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CAMPUS UPDATES

Coming soon—Nursing Simulation Center!

The Montana Tech Nursing Department shared with Staff Senate an update on the Nursing Simulation Center, which will be in the North half of the Science & Engineering building's first floor. A capital campaign kicked off five years ago and through partnerships with the Montana Tech Foundation, the department met a fundraising goal of \$1.7 million last year. The Center is fully funded by private donations, both large and small. Construction is projected to begin at the end of April with an anticipated completion of Fall 2021. If all goes as planned, classes can be held in the new center beginning January 2022.

Recognizing the need to further integrate simulation into the curriculum, this center was designed to serve current need and be able to flex with changing needs over the next several years. As indicated on the Schutz Foss plans, the center will have four patient rooms, four debriefing rooms, office space, a telehealth room, a medical moulage room, and two control rooms, providing plenty of space for advanced experiential learning.

According to Janet Coe, interim Director of Nursing, this center will provide realistic experience in which students can practice skills, decision making, and clinical judgement. The department can run all simulations at the same time; for example, pediatrics, obstetrics, med surg, etc. They will be able to debrief after each learning scenario for a richer learning process. This will be a fantastic recruiting tool, as prospective students will be able to view actual students working in the programs.



NURSING SIMULATION CENTER MONTANA TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY MT TECH



CAMPUS UPDATES

NEW Mission, Vision, Values, & Goals

Our Mission:

As Montana's Special Focus Institution, Montana Technological University provides a transformative student experience by developing leaders and advancing science and technology, with the purpose of benefiting humanity while meeting the changing needs of society.

Our Vision:

To be the institution of opportunity and innovation.

Our Values:

1. Students are the reason we exist. They are at the heart of all we do and our commitment to providing them a transformational experience is unparalleled.

2. Diversity, respect, and inclusion are part of who we are. People are our most important commodity and we are steadfast in providing a fair and equitable community where all are valued.

3. We are "Determined Doers." Through collaboration, resolve and fierce determination we value getting things done.

4. Hands-on, applied, and experiential learning is in our DNA; it's what we're about! We provide a supportive and dynamic environment to ensure this is evident in all we do.

5. Innovation, creativity and forward-thinking are integral to who we are. We strive to create an environment where all will flourish.

6. We are one community devoted to excellence.

Our Goals:

1. Student Success
2. Programs of Distinction
3. A Healthy and Vibrant Campus Ecosystem

Oredigger Track & Field Already Off and Running *By Sean Ryan*

In mid-January, Montana Tech Athletics announced the addition of men's and women's track and field to the growing number of sports the Orediggers are competing in at the collegiate level. The goal of adding the programs is to increase the number of opportunities for current Montana Tech students as well as grow the number of offered chances for high school athletes to compete in while going to school at Montana Tech.

The goal of providing more opportunities for high school students is already creating some great rewards for Montana Technological University as the track and field program has signed 39 students for next year's roster. These incoming students who put pen to paper and signed an official NAIA Letter of Intent with Montana Tech to compete for the Orediggers will come from as far as Alaska to wear the green and copper.

"This is an exciting time for our program and institution," said Montana Tech Head Coach Zach Kughn. "I'm extremely grateful for the support of our administration amongst these difficult times for continuing to invest in our program and our student-athletes. I'm honored to have the privilege of building this program."

In the program's "zero-year", when they are recruiting for the first class of official track and field athletes, Montana Tech sent Becca Richtman to the NAIA National Indoor Track & Field meet in Yankton, South Dakota where Richtman ran to All-American honors in the 3,000-meter race.

"We have had so many track and field athletes that have decided to come to Montana Tech to get an education just because we can offer them a chance to continue to compete," said Kughn. "I think our roster will be near or over 100 athletes in just a few years."

Adding track and field was part of a conscious effort by Chancellor Les Cook and Director of Athletics Matt Stepan to grow enrollment, increase student opportunities, and build off the success that has already been established by men's and women's cross country.

The Orediggers are literally off and running already with a competitive slate of meets across the Treasure State this spring with the goal of qualifying more Orediggers for the NAIA Outdoor Track & Field National Meet in May.

Pat On the Back

Pat on the Back recognizes individual staff members and/or teams who have performed beyond expectation, making exceptional efforts toward achieving the mission of Montana Tech. Submit here: https://www.mtech.edu/app/staff_senate/Nominate.aspx



Mark South and Mark LaFond: Mark South and Mark LaFond were both exceptionally helpful during preparations for the MBMG Centennial Open House. They willingly accommodated all of our requests and even offered to clean and polish the furniture we had not considered. They brought us extra garbage and recycling bins, and they ensured that the MBMG and Montana Tech looked our best for all the attendees at the open house. January 19, 2020



Bob Prystajko: Being so short staffed in the physical facilities, Bob has stepped up and helped keep things running smoothly. Feb 18, 2020



Mary Durkin: Mary always goes above and beyond for everybody. She is the glue that keeps everything together. February 18, 2020



Marissa Bentley: Marissa, Thank you for your dedication to the Montana Tech campus and your co-workers. The work you have put into assisting the Physical Plant with contracts is instrumental in helping us accomplish projects on the on Long Range Building Plan. We are proud to have you on our Team. March 2, 2020

Pat On the Back



Carleen Cassidy: Carleen, Thank you for your dedication to the Montana Tech campus and your co-workers. The work you have put into assisting the Physical Plant to accomplish projects on the Long Range Building Plan will not be forgotten. We are proud to have you on our Team. March 2, 2020



