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11/24: Holiday (Columbus Day Exchange)

11/27: Birthday Celebration (12:00-1:30 pm, SUB)

11/28: Giving Tuesday

12/01:
Campus Store Customer Appreciation Sale
Holiday Stroll (10:00 am-2:00 pm)
WBB vs Concordia University of Edmonton (3:00 pm, HPER)
MBB vs Concordia University of Edmonton (5:00 pm, HPER)

12/02: SPE Bazaar (9:00 am-4:00 pm, MAC)

12/03: Montana Tech Copper Hill Choir Holiday Concert (3:00 pm, UMC Aldersgate)

12/04: Late Night Breakfast

12/08:
Line Rodeo (9:00 am-12:00 pm, Highlands)
Order of the Engineer (5:00 pm, Library Auditorium)
Chancellor's Reception for Graduates (6:00 pm, SSC)

12/09:
Nurse Pinning Ceremony (9:00 am, Library Auditorium)

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Commencement (11:00 am, HPER)

12/12: Holiday Brunch (9:00-11:00 am, Marcus Deli)

12/14: Chancellor's Holiday Gathering (5:00-8:00 pm, Chancellor's Residence)

IT/PROCUREMENT CHANGES

Effective immediately, any technology-related purchase, including software, hardware and software subscriptions will be prohibited on the ProCard. Moving forward, any Procard software and technology purchase requests will be made through IT via GrizMart, the primary channel for procurement needs.

Effective immediately, Accounts Payable will not reimburse for any technology-related purchase from out-of-pocket (personal) expenses. We encourage you to explore cost-effective options by leveraging existing University /State Term Contracts and procurement channels (Grizmart), thereby promoting a more sustainable approach to technology acquisitions.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Come celebrate Chancellor Cook's birthday on **November 27** from 12:00 pm-1:30 pm in the SUB. We're celebrating with ice cream and toppings because you know how much he LOVES ice cream! Stop by and say Happy Birthday!

FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE CELEBRATION A SUCCESS!

On November 8, Montana Tech TRIO Student Support Services hosted Mechanical Engineering Assistant Professor, Richard LaDouceur; Director of Admissions, Angela Hoffman-Cooper; Head Volleyball Coach, Brian Solomon; and Nursing Assistant Professor Seana Ralph at a panel discussion to commemorate the 2023 First-Generation College Celebration. The panelists shared life experiences with staff and current students as First-Generation College Students, experiences that highlighted each of their paths to successfully graduating and pursuing careers in their chosen fields. Thank you to all who participated!

FIRST-GENERATION SURVEY

Montana Tech and TRIO Student Support Services are asking all faculty, staff, and students to complete this short survey to help us better serve the First-Generation population of Montana Tech.

GRADUATE DEFENSE: MCKENNA KAELBER

You are invited to a graduate defense by McKenna Kaelber, Industrial Hygiene, M.S., on **November 27** at 8:00 am in SUB 212B. The defense is titled, "Applying the Fast Fit Test Method for Quantitative CNC to the Qualitative Fit Test Method Utilizing an Approved Reference Method and a Modified Reference Method."

GRADUATE DEFENSE: HANNAH OGGERINO

You are invited to a graduate defense by Hannah Oggerino, Industrial Hygiene, M.S., on **November 30** at 12:00 pm in SUB 212B. The defense is titled, "Burnout in Healthcare using Cortisol as a Biomarker and MBI-HSS(MP)"

GRADUATE DEFENSE: ERIK CASAGRANDA

You are invited to a graduate defense by Erik Casagranda, General Engineering/Civil, M.S., on **November 30** at 11:00 am in SE room 302. The defense is titled, "Gravity Fed Bathymetry Agnostic Wave System Innovation and Responsive Surf Fin Development"

CAMPUS STORE CUSTOMER APPRECIATION SALE

Customer Appreciation Sale at the Campus Store on **December 1.** 20% off all items except graduation. Shop in-store or online.

ROBOTICS QUALIFIER: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Montana Tech will host the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) robotics qualifier in the HPER on **December 2**. The event will bring between 100 and 150 high school aged students from across the region to Montana Tech. In order to host the event, we are looking for a number of volunteers.

Volunteer opportunities are as follows:
December 1: Set-up the HPER (7:00 pm - completion)
December 2: Various roles (7:00 am to 5:00 pm) or clean-up and tear down (6:00 pm - completion)

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Bryce Hill at bhill@mtech.edu.

NEW IRB SUBMISSION SYSTEM TRAININGS

Beginning **January 1, 2024**, the University of Montana IRB will begin to use the web-based system Cayuse Human Ethics for managing human subject research studies. Cayuse Human Ethics is an electronic protocol management platform that is cloud-based, user-friendly, and secure. Cayuse Human Ethics will be used to prepare and submit all initial human subjects research studies, as well as make modifications, request renewals, and report incidents. Cayuse HE training sessions will be offered **via Zoom** on **December 6**, 10:00 am-11:00 am. Register here. Registration links can also be found on the UM IRB Cayuse HE homepage. You can also schedule a one-on-one or small group training session by emailing irb@umt.edu. Please include the date and time you are wanting to schedule your training. To find out more information about the Cayuse HE platform, click here.

URC PARKING LOT CLOSURE

The Frank and Ann Gilmore University Relations Center parking lot will be closed to all faculty, staff, and students all day on **December 8**. The lot will be blocked off and violators will be towed at the owner's expense.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FURRY FRIENDS

The Campus Store is accepting donations to benefit the Chelsea Bailey Animal Shelter. Donations include: new and used towels, non-clumping litter, treats, new and used blankets, dry or canned food, and toys. Drop donations to the Campus Store by **December 15**.

2024 REMOTE SENSING FELLOWSHIPS

MontanaView is offering 10 competitive $1,000 fellowships for applied remote sensing projects for undergraduate and graduate students at Montana Tech, Montana State University, University of Montana, Salish Kootenai College, and University of Montana Western. The goals of these fellowships are (1) to support students and provide encouragement and resources for them to pursue a career in geospatial sciences and remote sensing; and (2) to benefit the state of Montana by providing information, data, and analysis that will improve the management of natural resources.

Through a competitive selection process, each institution will review and select worthy fellowship recipients for projects that are directly related to Montana's agricultural, range, forest, wild land, urban, water, mineral, or other resources. The fellowship recipients will receive the award after completion of the project and submission of a brief project report (approximately 3 pages, due September 2024) to MontanaView. Recipients are expected to present a

summary of their work at the MontanaView Annual Fellowship Meeting in September 2024. To apply, please send the following to institutional MontanaView contact: cover letter, brief proposal, and resume or CV. The deadline to apply is February 17, 2024. Montana Tech inquiries should be directed to Xiaobing Zhou at xzhou@mtech.edu.

UPCOMING CAREER OPPORTUNITY EVENTS

Career Services is working with employers to help find students jobs and provide workshops that will help you on your journey to find an employer right for you. We have arranged for several to come to campus. Go to DiggerRecruiting-DR 2.0 using the SSO ID to sign in and register for any of the following upcoming events.

11/28: Perenti Contract Mining Info Session – MG 204, 5:00 pm-6:30 pm
Recommended Majors: Geological Engineering, Metallurgical & Materials Engineering, Metallurgical/Mineral Processing, Mining Engineering

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LENOVO CAMPUS COMPUTING PROGRAM

Montana Tech is proud to announce that we are now part of the Lenovo Campus Computing Program!

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· Pre-built offerings which can be customized to meet your needs
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· Amazing availability
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