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Weights w/Blaine Berrington (12:00 pm, HPER 140)
WBB v Mayville State (6:00 pm, HPER)

11/15:
Tech Day (9:00 am-2:30 pm)
Hockey v Providence (3:30 pm, Ice Rink)
MBB v Cal Maritime (7:00 pm, HPER)

11/16:
Football vs Carroll (1:00 pm, Alumni Coliseum)
MBB v Lewis-Clark State (7:00 pm, HPER)

11/19: Pilates w/Katie Hailer (12:00 pm, HPER 140)

11/21: Weights w/Blaine Berrington (12:00 pm, HPER 140)

11/21-22: Board of Regents (Bozeman)

11/22:
Tech Day (9:00 am-2:30 pm)
XC at NAIA National Championships (Columbia, Mo.)

11/22-23: FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics Qualifier

11/23: WBB v Northwest (6:00 pm, HPER)

11/26: Pilates w/Katie Hailer (12:00 pm, HPER 140)

11/28: Thanksgiving (Holiday) | Weights (CANCELED)

11/29: MBB v UMaine-Fort Kent (7:00 pm, HPER)



MASTER PLAN FOR CAMPUS FACILITIES PRESENTATION

You are invited to a presentation about Montana Tech's master plan for campus facilities on **Wednesday, November 13** at 5:30 pm in the Copper Lounge. Think One, Anderson Mason Dal Architects, and Montana Tech will discuss the plan, the process, and the timeline. Your feedback is important as Montana Tech moves forward with a master plan for campus facilities. The meeting is open to all campus and community members. We hope you can join us.



NATIONAL FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE CELEBRATION THANK YOU

Thank you to Montana Tech and the community for celebrating our first-generation students, alumni, faculty, and staff last week!

First-generation students often arrive on campus feeling alone, experience imposter syndrome, and believe they are different and may not succeed. Let's continue to support, advocate for, and celebrate our first-gen students and empower them with the support to succeed. Together, we can foster inclusive environments where every student, regardless of background, can thrive at Montana Tech. If you know a first-generation college student who would benefit from individualized guidance and a sense of community, please refer them to TRIO Student Support Services in the Health Sciences Building 203 or share our application found [here](#). We are happy to meet with any interested students!

Who is Eligible?

- Montana Tech students who are:
 - A citizen or legal resident of the United States.
 - Committed to succeeding in college
- Enrolled in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematical (STEM) discipline
- In addition, ONE of the following criteria must be met:
 - You meet federal financial guidelines,
 - Neither of your parents graduated with a four-year degree,
 - You have a documented disability.

Also, thank you to all of you who completed the survey, attended the panel, shared your story, or supported this important initiative. Your contributions go a long way in showing our first-generation trailblazers they are not alone and that there is a significant support in this community! For more information: visit our [website](#) or contact Carissa Johnson, TRIO Student Support Services STEM Director at (406) 496-4289.

Thank you again for celebrating with us!

TRIO SSS & Institute for Educational Opportunity staff



UPCOMING CAREER SERVICES EMPLOYER EVENTS

Career Services is working with employers to help find students jobs. We have arranged for several to come to campus. Go to DiggerRecruiting-DR 2.0 and register for any of the following upcoming events.

11/12: Information Session with NorthWestern Energy's Substation and Relay Engineering Department (7:00 pm, University Relations Center Poore Room). Recommended majors: Electrical Engineering students. Pizza and drinks will be provided.



TECH DAYS COMING UP

On **Friday, November 15** and **Friday, November 22**, 2024 Montana Tech will be hosting our fall Tech Days from 9:00AM - 2:30 PM. Between the two dates over 100 students from various states will be on campus with their guests, for a total of over 200 visitors. They'll experience a one-of-a-kind college visit and participate in hands-on activities across multiple programs. The Admissions Office is accepting registrations for each Tech Day until the Monday the week of the event.

Please be aware that parking may be limited, and alternative forms of transportation may be required to get to main campus. On this day parking will be permitted on both sides of Park Street in front of the Library, and on Broadway Street north of the Library parking lot. If you see any Tech Day

visitors on campus, please feel free to say hello and engage with them. This is your opportunity to welcome future students into the Oredigger family!

The Admissions Office extends gratitude to everyone involved with Tech Day - both for supporting and hosting the day's activities and showing visitors the elevated experience students can have by selecting Montana Tech!



MINING CITY CHRISTMAS

If your department or club would like to adopt a family through Mining City Christmas, please contact Laurie Vandel at the Campus Store by **November 15**.



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.



NEW MY.MTECH.EDU COMING - JANUARY 6, 2025

Please help us test the usability of our new version of my.mtech.edu (Ellucian Experience). We welcome your feedback.

To see the new version, please visit this site:

<https://experience.elluciancloud.com/m459/>

To compare the two versions, you can visit the current site here:

<https://my.mtech.edu>

The new version is expected to roll out to all users January 6, 2025.

Please send your comments to jsimon@mtech.edu.



TOYS FOR TOTS DONATIONS

Toys for Tots donations are now being collected by the Campus Store. New, unwrapped toys only. Shop for ages 0–18. They stress the need for items for 8–18 year olds.



DONATE TO THE CHELSEA BAILEY ANIMAL SHELTER

Support the Chelsea Bailey Animal Shelter this season by dropping off a donation to the Campus Store. Ideas include pet food, toys, blankets, etc. Please make your donations no later than **December 13**.



REQUIRED RESEARCH OFFICE TRAINING

Faculty, staff, and students who participate in, or who are mentoring research at Montana Tech, are **required** to take RCR training prior to participating in any research activities.

RCR training is administered thru CITI and must be updated every 3 years.

Faculty and staff are responsible for making certain that any students who are working on any research have RCR Training prior to participating in research activities.

For questions on RCR training and instructions for accessing CITI contact grants@mtech.edu.



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.

