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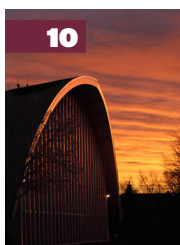
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A Message from the Executive Director

Alumni & Friends,

Happy Spring from our offices on the 3rd floor of Cowan Hall here at MSU-Northern. We hope you are preparing for a lovely summer and that you will make plans to come to one of our fun upcoming events (see the back cover for details)!

As many of you know, our Education program has been a cornerstone of our University since 1929. We all realize the importance and value of teachers in our schools. On page 6 we hear from our retiring Professor of Education and interim Dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Education, Dr. Darlene Sellers.

We also want to give you some insight into other areas and people on campus including an interview with Lisa Moisey, new Director of Career Services and Industry Relations, and Jen Henderson, Employment Services Coordinator (page 8).

(Page 14) Read about "Lights Who Inspire Us" followed by the list of new recipients for our Founders' Excellence Awards and Hall of Fame Awards (page 16 & 17). For updates on the Foundation, leaf over to page 18. Don't forget to share with us if you have any fun updates to share for our next Aurora coming out in December!

This past year we set up a number of new endowments and scholarships in memory/honor of many supporters, friends or alumni of the University. We welcome you to leave your legacy and you can learn how on page 11.



We thank everyone for their generosity and for their patience this past year as we all had to show flexibility and creativity with our events. And we look forward to seeing you at our first ever Homecoming football game at the new Tilleman Field this September (page 12 for details). Until then...

Have a wonderful summer!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shantel Cronk". The script is fluid and cursive.

Shantel Cronk, Executive Director

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Our Top 5 Moments

1. DECK THE HALLS Competition spreads light and cheer

In December, the MSU-Northern Foundation launched the first-ever “Deck the Halls” competition. Thirteen local homeowners decorated their houses and yards to the nines with lights, trees, Rudolph, penguins, and so much more! For the month of December, we asked the community to travel around Havre and Chinook to view the homes, then vote for their favorite by making a donation on that home’s crowdfunding page!

In the end, the top house won \$500, donated by Northwestern Energy, and second place took home \$250, donated by Enell. We raised over \$8,000 for student clubs and athletic groups. It was a fun, COVID-friendly competition. Thank you to all those who decorated and those who gave!

2. VALENTINES for We Love Northern Scholarship

For Valentine’s Day, we mailed a personalized letter to past supporters of the “We Love Northern Ball,” asking for their help. Due to COVID, we were unable to host a party to raise money for the We Love Northern Scholarship. This scholarship normally helps upwards of 20 students! Luckily, generous donors help raised nearly \$15,000 for the scholarship! Thanks for showing your love!

3. FOOD PANTRY helps MSU-Northern students

The Associated Students of MSUN (Student Senate) formally launched their Food Pantry at the end of Fall semester and worked hard this Spring to serve the needs of their fellow students throughout the year. Local businesses supported their initiative by donating a fridge, freezer, and shelves to the new pantry. They continue to need items, so contact the Foundation if you’d like to donate.



Keep up with all the news at MSU-Northern! Follow us!



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4. VANDE BOGART LIBRARY loses its top! (And gets a new one)

Some of you may have seen the viral video of the Vande Bogart Library roof blowing away rather dramatically during a historic windstorm in January. Gusts up to 78 mph knocked down trees, power lines, and toppled the roof. It was repaired and replaced a few weeks later. There was no major damage or injuries from the roof removal.



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5. SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY goes virtual with a heartwarming video

On April 9th, we released a virtual Scholarship Ceremony video, honoring the 2021 student scholarship recipients and the donors who support them. We had over 60 students submit either videos or photos to the project! It was an amazing way to end the scholarship season. We are so proud of the Lights who worked hard to earn an award, and of the donors who make it possible!

Watch the video online
by scanning this
QR code.



Alexandria Grace





Darlene (right) with a Counseling Education graduate student

***“I don’t know of any
career more influential
than teaching.”***

*- Dr. Darlene Sellers,
Ph.D, NCC, LPPC*

**Interim Dean of the College of
Arts, Sciences, and Education
Professor of Counselor Education**

Walking a Path of the Heart

Dr. Darlene Sellers reflects on her 23 years at Northern.

By Lee Lounder

“I was a very non-traditional student,” Darlene says, smiling. “So, it’s lovely to work at an institution where we can help non-traditional students achieve their dreams.”

Dr. Darlene Sellers will retire this summer after working at Northern for 23 years. It’s a big task to ask someone to reflect on a quarter of their life and ask for the highlights, but it is clear from our interview that Darlene absolutely loves what she has accomplished at Northern. For her, the greatest joy of her work is seeing students achieve their dreams.

