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**[New Defensive Coordinator](#)** – MSU-Northern hired NAIA coaching legend, Mike Van Diest, to join their coaching staff as Defensive Coordinator. During 19 years as head coach at Carroll College, Mike Van Diest led the Fighting Saints to six National Championships and 14 Frontier Conference Championships for one of the most dominating runs in college football history. We are pleased he has joined the Northern Lights.

**Legislative Visit** – Two legislative committees (Ag and the EQC) were on our campus June 29. They toured MSU-Northern College of Technical Sciences facilities and had lunch in the DTC. Many had never been on the campus and were impressed by Northern’s practical and comprehensive programs.

**Collaboration with GFC-MSU** – Dr. Stephanie Erdmann, the new dean and CEO of Great Falls College MSU, was on campus (July 27) to meet with Chancellor Greg Kegel, Provost Neil Moisey, and top administrators to discuss past collaborations and to chart a course forward for future collaborative efforts.

**[New Athletic Hall of Fame Members](#)** – Marc and Kyle Samson were inducted into the MSU-Northern Athletics Hall of Fame in an outdoor ceremony at the MSU-N campus on July 21. The Samson brothers led the MSU-N football team to a berth in the NAIA playoffs in 2006.

**Diesel Fundraiser** – MSU-Northern’s Diesel Advisory Board hosted their second Diesel Golf Scramble. The event raised over \$10K for the MSU-Northern diesel program. The two-day event allowed 17 golf teams to go head to head and to raise some money for the advancement of the diesel program.

**STEM Workshop** – This July, MSU-Northern hosted an Indian Education Professional Development Project that was designed to develop intensive, high-quality STEM teaching modules supporting indigenous knowledge of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Educators from all over the state came together to learn about ways to use medicinal plants and about indigenous perspectives on water.

**[Motorcycle Safety Resumes Training](#)** – MSU-Northern is the home of Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety (MMRS). Every year approximately 1500 new and experienced riders learn how to safely operate motorcycles through MMRS courses. Last summer the program was shut down due to COVID. We are pleased to offer these courses once again in Havre, Billings, Bozeman, Great Falls, Helena, Kalispell, Missoula, Sidney, and Malmstrom Air Force Base.

**[MSU-Northern Helps Teacher Shortage](#)** - This summer MSU-Northern launched an exciting and ambitious new program to help meet the growing need for industrial technology teachers in Montana. This program is designed to help teachers who are currently teaching under a temporary teaching license to get the courses they need to become a fully licensed teacher. Teachers who teach specific skills like welding, automotive, carpentry, plumbing, drafting, machining, and electrical need specific endorsements to prove they have the knowledge and skills needed to teach those courses.

**[MSU-Northern Helps Fort Benton Celebrate their 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary](#)** – Chancellor Kegel and his wife were pleased to represent MSU-Northern by riding in the “Galloping Goose,” the antique car that has long been a mascot for the college, through the streets of Fort Benton as part of their 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.