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2025 Commencement - The Registrar's office reported that 250 students received a total of 321 degrees. The numbers break down in the following ways: 87 women, 163 men, 53 certificates, 129 associate's, 159 bachelor's and 10 master's degrees. This year's Commencement speaker was Chris Faber.

Powwow - The 48th Annual Sweetgrass Society Powwow drew an impressive crowd during its two-day celebration on April 11 and 12. The student-led, student-organized event featured over 100 dancers.

Retirees Honored - MSU-Northern held a retirement celebration in the SUB Ballroom to honor the dedicated service of Mary Brown and Trygve "Spike" Magelssen, who together contributed over three decades to the university.

Founders Excellence Awards - The Northern Alumni Foundation is proud to announce the recipients of the 2025 Founders' Excellence Awards: Don Holst, T. Wayne Koepke & Renelle Braaten, and a posthumous awards for Arnold & Joy Hokanson.

Professor Receives the Japan Studies Institute Fellowship - Dr. Barbara Zuck, Professor of Business, was selected as a recipient of the Japan Studies Institute (JSI) Fellowship on behalf of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and the Nippon Foundation.

Montana SkillsUSA Competition - MSU-Northern proudly sent ten students to compete at the 2025 Montana SkillsUSA competition, held at the Great Falls Fairgrounds. The students received three gold medals, one silver, and one bronze medal.

Student Scholarship Awards Ceremony Held in SUB Ballroom - MSU-Northern celebrated the achievements of its students during the annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony. A total of 364 scholarships were awarded, amounting to \$360,300 in financial support for students.

2025 Student Excellence - MSU-Northern has honored outstanding students with the Student Excellence Awards—Recipients consistently uphold high standards, lead with integrity, and serve as role models in their pursuit of well-rounded growth and engagement. This year's recipients were: Bridger Beach, Owen Smith, Jaden Koon, Crawford Terry, Orion Thivierge, Rogan Barnwell, Jason Rice, Ellen Collins, Elaine Reed, Courtney Boese, McKenzie Long, and Kaiya Doney.

Golden N Awards - The Associated Students of MSU-Northern (ASMSUN) presented three awards to individuals who have made lasting impacts on student life, learning, and success. The recipients were Tom Friede, Kevin Holzworth, and Chuck Terry.

Automotive Program Reaccredited - MSU-Northern's Automotive Program has officially had its national accreditation reaffirmed by the ASE Education Foundation.

Montana Student Volunteer Award - Amanda Hagerty of Montana State University–Northern was recognized with the 2025 Montana Student Volunteer Award. The award, presented in partnership by the Governor's Office of Community Service and the Montana Campus Network for Civic Engagement (MCNCE).