As interim Dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Education (CASE), Darlene is constantly busy. She’s always thinking about improving her programs, or how to prepare students to be the best educators they can be. Despite setting a date for retirement, she’s as invested as she’s always been in Northern’s success.

PIONEERING A PROGRAM

For the last few years, she has been focused on strengthening the teacher education

program in Great Falls, an opportunity that she helped create twenty years ago

The Great Falls education program is a partnership with Great Falls College-MSU and MSU-Northern. Students typically start at Great Falls College to earn their associate’s degree, (or they may already have one) and then they transfer into Northern’s education program and complete the last two years of their bachelor’s degree.

Students take their classes in the evening so paraprofessionals, full-time workers, or even Air Force members at Malmstrom can find the time to pursue their teaching credentials. This opportunity allows students to partake in Northern’s curriculum from afar.

***“I felt in my heart that I chose
Northern as much as Northern
chose me.”***

Darlene spearheaded the program. “It was an exciting time to be there, to deliver the program, to meet the needs of the community,” she remembers. When she spoke to the Board of Regents in 2000 to explain why the program was important and necessary for Northern Montana, twelve students from Great Falls stood at her side and many more submitted letters of support. The program has been going strong ever since.

COUNSELING FOR CHANGE

But for Darlene, the Counselor Education graduate program is her greatest pride and joy. “We moved the program to be an intensive, weekend course,” she says. It’s the only weekend Counselor Education program in the state. It was important to her to tailor this program for the non-traditional student.

Not many people can uproot their lives for two or three years and move to a bigger city in Montana, just to earn a master’s degree that they want to use back in their home town. Darlene stresses that Northern’s greatest strength is that it helps people achieve their dream – people who may not otherwise be able to.

Everywhere she goes in the Northern Montana region, Darlene runs into former students that came through one of her programs. **90% of all the school counselors in the Great Falls school districts graduated from Northern’s program.** It’s obvious that she is filled with pride for her former students. She’s seen students that graduated twenty years ago still teaching in rural schools, or who now hold Doctorates and are administrators, focused on making a positive change in their communities.

“For some people, they can have this dream, but they may not be able to pursue it due to barriers like money, family obligations, being place-bound...but Northern offers programs for those people. We provide for all those who otherwise may not meet their dream.”

“Looking back on my work and my life, I’m filled with hope,” she says. “I’ve always felt that I’ve followed my heart, and I feel blessed that I was able to do that.” Dr. Sellers’ last day of work will be this summer, but she’s cherishing her final days and staying in the moment. From all of us at the Foundation, we thank all educators and we wish Darlene well on her next adventure!

Dr. Darlene Sellers’ portrait for Northern’s Retirement Ceremony



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Jennifer (Jen) Henderson and Lisa Moisey

Taking the Next Step

The Career Center welcomes a new Director and adapts to new challenges

In a normal year, the Career Center is an area of campus where students nervously prepare for their lives after college. They sign up for practice interviews, attend resume workshops, company presentations, and networking opportunities. The Career Center is where the “real world” meets the college world. It’s a stepping stone that brings Northern students closer to the lives they’ve dreamed about.

That’s in a normal year. But facing a pandemic, economic hardship across the country, and having to shift to an entirely virtual world, the Career Center had to adapt all of their processes. “Any other year I could tell you exactly what we did, when we did it, and how it was done,” Employment Services Coordinator Jennifer “Jen” Henderson recounts. “But this year, I didn’t have a clue how we were going to deliver our services.”

Jen is a well-known member of the Northern community. She’s been at the Career Center since 1985. In the midst of the pandemic this past August, Lisa Moisey joined the office as the new Director of Career Services & Industry Relations. The two of them worked together to come up with a strategy to continue offering effective resources to students and employers.

Lisa was excited to help execute the mission of the Career Center, which is to support the MSUN community by providing a comprehensive network of employment services for students, graduates, alumni, and employers. In step with faculty and staff across the campus, they work to help every student become “career ready”.

CONNECTING STUDENTS AND EMPLOYERS

In particular, they focus on connecting students to employers for part-time jobs, co-ops, internships, and their first job after college. When graduates excel at their companies, employers come back to Northern to recruit more students.

*“Alumni have been some of
our most ardent supporters.”*

- Lisa Moisey

**Director of Career Services &
Industry Relations**

One of the key programs coordinated by the Career Center is the Co-op program. Northern works collaboratively with a network of employers and partners who offer students the opportunity to gain valuable, hands-on work experience while they are in school.

