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**MSU Northern 2019 Graduation:** Matthew Daniel Cronin was the 2019 Commencement speaker. The Registrar's office reported that 281 students received a total of 463 degrees. The numbers break down in the following ways: 116 females, 165 males, 37 certificates, 208 associate's, 202 bachelor's and 16 master's degrees.

**2019 NWCA NAIA Top Scholar:** MSU Northern Lights Wrestling team was named number one in the nation in the 2019 NWCA NAIA Scholar All-American Top 15 Team rankings. They beat out last year's champions, Bethany College (KS), by the slightest of margins with a team GPA of 3.362. MSU Northern placed four wrestlers on the Individual Scholar All-American Team, including two who finished in top three and one being a National Finalist. The squad also finished their season with a 10th place finish at the NAIA National Championships.

**New PCR Instrument for DNA Testing:** Undergraduate students in biology and Dr. Hildebrand are now enjoying their new Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) instrument. MSU Northern received grant funding through the National Institutes of Health (NIH) INBRE program that purchased the new equipment. This new equipment allows students to use soil microbe DNA quantity and diversity to measure differences among treatments.

**Plumbing Program Receives a New Lochinvar Knight Boiler:** MSU Northern's Plumbing Technology Program received a new Lochinvar Knight Boiler from the Lochinvar Boiler Company from Lebanon, Tennessee. Lochinvar donated boiler pumps, controls, and access for MSU Northern's plumbing students to their extensive library of training videos and trouble shooting materials.

**Founders' Excellence Award:** The MSU Northern Alumni Foundation presented the 2019 Founders' Excellence Award to Dr. Leslie Ruyle and Janice Brady at a special ceremony held the night before graduation.

**Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees:** The MSU Northern Alumni Foundation inductees for the Athletic Hall of Fame included Mitch Overlie ('01) and Stacie (Little) Barker ('10). A special induction ceremony was held on May 3 in the SUB Ballroom.

**Athletes of the Year:** MSU Northern announced the female and male athletes of the year during the sixth annual Sports Banquet hosted by the Northern Lights Athletics Scholarship Foundation (NLASF). The 2019 female athlete of the year is Peyton Kehr and the 2019 male athlete of the year is Brandon Weber.

**2019 Student Excellence Winners:** Twelve students received Student Excellence Awards. The Student Excellence Award is the highest honor that a student can receive at MSU Northern. This year's recipients are Teresa Stevenson, Robert Pair, Wade Schneider, Blaze Goldhagn, Lona Gibbs, Devin Bray, Cacie E. Cain, Luke Rech, Barry Francis, Samuel Smith, and Spencer Sartori.

**Retirement Reception:** Sherry Kegel and Karen Terrell were honored for their years of service at MSU Northern at the retirement reception that took place Tuesday afternoon (April 23) in Donaldson Commons. Both received retirement clocks from the Chancellor and blankets from the Little River Institute.

**Summer Sessions** – Started May 13 and are in full swing.