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Faculty Become safeTALK Trainers - MSU-Northern graduate professors, Dr. Curtis Smeby and Dr. Darlene Sellers, traveled to Canada to become certified safeTALK trainers. This certification will allow them to provide half-day suicide alertness training that prepares anyone 15 or older, regardless of prior experience or training, to become a suicide-alert helper.

Aaniih Nakoda College Partners with Education Programs - MSU-Northern's Education faculty met with Aaniih Nakoda College President Carol Falcon-Chandler, ANC Academic Dean Dr. Sean Chandler, ANC Comptroller Debra Eve, and, the Indian Education Professional Grant Program Coordinator Cheryl Morales to prepare for ANC students to begin MSU-Northern's Education program in 2019.

Articulation Agreements with Stone Child College - Administrators from Stone Child College (SCC) and Montana State University-Northern (MSUN) met to work on articulation agreements between the two campuses. Currently we are renewing the existing business degree agreement and looking at ways to work with SCC's trade programs.

Precision Agriculture Training - Many MSU-Northern students were able to participate in a precision agriculture training session that taught them how to program John Deere tractors to run from GPS automation. C & B Operations provided the equipment and conducted the advanced training. C & B is a privately owned company that owns and manages 37 John Deere dealerships in five states and is one of Northern's latest corporate partners.

MLK 2019: Modern Black Civil Rights in Montana - This year in observance of MLK Day 2019, the Student Life and Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP), sponsored the presentation Modern Civil Rights in Montana. The speaker was Ken Robison, an expert in the area of Black history in this state. The presentation focused on the historical events that took place in Montana, particularly in Great Falls, during the era of the Civil Rights Movement.

Student Involvement Fair - On Wednesday, Jan. 30, the Associated Students of MSU-Northern (ASMSUN) hosted an Involvement Fair in the SUB Ballroom so new students could have an opportunity to see the various clubs and local groups that they could be a part of during their time at MSU-Northern.

AOT Students Attend Havre Chamber Banquet - Four students from MSU-Northern's AOT Program participated in the Havre Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet. The keynote speaker for this year's banquet was Dean Folkvord, owner and operator of Wheat Montana. Dean gave excellent insights into taking a dream and making it a reality.

New Head Volleyball Coach - MSU-Northern hired Jerry Wagner as our new head volleyball coach. Wagner coached the Skylights in 1987 and was also the head coach of the Havre Blue Ponies from 1984-1987. Wagner has been coaching college volleyball for 35 years. During that time, he was the head coach of the Montana Grizzlies for eight seasons.

Senior Wrestlers Honored - MSU-Northern's wrestling team hosted their last home match against Dickinson State. Just before Northern soundly defeated Dickinson (48-6), they honored their senior wrestlers. The seniors were Jake French, Matt Weber, Brandon Weber and Andrew Bartel. Once Andrew's achievements were read, he got down on one knee and proposed to his longtime girlfriend and former Skylight basketball star Peyton Filius and she accepted!

Sports Complex, Phase One Update – The Northern Alumni Foundation has hired the marketing team, Bannack to help with the fundraising for the new Sports Complex. They conducted a feasibility study and determined that the project was important to the campus and that there was sufficient financial interest and support to move forward. They have met with the fundraising committee and have conducted the preliminary training. Currently they have begun fundraising efforts. NE45 has been hired to make the working drawings, which are scheduled to be completed in the middle of February.