Students can earn college credit for these real-life job opportunities and they are often paid. During the 2019-2020 school year the students in co-ops collectively earned over half a million dollars for those credits.

It's a win-win for everyone. Students come away with a robust, on-the-job experience and personal connections that can be gateways to future employment. Employers often use co-ops as a recruiting tool, particularly for students in high-demand technical fields.

EXCITED FOR THE FUTURE

"Despite the challenges," Lisa says of this year, "it's been a wonderful experience working to connect students and employers. I feel incredibly honored to be part of the Northern team. Especially when we get that awesome feedback from employers about how our students and graduates are well-prepared, hardworking, and dedicated!"

"I think I can speak for everyone and say that we are really hoping to see each other in-person next Fall," Jen says. But she notes that this new virtual world has presented opportunities that employers like and that they will continue to use. Those innovations will help bolster more opportunities for students and alumni.

The resources of the Career Center are open to all alumni, whether you're searching for a job or wanting to recruit new employees.

They have a database of opportunities online at Career Express, where at any given time, they have hundreds of listings of employers seeking people with experience. If you are an employer, you can also post positions on Career Express.

**STUDENTS EARNED
MORE THAN
\$524,000
THROUGH CO-OPS
IN THE 2019-2020
SCHOOL YEAR.**

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Pictured: Jen Henderson, preparing for the first virtual career fair

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Leaving a Legacy

Josh and Laura Gomez make a difference raising funds for an Endowed Scholarship

Losing a loved one is difficult. In February 2017, the MSU-Northern community lost Rebecca “Becky” Nicholson in a car accident. Becky was 43 years old, and had worked at Northern for over 16 years. A Light herself, she graduated from Northern with her Bachelor of Arts in 1999 and had a fulfilling career in higher education, working as a Librarian, Administrative Associate for the College of Arts and Sciences, and finally as the Disability Coordinator.

After she passed away, Dr. Carol Reifschneider organized a scholarship called the Becky Nicholson Memorial Scholarship. Not long after, a group of Becky’s friends were discussing how to honor her life in a real and meaningful way. Josh and Laura Gomez, husband and wife as well as employees of Northern, remember the moment that they knew just what to do.

“Becky spread love wherever she went,” Laura said. **“We wanted the scholarship to be able to positively impact as many Northern students as possible.”** Their goal was to help raise enough money to endow the scholarship – that way, the award would exist perpetually.

Josh and Laura organized a pint night fundraiser at Triple Dog Brewing in Havre to help raise money to fund the endowment.

“It was important to us that the scholarship exist indefinitely...” - Laura Gomez

By the end of the year, they hit their goal of \$10,000. And every year since 2017, they continue to host a pint night at Triple Dog for Becky’s scholarship, and to honor and remember their friend. “We want the endowment to grow!” Josh and Laura agree. **By increasing that endowment level, the investment earnings grow and lead to a larger scholarship for students in perpetuity.**

Raising funds for the Becky Nicholson Endowment and Scholarship is a group effort. “We would like to thank Mike and Erin Garrity (owners of Triple Dog) for hosting an event every single year for this scholarship, as well as our friends and the community who have donated,” they say. “The scholarship would not be where it is now without their support.”

Becky’s light and positivity continues to brighten the lives of students at Northern through the love and support of her friends and community members. Look for another pint night fundraiser in February 2022!

WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT? HOW DOES IT WORK?

STEP 1

Make a tax-deductible cash or property donation to the Foundation.

STEP 2

The donation is invested. Every year, the accrued investment income supports the program, scholarship, greatest need, or other fund of your choice.

STEP 3

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Robert & Kathryn Rinehart Endowed Nursing Scholarship
Steve Vandeberg Memorial Scholarship
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Alumni Athletic Hockey Scholarship
Flansburg Family Scholarship
Karen Terrell Memorial Landscaping Fund
Toyota Diversity & Inclusion Scholarship
Brian Morse Memorial Volleyball Scholarship

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reunion

CLASS OF '61

60 year
reunion

**CLASS OF
'70 & '71**

50 year
reunion

CLASS OF '81

40th reunion

CLASS OF '91

30th reunion

CLASS OF '96

25th reunion

CLASS OF '01

20th reunion

CLASS OF '06

15th reunion

CLASS OF '11

10th reunion

CLASS OF '16

5th reunion



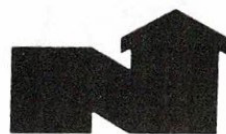
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FESTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE:

Friday, Sept. 24

- CAMPUS TOURS ON THE GOLDEN GOOSE
- CLASS GATHERINGS AND REUNION ACTIVITIES

Saturday, Sept. 25

- CAMPUS TOURS ON THE GOLDEN GOOSE
- ALUMNI TAILGATE PARTY
- HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME AT TILLEMAN FIELD

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**GO
LIGHTS!**

Lights Who Inspire Us

There is a lot to celebrate this Spring at MSU-Northern.

