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- **MSU Billings conferred 785 certificates, associate degrees, bachelor's degrees, and master's degrees** during its May 4th commencement ceremony at the Metra Park; Agriculture businessman, philanthropist, and alumnus Carl Ueland delivered the keynote.
- At commencement, the **MSU Billings Alumni Association hosted its first-ever Golden Graduates program**. Twenty-one alumni who graduated 50+ years ago were honored during the ceremony.
- **MSU Billings' three 2019 Outstanding Graduates were named**. Recipients of the 2019 Outstanding Awards are Megan Wilson of Busby from City College, and Haylee Mooney of Helena from University Campus. The Golden Merit Award recipient for 2019 is Miglena Ivanova of Varna, Bulgaria.
- **MSU Billings has named Elaine Labach, Ph.D., as the dean of the College of Business**. She most recently served as dean of the Frost School of Business at Centenary College. Labach holds a Ph.D. in operations management from Indiana University School of Business, a master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan, and a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Wayne State University. She joins MSUB on July 8.
- **MSU Billings has named Roberto Nava, Ph.D., as the dean of the College of Education**. He most recently served as the associate dean of Metropolitan State University of Denver. Nava holds a Ph.D. in education from Oregon State University, a master's degree in education from George Fox University, and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Oregon State University. He joins MSUB on July 29.
- **MSU Billings Foundation celebrated more than \$1 million in funds raised in May after the conclusion of its annual Wine & Food Festival**. At the festival's finale event, alumnus Carl Ueland pledged \$600,000 to MSU Billings scholarships for student-athletes and those pursuing science degrees.
- **MSU Billings student Cody Walters was awarded a Goldwater Scholarship** from the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation. Walters, a junior studying psychology and biology, is the second-ever Goldwater Scholarship recipient from the university.
- **The auto body program at City College partnered with the National Auto Body Council's Recycled Rides program** to help with the donation of a refurbished car. Micki Morrow and her daughter were presented with the vehicle at the City College Car Show and Collision Repair Exploration Day.
- **MSU Billings Foundation received a grant to fund nursing scholarships**. The Charles M. Bair Family Trust provided \$30,000 for the 2019-20 academic year, which will fund 10 new \$3,000 scholarships for students pursuing nursing degrees at the university.
- **MSU Billings administrators, faculty and staff participated in the second Buzzin' Beyond Billings tour of eastern Montana**, May 7-9. The tour interacted with prospective students, alumni, and community members in Miles City, Glendive, Sidney, Poplar, Lame Deer, Colstrip and Glasgow.
- **MSU Billings faculty, staff and students were featured speakers as part of a program highlighting suicide prevention**. WaterWorks Art Museum in Miles City and the Global Health Equity Foundation opened an art exhibit entitled "Messages of Hope" featuring "Let's Talk" youth artwork as well as Eastern Montana area artists in May. Several speakers addressed their experiences with loss due to suicide and their work on prevention activities.
- **City College faculty member Kelly McCoy has been named founding member of international fire council**. McCoy will serve on the University Advisory Council Task Force for the Center for Public Safety Excellence. This task force will identify and develop direction and guidance for educational advisory groups, as well as expand on general roles and responsibilities. The Center for Public Safety Excellence has long been a leader in fire service accreditation and professional credentialing.
- **The Elk River Writing Project, a branch of the National Writing Project at MSU Billings, sponsored "Worlds Apart But Not Strangers"** on campus in June. This seminar, for upper-elementary to college educators, focuses on Holocaust education and Indian Education for All.
- The Stockman Bank NextStep Endowed Scholarship was introduced to **strengthen career pathways for students who want to complete a bachelor's degree at MSU Billings after earning a degree at Miles Community College**. One female and one male MCC transfer student will be awarded a scholarship.
- **The Northcutt Steele Gallery at MSU Billings featured "A Subboreal Studios Mysterious Museum Installation"**, an exhibition of mixed-media works created by Louis Habeck in collaboration with high school students from across the state participating in the Montana Art Interscholastics.