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## MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | NORTHERN

**New Provost** – MSU-Northern is pleased to announce Dr. Jennifer L. Brown as our new Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Provost. Dr. Brown holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of California in Santa Barbara. Prior to coming to Northern she was the Associate Provost and Dean of Academic Analytics at Eastern Connecticut State University.

MSU-Northern Commencement - MSU-Northern hosted the graduation ceremony for the 2023 class. This year's commencement speaker was Jay Pyette. MSU-Northern has 285 students eligible to receive a total of 420 degrees. The numbers break down in the following ways: 128 women, 157 men, 53 certificates, 160 associate's, 185 bachelor's and 22 master's degrees.

<u>Nurses Pinning</u> – Seventeen Nurses students received their nursing pin at the annual Nurses Pinning Ceremony, which was held on May 5, 2023. Assistant Nursing Professor Stacey Fast gave the challenge to the class.

<u>45th Annual Powwow</u> - MSU-Northern's Sweetgrass Society was honored to host the 45th annual powwow in the Armory Gymnasium on April 28 & 29, 2023. The powwow featured over 100 dancers registered in categories for males and females ages 18 to 54 and golden age dancers 55 and older.

<u>MSU-Northern Honors Retirees</u> – This year's retirees were Kevin Carlson, Margaret Christofferson, Gregory Clouse, Richard Dorcheus, Thomas Kase, R. Neil Moisey, Keith Richardson, Cynthia Small, and Debra Bradly.

<u>Nursing Simulation Lab</u> - The ribbon was cut on the Dr. Mary Pappas Simulation Lab. The lab is named in honor of Dr. Mary Pappas who was a long-time nursing professor and administrator at MSU-Northern.

<u>Hunter Velk Takes First at Montana SkillsUSA</u> - Hunter Velk won first place in the Post-secondary Diesel Equipment Technology category. Hunter now qualifies to participate the SkillsUSA National leadership & Skills Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

<u>COTS Advisory Boards</u> - The College of Technical Sciences hosted advisory board meetings for: Diesel Technology, Automotive Technology, Ag Mechanics & Agricultural Operations Technology, Civil Engineering Technology, Business Technology, Electrical Technology, Plumbing Technology, Pipefitters, & Related Training, Joint Welding Technology & Industrial Technology.

**Spring Fling** - The Northern Lights Athletic Scholarship Foundation (NLASF) hosted the 18th annual Spring Fling dinner and auction in the Armory Gymnasium. NLASF hosts the event every year to raise money for MSU-Northern's athletics program.

<u>Havre Literary Night</u> – MSU-Northern and Montana Actors' Theatre (MAT) hosted a night of fiction, poetry, & photography featuring three local and award-winning authors: Charles Finn – 2022 Montana Book Award Winner · Gwen Hart – X.J. Kennedy Poetry Award Winner · Roger Hart – McGlinn fiction contest Winner

<u>Founders Excellence Awards</u> - The Northern Alumni Foundation honored Kurt Johnson and Pam Veis with an excellent prime rib dinner and the presentation of the 2023 Founders' Excellence Award.

<u>20-year Coaching Jacket</u> - Shawn Huse with the first ever to receive the 20th year MSU-Northern maroon coaching jacket. Coach Huse has an impressive 418 wins with a 64% winning percentage and is ranked 18th winningest active coach in the NAIA.