Here are some of the students, staff, and faculty we are cheering for!

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



Isaac Bartel, SR



Tiara Gilham, SR

At the annual Northern Lights Athletic Scholarship Foundation (NLASF) Spring Fling on April 9th, Tiara Gilham and Isaac Bartel were announced the 2021 Athletes of the Year!

Tiara is a forward for Skylights Basketball from Browning, MT. She is a senior studying Health Promotions.

Isaac is a senior Lights Wrestler who is an NAIA national wrestling champion, who finished his senior season undefeated and with four All-American Awards.

PROFESSOR EMERITUS



Prof. Emeritus, Tom Welch

In March, retired professor Thomas Welch was granted Emeritus status.

The title "Professor Emeritus" is conferred to those professors who have shown their longstanding dedication and commitment to the University and higher education. Professor Welch retired last year after 39 years at Northern! Congratulations!



Professor Dr. Valerie Guyant

GOLDEN 'N' RECIPIENTS

The Golden "N" is the most prestigious award that a faculty or staff member can earn. This year, the Student Senate awarded the "N" to Professor Dr. Valerie Guyant, Athletic Director Christian Oberquell, and Director of the Little River Institute Erica McKeon-Hanson.



LRI Director Erica McKeon-Hanson



Athletic Director, Christian Oberquell

THREE FACULTY RETIRE

Three Northern faculty members are retiring this year. Combined, they have served Northern for 55 years! They were honored at an intimate ceremony in April for their commitment to Northern. Thank you for your service!

14 years



Lorren Schlofeldt ('78),
Assistant Professor of
Plumbing Technology

18 years



Vickie Clouse ('89),
Assistant Professor of
Biology and Earth Science

23 years



Dr. Darlene Sellers,
Interim Dean of CASE and
Professor of Counselor Education

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2021!

On Saturday, May 1st, the Class of 2021 officially graduated from MSU-Northern and became alumni. Over 200 students walked across the stage in the Armory Gymnasium. Due to the pandemic, there were two ceremonies, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, to allow for social distancing.

Congratulations new graduates and welcome to the alumni family! Contact us to update your information and stay up-to-date with alumni events!

***"Go confidently in the direction of
your dreams. Live the life you have
imagined."***

- Henry David Thoreau

STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

Since 1982, Northern has taken time each spring semester to lift up and make known the achievements of a number of students who have exemplified a commitment to the pursuit of high academic achievement and significant student engagement. This year, the following students have been recognized as the 2021 award winners:

Alec Breeding | JR | Business Administration
Abigail Ellison | JR | Health Promotion
Allix Goldhahn | SR | Health Promotion
McKenzie Gunter | SR | Health Promotion
Nichol Lafond Rooney | SR | Elementary Education
Morgan Mason | SR | Health & Physical Education
Mascio McCadney | SR | Health Promotion
Shania Neubauer | SR | Nursing
Wylie Novak | SR | Criminal Justice
Timothy Tracy | SR | Business Administration

The Founders' Excellence Award

The Founders' Excellence Award began in 1976, with the intent to honor individuals for their professional accomplishments, loyalty, and service that have enhanced the development of MSU-Northern.

Traditionally, the Founders' Excellence Award is presented the week of commencement. This year, the awards will be presented by Chancellor Greg Kegel on May 22nd at the Summer Classic, a summertime party at Montana Style Events in Havre.

Paulette Cronk, '63

Paulette (Saar) Cronk has always been a strong supporter of her alma mater. She has served on the Northern Alumni board and committees for the past 32 years, and also served on the Foundation board for eight years.

After graduating in '63, Cronk taught elementary school in Harlem for four years. She married Richard Cronk, an MSU graduate and ROTC lieutenant who returned from Germany to join the family business, Cronk Ranch Inc.

It was while living at the Cronk ranch in the 1980s that Judy Bricker, alumni director at the college, asked

Paulette to join the alumni board. Always a cheerleader for her beloved college, she enthusiastically joined and embarked on a volunteer career of over three decades of service and still serves today.