Haylei Allen: Haylei is a Custodian with the Physical Facilities. She does an outstanding job. She is very conscientious about her duties and takes pride in her work. It is rare to find someone so young with her work ethics. June 29, 2020



Mark Taylor: For 30 years of exemplary duty as the Carpenter's Helper. Mark has performed his duties without complaint and always with a smile. He is more than willing to go above and beyond. He has helped make this campus a more pleasurable atmosphere. Thank you for your kind consideration for awarding Mark a pat on the back. Mark only works on Tuesday and Wednesday. 3/6/2020



Dennis Lowney: Dennis is a huge asset to the MT Tech campus. His knowledge of all tasks and duties associated with the maintenance and operation of the campus is second to none. Dennis is always available to help anyone on campus with incredible professionalism and know how. The campus could use more employees like Dennis. June 29, 2020

Pat On the Back



Pam Diedrich: Pam is always so helpful and thorough when problems arise in Enrollment! We sincerely appreciate that she is willing to walk down to our office each time and she is always so kind and helpful. We truly appreciate Pam for her dedication to providing excellent service. 6/29/2020



Nathan McQuinn: Nathan joined Montana Tech on August 3, 2020 and I don't think he has had a day off since. He jumped right in with RA Training (they arrived on the 4th) and he has been one of the primary food delivery people to students in on-campus isolation and/or quarantine due to Covid-19. He is a member of the Culture of Respect and Wellness Task force and a great addition to the student affairs team. December 15, 2020



Marcia Lubick: Marcia is a very hard-working employee of Montana Tech. She displays a positive attitude in every situation she encounters. During her day at the Library, she is happy to help with every issue, big or small. Marcia is a motivator and cheers on the team with her witty sense of humor, fast paced walking and fantastic smile. She is a hidden gem on campus! August 28, 2020



Reanna Lange: Reanna has gone above and beyond working on weekends to make sure we are all being paid on time, at this specific time she is the only person in the payroll office due to uncontrollable circumstances and yet is staying positive and pushing forward to handle payroll for the entire campus. December 15, 2020

Pat On the Back



Nicholas Smith: Nicholas is proving himself to be intelligent, capable, polite, professional, and genuinely interested in working with his staff. He is also genuinely interested in seeing people grow in their positions and is adept at finding the right person for the right job, both of which are rare and appreciated qualities. He has been a major positive influence with the crew, fostering better communication and EASY cooperation. I for one am truly grateful to have him at MT Tech. December 15, 2020

Digger Discounts!

Did you know that by showing your Digger Card you can score some pretty awesome discounts around Butte? Here are a few of the discounts!

MacKenzie River Pizza Co.

15% off meal excluding beer and wine

Conlin's

5% off all purchases.

Papa John's

35% off the entire order, discount is available when ordering by phone, internet and the Papa John app. Please use this code for discount, DIGGER35.

Pita Pit

10% Digger Discount ALL DAY - EVERY DAY

Staggering Ox

10% off purchase

Taco Del Sol

10% Digger Discount ALL DAY - EVERY DAY

Whalen Tire

5% off any tire products.

Quilici Glass

15% off auto glass, house calls and glass work in shop, 10% off car & truck mirrors.

Find more at

www.mtech.edu/administrative-services/diggercards.html

Library Services

As a member of Montana Tech Staff, you have access to Library databases both on and off-campus.

One of our newest collections is Montana Newspapers Online: Billings Gazette, Bozeman Chronicle, Independent Record, Missoulian, Montana Standard

To Access the newspapers, follow the instructions below:

On Campus Access: Log onto your campus computer go to <http://mtech.edu/library> Click on the Databases A-Z link: <http://libguides.mtech.edu/az.php> In the right-hand column you will find the links to the newspapers.

Off-Campus Access: Log onto <http://mtech.edu/library> Click on the Databases A-Z link: <http://libguides.mtech.edu/az.php> Click on the link for the newspaper you are interested in from the right-hand column

The Sign In page will open; login with the same credentials you use to log onto your campus computer.

The newspaper database will open. I encourage you explore all of the databases, they are available to you 24/7.

If you need assistance please call one of the helpful Reference Librarians at the Montana Tech Library, 496-4282.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 29 – Summer & Fall 2021 Class Registration Began

April 2 – Spring Mini-Break for students—offices open

April 13 – **Staff Senate Lunch and Learn**

April 19-23 – Semester Exams

April 24 – Commencement

May 31 – Memorial Day Holiday—offices closed

June 1 – First and Full Summer sessions begin

July 5 – Independence Day Holiday—offices closed

July 6 – Second Summer session begins

Coming Soon!

In order to build effective leadership, meaningful values, and a deep foundation of trust with all employees, Montana Tech is in the process of contracting with an organization that will anonymously* survey campus employees and provide culture coaching to improve our workplace. *Small departments will be grouped together to ensure anonymity.

REMINDERS

Lunch & Learn

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

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Marsha A. Goetting, Ph.D., CFP®, CFCS
Professor and Extension Family
Economics Specialist

Welcome back to Marsha Goetting who will present through ZOOM on:

- **Consequences of dying without a will**
- **Property titles and their effect on who receives them after you die**
- **Tips on selecting an attorney**

Watch your campus email for more information and the ZOOM link!

2020/2021 Staff Senators

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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. If the submission is an isolated situation, and deemed not appropriate for wide-share, we will follow up with you directly with strict confidentiality. Please share your name if you would like us to follow up with you. We hope to hear from you!

Submit here:

https://www.mtech.edu/app/staff_senate/AskSenate.aspx