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Enrollment Report: MSU-Northern has a headcount of 1,034 and an FTE of 993. MSU-Northern's retention numbers are showing increases between 2% to 16%. These increases are the result of improved early alerts, a new proactive intervention system, and our tutoring services.

Tilleman Field Update: New football field was finished in time for the fall football season, which became postponed until the spring. On August 26, the campus honored Mike Tilleman and his family for their support of MSU-Northern's football and athletic programs. On Sept 16, the Board of Regents approved the Tilleman Field name.

Student Orientation: This year the students experienced a check-in process reminiscent of the days before computers and wireless technologies. Many departments including admissions, advising, financial aid, registrar, business services, accessibility, and SSS were stationed in the gym so social distancing could be maintained. This approach made it quick and easy for students to talk with all the right people without walking all over campus.

Faculty and Staff Orientation: This year MSU-Northern conducted their annual faculty and staff orientation meetings in an online format. All of the required annual training presentations were prerecorded.

County Suicide Awareness Walk: The Hill County Suicide Awareness Coalition hosted the 6th Annual Hill County Suicide Awareness Walk September 10th, which is also World Suicide Prevention Day. Participants gathered at the clock tower and listened to this year's keynote speaker Darla Tyler-McSherry, a Big Sandy native who is the Director of Student Health Services at MSU-Billings. The event ended with the group going on a gentle one-mile walk around the MSU-Northern campus in honor of people who died by suicide.

Course Design Workshops: MSU-Northern's Office of Teaching and Learning Excellence (OTLE) organized a series of course design workshops to help MSUN instructors prepare for fall teaching during the COVID-19 pandemic. The workshop was offered six times throughout the summer and was attended by 51 faculty instructors, including several adjunct faculty, from across campus.

Cross Country Team Takes Fourth Place: MSU-Northern started a cross country team in 2015. Now five years later, they were able to host seven teams for the first Frontier Conference sporting event of the season. The 2020 Frontier Conference Preview Meet occurred on Sept. 11 at Prairie Farms Golf Course.

MSU-Northern Students Help with Flu Clinic: Several of MSU-Northern's nursing students helped give flu shots at the Northern Montana Hospital's drive-in flu clinic.

Campus Improvements: During the past few months Tiber Drive has had some road repairs, the Metals Technology Building has been painted and Pershing Hall is in the final stages of getting a facelift.