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- **MSU Billings announces Institute for Neurodiversity & Applied Behavioral Analysis.** The Institute, housed within MSUB's Montana Center for Inclusive Education, will serve children in the region with mental, social, and behavioral differences associated with autism spectrum disorders, developmental disabilities, and other behavioral disabilities by providing direct and telehealth clinical support. Within the Institute, MSUB's applied behavior analysis students will be able to conduct their supervised practicums required for professional certification, giving them an in-house and hands-on learning experience.
- **City College at MSU Billings' Paramedic program reaccredited.** The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions recently reaccredited the City College at MSUB's Paramedic program, maintaining their highest level of academic and industry standards. The program also has a 100% pass rate and employment rate.
- **MSU Billings to participate in Second Chance Pell Grant Program.** MSUB was chosen to participate in the Department of Education's Second Chance Pell Experiment, which provides incarcerated individuals access to post-secondary education opportunities and federal need-based Pell Grants. In partnership with the Montana Women's Prison and the Montana State Prison, MSUB will enroll up to 20 Pell Grant eligible students in the online Associate of Applied Sciences in Business program and the online Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts program this fall.
- **MSUB seniors recognized for exemplary leadership.** MSUB's Outstanding Undergraduate Student Leadership Award for Spring 2022 recipients are James Unzaga and Amy Sexton. Unzaga recently graduated with a bachelor's degree in chemistry with high honors. Unzaga was also the recipient of the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship in 2021. He will begin a Ph.D. program in materials science and engineering at the University of Wisconsin this fall. Sexton served as the most recent MUS Student Regent, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration, accounting option. She recently started a job as a Senior Accountant with a CPA firm in Chicago. Golden Merit Award recipients were City College student Dylan Miller and university campus student Shannon Reny. Miller received an Associate of Applied Science in Diesel Technology degree, with high honors. Reny received a degree in health and human performance and was also most recently the captain of the women's basketball team. She will begin studying environmental law this fall at Lewis and Clark College's Northwestern School of Law.
- **City College at MSU Billings Phi Theta Kappa honors outstanding students.** The City College Phi Theta Kappa chapter recently welcomed and recognized 26 new inductees. Phi Theta Kappa is a two-year institution honor society for students who achieve a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Many of these students often attend school while working full time and raising families.
- **MSU Billings honors student research initiatives during the Research & Creativity Symposium.** The ninth annual Research & Creativity Symposium featured both creative works and research by talented MSUB students. Awards were presented to five different areas of research, from Psychology and Rehabilitation to History and Business. Benefits to student research include increasing their problem-solving skills, overall learning and the likelihood of completing their degrees.
- **City College at MSU Billings showcases automotive careers at transportation expo.** MSUB's Dual Enrollment program hosted a transportation expo for high school students highlighting unique and interesting careers within the automotive industry. Industry employers spoke to students about regional careers and City College instructors spoke about automotive program offerings. Over \$1,000 in scholarships were awarded to students to attend MSUB.
- **MSU Billings English student publishes scholarly article.** Undergraduate English student Brie Barron published an article of Entropic Interactionist Theory in the distinguished journal *Criterion: A Journal of Literary Criticism*. It is rare for undergraduates to publish articles, so this is a measure of not just her own innate skills, but also the quality of her training by MSUB English faculty.
- **MSU Billings Foundation & Alumni celebrates 30 years of Wine & Food Festival.** The highly regarded and sought-after scholarship fundraising event hosted by the MSUB Foundation & Alumni, Wine & Food Festival, hit its 30th anniversary this year. Event organizer Jeanne Moller who has been spearheading the event for the past 28 years, retired this past June. The search for a new event organizer is underway.