MontanaTech Weekly Update

November 27, 2023

11/27: Self Defense Clinic (5:00-7:00 pm, HPER mat room)

11/28: Giving Tuesday
Perenti Contract Mining Info Session (5:00 pm, MG 204)

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

12/07-08: CFWEP Online Auction

12/08: URC Parking Lot closed
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)
Commencement (11:00 am, HPER)

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

2024 Remote Sensing Fellowships	**12/14:** Chancellor's Holiday Gathering (5:00-8:00 pm, Chancellor's Residence)
Security	**01/10:** Turnitin Training Session (3:00-4:30 pm, Eng Hall 106)
Online Shopping	

GIVING TUESDAY

Tomorrow is #GivingTuesday, a global generosity movement unleashing the power of the impact of many.

For Montana Technological University #GivingTuesday is a chance to invest in the work of the Montana Tech Foundation to provide resources to recruit, take care of, and invest in our students and programs. For 2023 we are focusing on the **Impact for Excellence Fund**, dedicated to providing extraordinary outcomes for all students.

Right now, thanks to a dedicated alumnus and their spouse, **each gift to the Impact for Excellence Fund will be matched 1:1 up to $125,000**, amplifying your gift and providing the resources for the Montana Tech Foundation to continue our work to advance our university.

Together We Give! Every act of generosity counts, and each means more when we give together. Please join us and the work we do to invest in Montana Tech students, their education, their experience, and their well-being during #GivingTuesday.

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."

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 Big Butte/Highlands room 212. The defense is titled, "Burnout in Healthcare using Cortisol as a Biomarker and MBI-HSS(MP)."

WINTER STROLL

It's that time of year again when we come together as a campus and participate in the Winter Stroll. The Stroll will be on **December 1**, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. This is a campus-wide event, all Departments, Clubs, and Tech Entities are welcome and encouraged to participate by hosting an interactive table.

CFWEP VIRTUAL AUCTION

The Clark Fork Watershed Education Program of Montana Tech will host a virtual auction starting at 6 am on **December 7**, through **December 8**, at 8:00 pm. Interested bidders can access the virtual auction on CFWEP's Facebook event page or their website at CFWEP.org. The auction is a fundraiser for CFWEP to continue serving students and teachers throughout Montana, especially those in the Clark Fork Watershed. CFWEP provides experiential research opportunities for students, both within classrooms and alongside Montana's streambanks. Their place-based approach to science has inspired many to pursue STEM careers, earning the program many regional and national awards. Auction items include a behind-the-scenes tour of banding songbirds with avian scientists, a beginner's trap shooting experience, handmade leather purse, relaxing spa services, hot springs and golfing retreat, student summer camps, and much more. Do your Holiday shopping by supporting Montana students. For more information about CFWEP, to preview the auction, or to make a donation, visit https://cfwep.org/ or contact Tammy Gordon at tgordon@mtech.edu or 406-496-4136.

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.

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.

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**.

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.

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.

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.

SECURITY

Recently there have been vulnerabilities found in Adobe Reader and Google Chrome, to be sure you have the latest version of these and other applications close them daily if possible, If not close all apps weekly. They should auto-update when reopened.

ONLINE SHOPPING

For many people, online shopping is simply "shopping." Who can resist one-click ordering and next-day delivery? However, online shopping isn't just convenient for us and good for businesses…it can present many opportunities for scammers and cybercriminals.

Beware of emails, texts or other promotions that seem suspicious or encourage you to urgently click on links. If you receive an enticing offer, check to see it is coming from an actual retailer and uses a web address that matches the company's online store. If you can't sense that someone is trying to imitate a legitimate retailer, report the scam to your email provider as a phishing attempt. Remember: if it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

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