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## Pat On the Back

Pat on the Back recipient, Ricardo Sanon, is originally from Massachusetts but we are lucky enough to have him call Butte home since 2014. When he was nominated for the Pat on the Back award he was an Admissions Representative, he recently started a new job as the TRIO Upward Bound Director at the Institute of Educational Opportunities.

When you are out-and-about on campus and come across Ricardo he will always speak and greet you with a smile. His attitude and energy are infectious in all the best ways and it's gratifying to know that he is out there representing Montana Tech.

On game nights you're sure to see Ricardo at the HPER cheering on the Women's Basketball team, after all, his favorite part of working at Montana Tech is being able to watch his wife, Carly, live her dream as the head women's basketball coach. In his free



time, he is also active and involved in the Butte community; he works with the Orphan Girl Children's Theatre, has a radio show on KBMF and DJ's Weddings.

And his favorite saying is "Another Day, Another Destiny" – Jean Valjean, *Les Misérables*

## Pat On the Back

Brian Moyer was nominated for a Pat on the Back shortly before he announced that he was leaving Montana Tech and taking the position as the Manager of Colville, Republic and Inchelium Centers for Spokane Community College.

Although he is gone he is not forgotten, nor has he forgotten us. As Brian says, he worked at Montana Tech for 18 glorious months and loved his job. On a daily basis, working for Montana Tech Campus Life reinvigorated his love of working on a University Campus. It is energizing to work with student staff teaching them, learning from them and watching them grow as people.

Brian excels in customer service and while he was on campus his co-workers took note that he truly enjoys helping people. He owns his position, his responsibility and his responses and gives his all to solving problems and finding solutions to whatever issue arises.

When I asked Brian to help me write his article he sent this message: "Please post this: I miss working with everyone at Montana Tech. I said it once and I will say it again, the crew at Dining Services are some of the nicest and hardest working folks I have had the pleasure to work with. John Tallon is a stand-up guy who will do anything for anyone without TOO much complaint. It was a pleasure to work with him. I want to thank everyone I worked with but that list would include the entire University, so I wish to

highlight a few folks: Victoria Pagan, Jocelyn Bjornstad, the entire security crew, Colleen Fink, the entire campus visits crew and especially, Scott Forthofer one of the most dedicated student-oriented people I have known. In closing, I just want it to be known that I truly and deeply loved Montana Tech for the students and all my co-workers."



### Did you know...

#### Staff Senate Nominations Are Open

The Montana Tech Staff Senate is requesting nominations to fill vacancies for term begins July 1, 2020.

Please visit [https://www.mtech.edu/app/staff\\_senate/senators.html](https://www.mtech.edu/app/staff_senate/senators.html) for more information and a nomination form. Nominate yourself or a co-worker. **Electronic nominations are due by May 31, 2020.**

Be a part of a dynamic, goal-oriented team that works to promote staff communication on campus, promote service to students, advance staff professional development.

## Pat On the Back



Casandra Welsh was nominated for the Pat on the Back award in Fall 2019 while she was working in Enrollment Services. Since then the Admissions Team and Enrollment Services underwent departmental changes and are all working collaboratively for our current and future students.

While Casandra's role has changed and she is currently located in the Admissions Office assisting new and prospective students with the application process, campus visits, and preliminary transfer evaluations, her commitment to serving students and assisting them with the information they need to become truly successful at Montana Tech and in the future is unwavering. She is diligent, compassionate, hard-working, has great attention to detail and always has a smile on her face. The three words Casandra uses to best describe her work experience at Montana Tech are rewarding, motivating and most of all supportive.

When not at work Casandra enjoys the great outdoors (all seasons) with her family and dog, good food and laughter. Casandra's motto is "The only person you should try to be better than is the person you were yesterday." *Matty Mullins.*

## Pam Hogart Memorial Scholarship

Staff Senate has a new scholarship, the Pam Hogart Memorial Scholarship, which will benefit a Montana Tech Staff or a dependent of a staff member. The scholarship name honors Pam Hogart, who was previously a Staff Senate member and dedicated to helping students, staff, faculty, and other customers through her work at the Business Office.

Staff Senate raised funds this year and hopes to continue fundraising to support this scholarship with the goal to offer at least one

scholarship per academic year. The intent is to help staff who wish to broaden their knowledge or skills and/or help a staff member's dependent full-time student defray costs of attendance.

