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Fall Commencement – Seventy-one students graduated from Montana State University Northern in the fall semester. On December 8, a brief ceremony and reception for the graduates and their families was held in the entryway of the New Diesel Technology Center (DTC). All of these students have the opportunity to return in the spring to walk with their class.

HVAC Workshop - Students from Havre High School joined students from Northern's Automotive Program to conduct a collaborative workshop between the two schools. Northern students helped teach the high school students about HVAC systems in various vehicles. Kevin Holzworth of Northern and Tyler Kroft of Havre High organized the meetup, and students were happy to learn how to properly perform vehicle HVAC shop practices in Northern's newly renovated Automotive Mechanics Building.

MSUN Partners with FPCC - Fort Peck Community received a U.S. Department of Education grant (IEPD) to increase the number of American Indian teachers in Indian Country. The IEPD award is a five-year project supporting American Indian students earning a bachelor's degree in education leading to an educator's license in Montana. MSU Northern and Fort Peck Community College are working together to deliver the coursework to students enabling them to student teach in their local school districts and graduate within the grant cycle.

Collaboration with GFC MSU - MSUN is working with MSU Great Falls College to provide expanded academic opportunities for students across the Hi-Line and in Great Falls. Academic leadership from both campuses have been meeting since September to identify academic areas with a demonstrated need within the region. Education, Business, Dental Hygiene, and Respiratory Care were identified by both campuses as areas in which their collaborations could be expanded.

Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Training - Dr. Curtis Smeby and Dr. Darlene Sellers are providing Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) and Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST). These training programs provide essential skills for educators who work with children, youth, families, schools, and communities. They have conducted the training with Northern's graduate students, nursing students, and the Turner school district.

Orchestra Concert - The MSU Northern Community Orchestra presented "Visions of Sugar Plums" featuring The Studio of Dance and Arts in the SUB Ballroom. This holiday concert included selections from *The Nutcracker* by Tchaikovsky, *A Mad Russian's Christmas*, *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, *North Pole Workshop*, and *Parade of the Wooden Soldiers*.

Nineteenth Annual MSUN Cowboy Christmas – One of the highlights of the year is the MSU Northern Rodeo Cowboy Christmas fundraiser! Hundreds of ranchers and rodeo fans came together to support MSU Northern's rodeo program. The evening included a prime rib and shrimp dinner, auction, dance, and door prizes, which included a trip to the Montana circuit finals in January.

It All Starts With a Seed - A group of MSU Northern agricultural students toured a local seed plant. Nick Lowen and other employees of the plant took Northern students through a fantastic tour of Wild Horse Seeds. The tour germinated many questions and seeded many minds with newfound knowledge about seed technologies.

Fall Career Fair - There were 38 employers at the fair seeking an opportunity to visit with students from a variety of majors offered at Northern. The final count showed 301 students signed in, which beats last year's count of 275. Ten employers stayed after the fair to interview students and all ten reported they were impressed with the professionalism the students portrayed.