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New Endowment for Research - MSU-Northern Foundation created a new endowment to support undergraduate research in the sciences. The fund will support student research projects, including laboratory and field supplies, as well as travel for students to present their work at academic conferences.

Aurora Complex Update - The Montana Department of Administration awarded the design contract for Phase Two of the Aurora Complex to A&E Design and SMA Architecture + Design. They have met with key members of Northern's administration, faculty, staff, students, the Foundation and alumni groups.

Conference on Indigenous Student Success - Four faculty members from MSU-Northern recently traveled to Oklahoma City to participate in the national conference titled "Supporting Indigenous Students Success at NASNTI Institutions" held by the QEM Network at the OKANA Resort in Oklahoma City.

Student Leadership Retreat - Two MSU-Northern students and two faculty and staff members represented the MSU-Northern at the First Annual Montana University System (MUS) Undergraduate Research Student Leadership Retreat, at the Birch Creek Center in the Pioneer Mountains northwest of Dillon.

INBRE Grant - MSU-Northern was awarded a \$49,965 grant from Montana INBRE, funded by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institutes of Health. The project will provide equipment and supplies to strengthen biomedical teaching and research at MSU-Northern.

MAT Heads to New York City - MSU-Northern's resident theatre company, the Montana Actors Theatre (MAT) traveled to New York City and made their New York debut of *The Harvest*, a locally written, directed and acted show about a struggling Montana farming family.

Tenure and promotion - The faculty who were promoted or received tenure were: Anna Bowker, Dr. Chad Spangler, Grant Bowker, Dr. Jaime Duke, Dr. Joseph Todd, Josh Meyer, and Dr. Valerie Guyant.

Native American and Indian Heritage Month - MSU-Northern is celebrating National Native American Heritage Month in November with a Tipi raising, workshops, cultural events, including beadwork classes, Indigenous mentorship talks, and a "Rock Your Mocs" Week to honor and share Native traditions.

MSU-Northern Honors Veterans - While the university was closed on Tuesday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day, the celebration continued on Wednesday, November 12, with an Appreciation Lunch held in the Veterans Lounge on the third floor of Cowan Hall.

Statewide Fall Retreat - Sixteen students from MSU-Northern's Chi Alpha chapter joined 140 Chi Alpha students from across Montana for this year's Fall Retreat at Glacier Bible Camp in Hungry Horse. The weekend featured hiking, worship, and challenging messages.

Orchestra Concert - The MSU-Northern Community Orchestra hosted an evening of toe-tapping tunes with their concert, *Seriously Swing'n Jazz*. The lively performance featured a mix of classic and contemporary jazz favorites.