Montana Tech Classified Staff or Contract Professionals, who have been employed on-campus for at least 12 consecutive months, may be eligible. We will outline full eligibility details and application information in a future Staff Senate announcement.



# Corn Hole Tournament Fundraiser

MT Tech Staff Senate held their first annual *Pam Hogart Staff Senate Memorial Scholarship* fundraiser on January 16<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus.

In Pam's memory we have dedicated this scholarship. We had a great turn out for our first event, a corn hole tournament. Thirty two teams participated, including many of Pam's family members and Montana Tech faculty and staff. Chancellor Cook attended and threw the first bag to kick off the event! In all, the event raised over \$2500.00.

We can't thank everyone enough for their generous donations and everyone who helped make this event possible. If you were unable to attend, make sure to be on the lookout for our next event.



## Help us thank our generous Donors

Butte Stuff	Starbucks
Headframe Spirits	Whitehead Cutlery
Safeway	Vu Villa
Shepperd's Candy	Knights of Columbus
Sparky's Garage II	Great Harvest Bread Company

## Did you know...

### Extended Network & Service Outage 5/20-5/26/2020

Due to unavoidable electrical maintenance, Montana Tech's data center will be offline from **8:00 AM on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> until 7:00 AM on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** (*Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day*)

There will be no Internet or on-campus network. **Most services will be affected both on and off-campus.** We have been able to configure our Office365 instance to allow you to have access to Office365/Email/Teams during this time. For the best experience from your mobile device download the Outlook App. While the mtech.edu site will remain available some pages may not function.

**Visit the link below for all the details.**

<https://mtech.teamdynamix.com/TDClient/1921/Portal/KB/ArticleDet?ID=106317>

## Eric Luther Awarded First Annual Staff Senate Above and Beyond Award



Eric Luther was expecting to attend a staff meeting for the IT Department personnel and was surprised when Chancellor Cook, carrying a cake, entered the room with a small group of well-wishers.

Chancellor Cook presented Eric with the First Annual Above and Beyond Award which includes a \$1000.00 check.

Ordinarily, this award would have been presented at the Campus Awards Ceremony where everyone could participate in congratulating Eric. Social distancing guidelines dictated a smaller, more intimate ceremony. Please congratulate Eric when you see him next.

The Above and Beyond Award recognizes a staff member who consistently demonstrates the highest level of commitment, service, and/or significant contribution to their program, the campus community, and the students. The Staff Senate Awards sub-committee calls for and reviews the nominations before forwarding the name of the recipient to the Chancellor. The Staff Senate wishes to thank Chancellor Cook for making this award possible.

## REMINDERS

**Ask the Senate** As an advisory group to the Chancellor, the Staff Senate recommends policies or changes to policies for consideration by the Chancellor and facilitates effective communication between Montana Tech administration and staff. Please use this forum as a neutral conduit to share your ideas, concerns, and ask questions about Montana Tech issues. The Staff Senate will forward each submission to the appropriate department for response and share the information on the Staff Senate webpage. We hope to hear from you!

**Submit here:**

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### **Staff Senators 2019/2020**

President – Frances Holmes  
*(term ended April 2020)*

Vice President – Niki Wilcox  
*(term ended April 2020)*

Secretary – Marcia Lubick  
*(acting President)*

Treasurer – Peggy McCoy

Denise Herman

Debbie Luft

Kinsley Rafish

Tristan Sewell

Kathy Stevens

Angela Stillwagon

Casey Vanatta

Montana Tech's Staff Senate along with the Chancellor's office hosts a Luncheon Learning Series highlighting different subjects of interest to the staff.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**May 8** – Grades posted to student accounts

**May 20-26** – Network & Services Offline (8 :00 AM on Wed., May 20<sup>th</sup> until 7:00 AM on Tues., May 26<sup>th</sup> )

**May 25** – Holiday (Memorial Day) no classes/offices closed

**May 26** – Summer 1st session and full session begin

**May 26** – Fee payment due for students attending 1st and Full summer sessions

**June 25** – Summer exams for 1st Session

**June 29** – Summer 2nd session begins and fee payment due

**July 3** – Holiday (Independence Day) classes/offices closed

**July 30** – Semester exams for 2nd and Full sessions