership positions focused on students and enrollment, including Randolph College and University of Maine at Fort Kent and Presque Isle. Buckingham spent the majority of his academic career at Virginia Wesleyan University in progressive positions culminating with the role of Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Enrollment.
- Ed Garding was named Interim Dean of the College of Business. Garding brings a wealth of business expertise and strong community connections. Garding is the former president and CEO of First Interstate BancSystem and had held progressive management positions with the company since 1971. An alumnus, Garding has served on numerous community boards, including the MSUB Foundation and the College of Business Advisory Board.
- Elizabeth Fullon, Department Chair of General Education and Transfer & Learner Support, was named Interim Dean of City College. Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting is assisting with the search for candidates for this position.
- Dr. Susan Balter-Reitz, Director of e-Learning and Communications Professor, was named Interim Vice Provost for Academic Affairs.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The Investiture for MSU Billings Chancellor Dr. Dan Edelman will be hosted on September 11 at 5 p.m. on the MSU Billings campus preceding the Board of Regents meeting on September 12-13.