



# MONTANA TECH WEEKLY UPDATE

**December 9, 2024**

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## **UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS**

**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)

**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)

**12/18:** Mental Health for the Holidays: Thriving and Prioritizing Your Mental Health Well-being (10:00 am, Copper Lounge)

**12/19:**

Holiday Party (5:00 pm-8:00 pm, Chancellor's Residence)

Weights (12:00 pm, HPER 140)



**MENTAL HEALTH FOR THE HOLIDAYS: THRIVING AND  
PRIORITIZING YOUR MENTAL HEALTH WELL-BEING**

**Mental Health for the Holidays: Thriving and Prioritizing Your Mental Health Well-being.** Holiday stress can take a toll on our mental health. Please join us as we learn how to identify common stressors and ways to care for your whole self during the holiday season.

**December 18 | 10:00 AM | Copper Lounge**



### **RIPPLE VIRTUAL AUCTION**

Ripple: The Center for Education & Ecosystem Studies will host a virtual auction starting at 6:00 am on **Thursday, December 12**, 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/Fqi/>, or contact Tammy Gordon at [tgordon@mtech.edu](mailto: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.



## **TECHNOLOGY RELATES 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.



## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



