



# MONTANA TECH WEEKLY UPDATE

**September 30, 2024**

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## **UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS**

**9/28:** Volleyball vs Western (2:00 pm, HPER)

**9/30-10/5:** [Homecoming Week](#)

**10/1:** Pilates w/ Katie Hailer (12-1 pm, HPER 140)

**10/2:**

[Walk to School with the Orediggers](#)

Trades & Technology Day (9:00 am-2:00 pm, Highlands)

Wellness Wednesday w/Cheyenne Crooker (2-3 pm,

[ccrooker1@mttech.edu](mailto:ccrooker1@mttech.edu) for info)

Friends of the Montana Tech Library Book Sale (8:00 am-5:00 pm)

**10/3:**

Friends of the Montana Tech Library Book Sale (8:00 am-5:00 pm, Library)

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

Volleyball vs Northern (7:00 pm, HPER)

**10/4:**

Bed Races (12:00 pm, Park Street)

Friends of the Montana Tech Library Book Sale (8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Library)

**10/5:** Football vs Southern Oregon (1:00 pm, Bob Green Field)



## **Homecoming Sweatshirt Handout**

If you completed the short survey to receive the 2024 Nucor homecoming sweatshirts, they will be handed out as follows:

- **Tuesday, October 1:** 9:00 am–11:00 am (Courtyard)
- **Wednesday, October 2:** 1:00 pm–3:00 pm (Courtyard)
- **Thursday, October 3:** 9:00 am–11:00 am (Highlands College Commons)
- **Friday, October 4:** All day (SUB main desk)

### FRIENDS OF THE MONTANA TECH LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Montana Tech Library Book Sale will be held on **October 2nd and 3rd** from 8:00 am-5:00 pm and on October 4th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Montana Tech Library. Hardbacks are \$1.00, paperbacks .50 cents, and other items will be priced as marked.

### FIRST TECH CHALLENGE ROBOTICS QUALIFIER

On **November 22nd and 23rd**, 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 click [here](#).

### GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP TALENT SEARCH

Please share the below with any student you think would be interested.

#### Are you a:

Sophomore or Junior (graduating in December 2025 or after)  
 Math, Science or Engineering Major  
 With an Outstanding GPA (>3.8)  
 Who intends to pursue Graduate Studies and a career in research

#### Would you like to be:

Montana Tech's 2025 Goldwater Nominee  
 With the chance to win \$7,500 in scholarship funding  
 Lifelong recognition for being among the nation's best?

Email Dr. Marisa Pedulla at [mpedulla@mtech.edu](mailto:mpedulla@mtech.edu) today to set up an appointment.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RIPPLE'S WATERSHED SCIENCE PROGRAM

The field season is in full swing, and if you are passionate about sharing science and the story of our watershed with East Middle School student by running a macroinvertebrate sampling, a water quality testing, or riparian assessment station, please consider volunteering for **October 8, October 11, October 22**, and/or **October 24**. Field trips times are from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Do you need to be an expert? Absolutely, Not. The most important thing a

volunteer can have is enthusiasm. The Ripple Staff will train you at a station to ensure you are prepared to help lead students. If you have a particular station you are interested in, let us. Please sign up through our website, [cfwep.org/volunteer](http://cfwep.org/volunteer) or contact Tammy Gordon at [tgordon@mtech.edu](mailto:tgordon@mtech.edu) or 406.496.4136.

### **ADOPT A GARDEN**

We are looking for garden lovers that would like to take a break and get outside occasionally to maintain one of the garden areas on campus. It would entail weeding, deadheading, possibly planting, and basic upkeep of the flowers, bushes, etc. We also have flower pots that could be adopted, this would entail working with the grounds crew to choose plants and to plant the pots each spring. If you are interested in adopting one of the garden areas on campus, please contact Stephanie Cook at: [scook@mtech.edu](mailto:scook@mtech.edu). Thank you!

### **MONTANA TECH LOGIN CHANGES**

In order to bring multi-factor authentication to all users in the most cost effective manner, Montana Tech will be transitioning from Shibboleth/DUO to Microsoft Authentication/MFA.

Both systems use the same backend so your password will carry with you throughout the process. This project is being done in phases, with this being the 'TRANSITIONAL' phase.

Once this phase is complete, we will provide further information on what to expect and when. See what you can expect the login screen to look like during the transition and learn more about this project at [Article - Authentication-Transition P... \(teamdynamix.com\)](#).

If you have questions after reviewing the article? please email IT Helpdesk at [ithelpdesk@mtech.edu](mailto:ithelpdesk@mtech.edu), or phone at 406-496-4244.

### **OCTOBER IS CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**

What is Cybersecurity?

- Defined as "the protection of computer systems and networks from attacks by malicious actors that may result in unauthorized information disclosure, theft of, or damage to hardware, software, or data..."
- Wherever there is technology, there needs to be cybersecurity.

Why is it Important?

- Implementing cybersecurity best practices is important for individuals as well as organizations of all sizes to protect personal, financial and sensitive information.

The IT Department will be sending out information throughout the month of October and all users will be enrolled in Cybersecurity training.

