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- WOW! Two super events were held at MSUB. The Atomic Circus event welcomed all 5th graders from the Billings Public Schools to enjoy an amazing family-friendly experience. “We’re going to do a multimedia chemistry demonstration show that takes folks both young and young-at-heart on a journey to the atomic level,” stated Dr. Matt Queen, Professor of Analytical Chemistry. “We’ve got amazing chemistry experiments and interpretive dancers to help explore their atomic level explanations, all with a soundtrack provided by MSUB’s own rocking Atomic Circus house band.” Girls 4th thru 8th grade enjoyed hands-on fun at MSUB while attending Girls-n-Science. The event promotes STEM education and opens awareness to the many STEM career opportunities available. The guest speaker for this year’s event was Dr. Kourtney Kemp, a graduate of Montana Tech, and is a leader in medical robotics.
- MSUB Faculty Excellence recognized faculty members for their excellence in teaching, research, and service to the campus and community. Faculty recognized were: Dr. Jennifer Lynn, Associate Professor, History, received the MCIE Award for Support of Students with Disabilities and the Dr. Tasneem Khaleel Award for Mentoring Young Female Professionals; Dr. Christopher Craig, Assistant Professor, Management, the MCIE Award for Support of Students with Disabilities; Dr. Susan Gilbertz, Professor, Geography and Advisor to Environmental Studies, Promoting International Student Success Award; Dr. Heather Thompson-Bahm, Instructor, Business and Human Resources, City College Leadership Award; Ms. Michele McMullen McMullen, University Lecturer, Biological and Physical Sciences, Excellence Award for Non-Tenured faculty; Dr. Rachael Waller, Associate Professor, Literacy Education, Faculty Excellence Award; and Dr. Melissa Boehm, Assistant Professor, Communication and Theatre. Winston & Helen Cox Fellowship Award. The Walter and Charlotte Pippenger Excellence in Innovation Award established in 2005 by Richard and Cheri Cox, their sons Shaun and Scott Cox, and the members of the Cox Family, in honor of Mrs. Cox’s parents. The award recognizes an individual or group whose efforts, projects, or programs clearly and objectively demonstrate improvement in the undergraduate teaching and learning experience. This year’s recipients were: Allison Bailey, Anne Cole, Eric Gilbertsen, Andrea Payne, and Chairsty Stewart from City College.
- The MSUB Alumni Association proudly presented the 2018 Outstanding Alumni Awards to seven exceptional alumni for their contributions to society, their profession, and their alma mater. The recipients are: Brenda Dockery, MSUB Adjunct Instructor, Ronald P. Sexton Award for Professional Commitment; Dr. Craig Pierson, Chemistry Instructor, Billings Central Catholic High School, Alumni Merit Medallion; Merry Lee Olson, CEO, YWCA Billings, Distinguished Alumna; TerraBeth Jochems, Certified Barton Tutor, 3H Tutoring, Recognition for Exceptional Achievement; Rita Wells, Orchestra Specialist, School District 2, Distinguished Alumna; Shane Fairbanks, Social Studies Instructor, Billings Central Catholic High School, Recognition for Exceptional Achievement; Nathan Haney, Attorney, Karell Dyre Haney PLLP, Recognition for Exceptional Achievement; and Steve Arveschoug, Executive Director, Big Sky Economic Development, Friend of MSU Billings.
- Congratulations to the Women’s Basketball Team for their historic win of the GNAC Conference Championship. Congrats also to Alisha Breen for her outstanding, record breaking season! MSUB students/athletes were recognized at the Chi Alpha Sigma National College Athlete Honor Society Induction Ceremony honoring their efforts for earning a varsity letter while maintaining a 3.4 or higher cumulative GPA throughout their junior and senior years.
- Montana Collision Repair Association organized the 2018 Rocky Mountain Trade Show in Billings. The trade event featured restored classic cars and training sessions for auto industry professionals. The association presented City College and the MSUB Foundation with two checks totaling \$47,065.00. A scholarship fund will be set-up to attract kids interested in auto collision repair programs. The trade show attendees showed a tremendous support during the Friday evening pedal car auction fundraiser for City College students who refinished the donated models. The in-kind donations resulted in more than \$40,000 in new equipment for City College.
- Dr. Lynn George, Professor, Biological & Physical Sciences. Recently published her lab research in *Nature Communications*. Her research, “Elongator and codon bias regulate protein levels in mammalian peripheral neurons” focuses on a neurological disease called familial dysautonomia, and the underlying cellular and molecular causes of the disease.