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UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

10/29: Wellness Fair (11:00 am-2:00 pm, SUB)
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10/30: SBIR Lunch & Learn (12:00 pm, Copper Lounge)
Canvas Training (3:00 pm-4:00 pm, ENGR 204)
Wellness Wednesday (2:00 pm, ccrooker1@mtech.edu for info)
Volleyball vs Carroll College (7:00 pm, HPER)

10/31: Plant and Bake Sale (10:00 am-2:00 pm, SUB)
Weights w/Blaine Berrington (12 pm-1 pm, HPER 140)
Blood Drive (10:00 am-3:00 pm, HPER Dance Studio)
Campus Store Halloween Contest (10:00 am-3:00 pm)
Hockey Game (6:00 pm, Butte Community Ice Center)
Trick-or-Treat Off the Street (7-9 pm, Prospector Hall)

11/1: Hockey Game (7:00 pm, Ice Center)

11/5: Pilates w/Katie Hailer (12 pm-1 pm, HPER 140)

11/6: Wellness Wednesday (2:00 pm-3:00 pm, email ccrooker1@mtech.edu)

11/7: Weights w/Blaine Berrington (12-1 pm, HPER 140)
First Generation Day Event (2:00 pm, Auditorium)

11/11: Veteran's Day (Holiday)

11/12: Pilates w/Katie Hailer (12-1 pm, HPER 140)

11/13: Wellness Wednesday (2 pm-3 pm, email ccrooker1@mtech.edu)

11/14: Weights w/Blaine Berrington (12-1 pm, HPER 140)

11/19: Pilates w/Katie Hailer (12-1 pm, HPER 140)

11/20: Wellness Wednesday (CANCELED)

11/21: Weights w/Blaine Berrington (12-1 pm, HPER 140)

11/22-23: FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics Qualifier



JACK GOEBEL OBITUARY

Former Montana Tech Professor Jack Goebel passed away on October 15, 2024 at the age of 92. Jack worked as a math professor for 27 years at Montana Tech. View obituary [here](#).



2024 INTERNSHIP PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Career Services is thrilled to announce the winners of our annual Internship Photo Contest! Thank you to everyone who participated and shared your incredible experiences. We received so many amazing entries, and with all your votes, the results are in! Check out the [winners](#).



HANDS-ON CANVAS WORKSHOP

The Center for Academic Innovation is now offering a schedule for in-house training in Canvas. These trainings will be held in the CAI Training room (ENGR 205) EXCEPT for the hands-on workshops, which will be announced as they happen. The next event is on **October 30** in ENGR 204 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Highlands has also now been scheduled and can be accessed on the [CAI website](#). You can register for most sessions through the [CAI Training Schedule](#) or by going to the [CAI website](#), where we have a [catalog](#) of trainings. In addition, you can request sessions through the Outlook [CAI Training](#)

[Request](#) page for specific groups. These can be on topics already scheduled or can be special requests.

Please watch for additional information to come soon!



SBIR LUNCH AND LEARN: FUNDING YOUR INNOVATION

The Montana Innovation Partnership (MTIP) works with entrepreneurial researchers and small businesses across Montana competing for over \$4 billion in non-dilutive federal funding grants and contracts awarded annually through America's Seed Fund - the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program. Join us in the Copper Lounge on **October 30** from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm for this free Lunch & Learn to learn more about SBIR/STTR, how the program works, technologies that you use every day that were developed using this type of funding, Montana success stories, and free resources available to Montana tech-entrepreneurs and startups to help navigate the competitive application process. Register [here](#).



CALLING ALL CANDY CRUSADERS! TRICK-OR-TREAT OFF THE STREETS RETURNS!

Get ready for a hauntingly good time! The Associated Students of Montana Tech (ASMT) is bringing back the beloved Trick-or-Treat Off the Street event this Halloween, **Thursday, October 31** from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm or until candy is gone.

To make sure every little ghoul and goblin goes home with a sweet treat, we're seeking your help! Donate your favorite Halloween candy or contribute financially to fuel the fun. Donations can be dropped off at the main desk in the Student Union Building.

Together, let's create a safe and spooktacular Halloween for the community! For questions, reach out to Madeline Thomas at 406-496-4458 or mthomas3@mtech.edu.



THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS

As we approach Veterans Day, we want to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude to all veterans for their brave and selfless service to our country. Your dedication and sacrifice do not go unnoticed, and we are truly thankful for everything you have done to protect our freedoms and uphold our values.

In celebration of this special day, we are pleased to offer a free lunch during the week of **November 4th-8th** at the Marcus Daly Dining Hall and the Highlands Cafeteria for all of our veterans, active-duty service members and reservists including students, faculty, and staff. We invite everyone to join us in honoring our veterans in appreciation of their service. Thank you for the commitment and sacrifices you have made!

Please let us know if there is any more information you need!

Thank you,
Veterans Task Force



ARE YOU FIRST GENERATION PROUD? TAKE THIS SURVEY TO FIND OUT!

In our run up to this year's national First Generation Day Celebration on **November 7th**, Montana Tech and TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) are asking all faculty, staff, and students to complete this [short survey](#) to help us better serve the first generation population of Montana Tech. TRIO SSS will draw prizes for faculty/staff and one for students who participate in this two-question survey. All participants who are first generation will also receive a Montana Tech "1st Generation PROUD" sticker.

Montana Tech and the Institute for Educational Opportunities are dedicated to creating a culture of support for first generation students, staff, and faculty at Montana Tech and share the stories of those who have taken the journey before them.



BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE

Staff Senate is once again participating in this year's Bowl for Kids' Sake. We will be bowling on **November 16** at 5:00 pm at Star Lanes. We have 12 team members including staff senators and others from the Montana Tech family joining us this year. The theme for this year is "Woodstock." Each team member is asked to raise \$150, all funds raised through this event are used to help children in our community! If you are interested in making a pledge, reach out to any of the team members: Mike Haldane (Team Captain), Jenna Snow, Ice Demus, Katie Bigbee, Barb Cass, Quinn Kendall, Casandra Welch, Mark Armstrong, Laurie Vandel, Kinsley Rafish, Kade Kuder and his wife Maria Kuder. Thank you for your support.



FIRST TECH CHALLENGE ROBOTICS QUALIFIER

On **November 22 and 23**, Montana Tech will be hosting the FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics Qualifier. The event needs volunteers to help judge, set up, take down, referee, queue etc. To volunteer, please email bhill@mtech.edu.



AUTOMATIC DOOR LOCK EXCEPTIONS

Do you have an event or a class coming up, and will need the automatic doors to your building unlocked outside of their regularly scheduled times? Do you need your building to lock down earlier than usual for a week? The DiggerCard Center is here to help! Simply email mhaldane@mtech.edu with all the pertinent details, and Mike can make the necessary adjustments for you! Questions? Concerns? Email Mike Haldane in the DiggerCard Center and he will happily assist you!



SOFTWARE CENTER

In an effort to standardize the way we manage and deliver our software; the Montana Tech IT Department will now be providing software installations via Software Center.

Software Center will allow you to install MTech supported applications that you normally use without having to worry about administrative rights, or where to locate the software. The Software Center application has been pushed out to Montana Tech managed computers. Use the Search feature to find and access Software Center from your MTech PC.

Please be sure to reboot your PC at your earliest convenience to ensure your computer gets the install and latest updates.

In honor of Cybersecurity Awareness month, the IT Department encourages you to install **KeePass**, an easy to use and supported password manager that can be installed (and automatically updated) from Software Center.

Please see the following link for more information about the use of strong passwords:

<https://www.cisa.gov/secure-our-world/use-strong-passwords>

Contact the ITHelpdesk for more.



COURSE EVALUATION CHANGES

The Online Course Evaluation method is now the default method for conducting course evaluations.

Previously if you wanted to have your course evaluation conducted via paper, you did not need to perform any action as that was the default. **This year the process has changed.**

Instead of opting in for the online course evaluation, you will need to opt out if you prefer to have your course evaluation conducted via the paper method. Directions are listed below.

If you prefer the online method no action is necessary.

If you want to conduct your evaluation via paper, you will need to navigate to <https://webapps.mtech.edu/surveys> and delete your course from the list.

If you need further assistance, please contact our IT Helpdesk at 496-4244.



CHANGING YOUR PASSWORD

With the Holiday season fast approaching, Information Technology would like to remind you to reset your password before the break. Passwords expire yearly, so if you do not reset your password prior to the break, you may return to an expired password.

For directions on how to reset your password, navigate to kb.mtech.edu and search for 'password reset'. If you need further assistance, please contact our IT Helpdesk at 496-4244.



MONTANA TECH LOGIN CHANGES

As noted in a previous message, Montana Tech is transitioning from Shibboleth/DUO to Microsoft Authentication/MFA in order to bring multi-factor authentication (MFA) to all users in the most cost-effective manner.

We are now moving to the next phase in this project: PREPARATION.

Important Action Required: Please sign up for Microsoft MFA **before November 6**. This will ensure continued access to your account once the transition is complete. Follow [the guide available online](#).

What to Expect:

- On November 6, the traditional login process (username/password + DUO MFA) will be replaced with Microsoft prompts (email/password + Microsoft MFA).
- **VPN users will continue to use the DUO app.**

Seamless Sign-On:

- During the preparation phase, you may not be prompted for (username/password + DUO MFA) if you're already logged in on campus. This is because Microsoft uses your desktop credentials.

- If you prefer DUO MFA or need it for highly sensitive data:
 - Turn off third-party cookies (Firefox does this by default)
 - Contact IT to be added to the group already using Microsoft MFA. This option will prompt you for your email address, then username/password + DUO MFA + Microsoft MFA.

For more information on Microsoft seamless sign-on, see [our knowledgebase article](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **How can I tell if I've already signed up for Microsoft multi-factor authentication?**
 - a. Open a browser (Firefox, Edge or Chrome)
 - b. Navigate to www.mtech.edu
 - c. Click on Email
 - d. Select your picture or initials in the upper right-hand corner.
 - e. Click "View account."
 - f. Select update on "Security Info."

 - g. **Ensure you have a minimum of two methods listed.** If not, choose "Add sign-in method" to add another method. This will ensure that if one option does not work for you, you have a backup.

2. **When will the transition be complete (Go Live Date)?**
 - a. The transition is expected to be complete November 6. At this time, the traditional Shibboleth prompt for username/password and the DUO multi-factor authentication prompt will be replaced with the Microsoft prompts for your email address, password and multi-factor authentication.

3. **On November 6, what happens if I haven't signed up for Microsoft multi-factor authentication?**
 - a. You will be prompted to set up Microsoft multi-factor authentication at that time and will not be able to proceed until this step has been completed. **Which means – if you are attempting to teach a class and you haven't set this up previously, you will not have access and your class may be on hold until you have completed the required setup process.**

If you have any questions or would like assistance, please contact the IT Help Desk at 406.496.4244.

