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- From July 24-26, MSU Billings hosted a Buzzin' Beyond Billings bus tour of eastern Montana. Staff, faculty, and administrators stopped in Miles City, Glendive, Sidney, and Poplar to connect with community colleges, school superintendents, high school principals, and tribal leaders. The tour also hosted community socials with Dr. Keith Edgerton presenting "The History of Homesteading in eastern Montana."
- Dr. Lynn George has been awarded a \$395K grant through National Institutes of Health for research of familial dysautonomia, a childhood neurological disease.
- Montana Center for Inclusive Education at MSU Billings has received a \$170K grant through the National Endowment for the Humanities to host a workshop on Montana landmarks of cultural and historical significance.
- Assistant Professor Sarah Friedman was awarded a \$15K grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust's Partners in Science program to work with James Manley, a Rosebud High School teacher, to research chromite seams across the Stillwater complex.
- Professor Tami Haaland has been named a recipient of a 2019 Governor's Humanities award presented by Humanities Montana. Haaland is a Professor of English and a director of the Elk River Writing Project.
- The Holistic Enrollment and Retention Committee held its first meeting. The new committee, comprised of administration, faculty, staff, and students, is charged with developing initiatives to help MSU Billings reach Chancellor Edelman's goal of 6,000 students in five years.
- City College will open a Native American Student Center this fall. An open house will be held on September 26.
- Nursing students recently achieved major milestones. Students from the inaugural class of the RSN to BSN completion program had a pinning ceremony on August 11. Additionally, the ASN spring 2018 class received a 100% pass rate in the National Licensure Examination.
- Dr. Matt Queen and his students visited the Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Lightsource as part of research supported by Montana IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence and National Institute of General Medical Sciences.
- MSU Billings recently shared its Ultrasound program facilities with Rocky Mountain College's physician assistant students for focused assessment with sonography for trauma training.
- The MSU Billings Office of International Studies was awarded \$3K from the Institute for Mexicans Abroad and the Consulate General of Mexico in Denver to create a new scholarship for Mexican or Mexican-origin students.
- ONEOK donated a large compressor unit and natural gas engines to City College. Students from the diesel mechanic technology and process plant programs will have the opportunity to work on this equipment.
- Chancellor Dan Edelman challenged the Billings community to donate to the Yellowstone Science and Allied Health Building project by personally pledging \$15k. The community exceeded expectations by contributing an additional \$154K with one donor challenging the Chancellor to contribute an additional \$1K, which he accepted.
- Demolition of the 60+-year-old Academic Support Center building on university campus began in June and continued throughout the summer. The project was approved at March 2018 BOR meeting and eliminates over \$1 million in deferred maintenance for the university.
- Dr. John Dorr was appointed Interim Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions. Dorr has worked as an orthopedic surgeon at St. Vincent Hospital and Ortho Montana, lectured on sports medicine and general orthopedics, and taught classes at both MSU Billings and Rocky Mountain College.
- College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) recognized Evan O'Kelly, Director of Communications and Sports Information for MSUB Athletics, with the CoSIDA Rising Star Award.