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UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

12/03: Giving Tuesday | Pilates (12:00 pm, HPER 140)

12/4: Robert Marley Open Forum (3:30 pm, Copper Lounge)

12/5:
Weights (12:00 pm, HPER 140)
Julie Morman Open Forum (3:30 pm, Copper Lounge) Volleyball v Missouri Baptist (3:30 pm, Sioux City, IA)

12/6:
Campus Holiday Stroll
WBB v St. Mary's (12:00 pm, HPER)
Mike Doyle Open Forum (3:30 pm, Copper Lounge)
Volleyball v Indiana Wesleyan (3:30 pm, Sioux City, IA)
MBB v. St. Mary's (5:30 pm, HPER)

12/07: WBB v. Jamestown (1:00 pm, HPER)

12/8:
Hockey v Griz - Teddy Bear Toss (1:00 pm, Ice Rink) Copper Hill Choir Winter Concert (3:00 pm, Aldersgate United Methodist Church)

12/09: Late Night Breakfast for Students

12/10: Pilates (12:00 pm, HPER 140)

12/12: Weights (12:00 pm, HPER 140)

12/13:
Line Rodeo (9:00 am, Pole Yard)
Order of the Engineer (5:00 pm, Auditorium)
Commencement Reception (6:00 pm, SSC)

Required Research Office
Training

Laptop Health Check

12/14:
Nurse Pinning (9:00 am, Auditorium)
Commencement (11:00 am, HPER)

12/17:
Holiday Brunch (9:00 am-11:00 am, Dining Hall)
Pilates (12:00 pm, HPER 140)

12/19:
Holiday Party (5:00 pm-8:00 pm, Chancellor's
Residence)
Weights (12:00 pm, HPER 140)



GIVING TUESDAY

On **Tuesday, December 3**, the Montana Tech Foundation will focus its Giving Tuesday efforts towards the Kasperick Student Emergency Fund this year. A long-time Montana Tech administrator and faculty member, Joe Kasperick, saw firsthand that, at times, students face emergencies or financial needs that they cannot tackle alone. With this in mind and in true Oredigger fashion, Joe created the Kasperick Emergency Fund to provide immediate funds for emergent situations. The Kasperick Emergency Fund offers compassionate assistance to students who encounter unforeseen financial emergencies or personal catastrophic events that disrupt their progress toward completing their degree program. For more information or to make a gift visit <https://impact.mtech.edu/kasperick>.



CHANCELLOR CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

Chancellor Candidate Interviews: Please participate in this process and share your feedback with the search committee. Details [here](#).



WINTER STROLL & UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

Please join the Staff Senate for the 4th Annual Campus-Wide Ugly Sweater Contest during the Holiday Stroll on **Friday, December 6** from 10:00 am to

2:00 pm in the Campus Store in the SUB. Prizes for the ugliest sweaters - one student, one staff, and one faculty winner. Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate or apple cider. We hope to see you there.



OREDIGGERS OVERSEAS FUNDRAISER

Orediggers Overseas is raising money to help students study abroad during the Uptown Winter Stroll on **December 6** from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm at Oro Fino Coffee. 50 cents from every purchase goes towards the new study abroad scholarship fund. We hope to see you there!



MINING CITY CHORAL UNION AND MONTANA TECH COPPER HILL CHOIR WINTER CONCERT

The Mining City Choral Union and the Montana Tech Copper Hill choir present their winter 2024 concert, "Twelve Days Later: A Christmas Reckoning," directed by Fred Crase and accompanied by Janet Shuttlesworth. The concert will take place on **Sunday, December 8th** at 3:00 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1621 Thornton Ave.

"Twelve Days Later: A Christmas Reckoning" will present the humorous story of a holiday gone wrong through a variety of funny holiday related parodies and novelty songs all woven together with a parody of Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven" rewritten by Fred Crase as "The Reindeer." The concert promises a good deal of laughter which is sorely needed in our current world. Come join us and have a holiday chuckle!

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. For more information please visit miningcitycu.org or contact Fred Crase at fcrase@mtech.edu.



TECHNOLOGY RELATED PURCHASES

This is a reminder that the state made a major change in October 2023 that 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. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Out-of-pocket Reimbursements for Technology-Montana Tech 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 resources.



RIPPLE VIRTUAL AUCTION

Ripple: The Center for Education & Ecosystem Studies will host a virtual auction starting at 6:00 am on **Thursday, December 12th**, through **Friday, December 13, 2024**, at 8:00 pm. Interested bidders can access the virtual auction on Ripple's Facebook event page or their website at [CFWEP.org](https://cfwep.org). The auction is a fundraiser for Ripple to continue serving students and teachers throughout Montana, especially those in the Clark Fork Watershed. Ripple 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 vehicle detailing, Philipsburg Brewery basket, Evo sandals or Mountain clogs, Fairmont Hot Springs and Golfing, Diamond Mountain Necklace, Headframe Spirits Moscow Mule basket, half-day rafting for 2, and much more. Do your holiday shopping by supporting Montana students.

For more information about Ripple visit <https://cfwep.org>, to preview the auction, or to make a donation visit <https://e.givesmart.com/events/Fqj/>, or contact Tammy Gordon at tgordon@mtech.edu or 406-496-4136.



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**.



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.



2025 BUREAU CALENDARS

The Bureau's 2025 calendars are available for distribution from the Bureau Publication Office in the NRB. Each campus employee can pick up a complimentary calendar; we ask that you sign for it so we can keep track of distribution.

If a department or other group wants to have one person collect for everyone, just bring a list of names to be checked off.

Additional copies can be purchased for \$5.00 each.



MAIL/COPY CENTER: PACKAGES, STAMPS, AND UNCLAIMED ITEMS

Season's Greetings, fellow Oredigger faculty and staff! Tis the season, and your Mail/Copy Center is here for you! If you are ordering gifts for your loved ones and you're worried about porch pirates getting the goodies, feel free to have your items sent to the Mail/Copy Center!

The Mail/Copy Center also has a great assortment of Forever Stamps and USPS Priority boxes for your holiday mailing needs!

Please just keep in mind that the Mail/Copy Center has recently implemented a **72 hour** hold period, after which any unclaimed items can be considered refused and returned to sender. This is especially important to be aware of during the holiday season, with the increase in packages coming daily and our limited shelf space. Please, watch your tracking info and your email to see when your packages arrive so you can claim them in a timely manner!

Ensure the shipping address ***includes your name*** and is addressed to 1300 W. Park St. STE A, Butte MT 59701, and your holiday cheer will be safe with us!

The Mail/Copy Center also has a few mystery items (items lacking any clues as to whom they belong to) that need to be claimed. If any of the below items belong to you, please pick retrieve them at your earliest convenience. These items include (must provide further description to claim):

- A 5-gallon bucket of High Performance Synthetic
- A flannel sheet set from Amazon
- A hooded sweatshirt from Shoebacca

Questions? Feel free to reach out! Happy Holidays from your Mail/Copy Center.



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



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.



LAPTOP HEALTH CHECK

To enhance the security of our campus network and protect our data, Information Technology is launching a 'Laptop Health Check' initiative. We will be requesting all Montana Tech owned laptops be brought to the IT Help Desk for a "Health Check".

During this process our team will:

- Confirm the appropriate operating system and software patches have been applied.
- Offer guidance to the users on how to apply patches, if necessary.
- If patches are unable to be applied for any reason, collaborate with the user to develop a plan of action to address the issue.

Please submit an [Annual Computer Checkup](#) ticket on Technical Support site to schedule your checkup.