Cronk and her husband Richard of 56 years are now retired in Chinook. They are parents to Jason (Jenn), a CEO at Immanuel Lutheran retirement community in Kalispell, Trevor (Julie), an entrepreneur in Stillwater, MN, and Shantel, the Northern Foundation Executive Director. They are grandparents to Sophie, Maxwell, Colby, Camille, and Ella.



Patsy (Sasaki) Divish, a Northern graduate of the class of '88, had been part of the Northern Alumni Board for many years. While on the Foundation board, she served as chairman of the Alumni Committee helping to plan and coordinate alumni activities. She now actively participate in alumni events

With her children now out of the house and living in different cities, Divish and her husband filled that absence by participating in the Adopt a Volleyball Skylight and Light basketball programs.

Patsy Divish, '88

Patsy grew up in Havre and is a proud graduate of Northern, earning an associate degree in business. She's worked in the business side of the health care industry since 1970, when she worked for the Havre Clinic. Currently, she works for Northern Montana Hospital as a financial analyst.

Divish has been married to her husband, Ed, for 47 years. She has two children, Ryan Divish, who lives in Seattle, and Marcie Kessel (Justin), who lives in Parker, CO. They have two granddaughters, Madeline and Alexandra.

Athletic Hall of Fame

The Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes players, managers and coaches who have made outstanding contributions to athletics at Montana State University-Northern. Since 1994, over 80 individuals have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. This year, brothers and former Lights Football players Kyle and Marc Samson join them.

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Hall of Fame Backyard BBQ | 7/21 at 5pm

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Kyle Samson, '08



Kyle Samson transferred to Northern and was both captain and starting quarterback for the Lights from 2004 -2006. He was also a three-time all-conference selection (2004-2006), two-time All-American selection (2005, 2006), and was named the Frontier Conference's Most Valuable Player in 2006.

During his tenure as a Light, Kyle set 21 school records! He earned his bachelor's degree in Health/Physical Education from

Northern in 2008 and started his coaching career at MSUN where he was the Offensive Coordinator and QB Coach for 7 years between 2007-2013. Under Samson's direction, the Lights Offense was ranked in the top 10 in the nation from 2010-2013.

Kyle is currently the Head Football Coach at Montana Tech and previous to Tech he was the Head Football Coach at Flathead High School in Kalispell for 5 Years. Kyle is married to Brooke (Schwan), and they have 3 children; son Troy (10), daughter Jordyn (8) and son Beau (4).

Marc Samson, '08



Marc Samson attended Northern from 2004-2008. He was Second Team All-Conference Safety in 2004, First Team All-Conference 2005 - 2007 and First Team NAIA All-American at Safety in 2006, 2007. He was also three-time NAIA Academic All-American.

In 2007 Marc lead the NAIA in passes defended (26) and was

second in the Nation in interceptions (8). Marc holds Northern Lights records for most interceptions in a game (3), season (8) and career (17), passes defended in season (26) and career (53).

Marc graduated from MSU-Northern with Honors with a BA in Health Promotion in 2008 and continued on with his studies, graduating from the University of Montana School of Physical Therapy in 2011. Currently Marc is a Physical Therapist for the VA in Helena, MT and is married to Katie. They have 2 children, Kayley (11) and AJ (8).

ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS!

The MSU-Northern Foundation is currently accepting nominations for the 2022 Hall of Fame and Founders' Excellence Awards. Learn more about qualifications and how to nominate someone on our website, msunfoundation.org



MSU-NORTHERN FOUNDATION

*Celebrating new MSU-Northern Foundation
Board Chair & Vice-Chair and wonderful Trustees*



Chairman, Kurt Johnson

Kurt Johnson ('85), was voted this spring the new Chair of the Board of Trustees. Kurt grew up in Cut Bank before calling Havre home and has volunteered on the board for five years. He is also the owner of Vic's Place and Lounge, serves on the board of trustees for the Northern Lights Athletic Scholarship Foundation (NLASF), and he is father to five children, grandfather to twelve! We appreciate all of Kurt's hard work and dedication to MSU-Northern.

Vice-Chair, Jim Anderson

Jim Anderson ('91) joined the Board in 2018 and is now the new Vice-Chair. Jim stays busy as both a rancher in Chinook and as the owner of Northern Land and Realty Co. in Havre. Additionally, he just finished his term as President of the Montana Association of Realtors, the largest trade organization in Montana. Jim brings a wealth of experience to the table and is passionate about the Hi-Line and Northern.



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Alumni Spotlight



Lawrence Romo '83: Leader, Veteran, Commissioner

Northern alumni Lawrence Romo is a dedicated American civil servant. Just this March, he was appointed to serve on a federal commission to remove Confederate names, monuments, and symbols from military bases and assets. Romo is a retired lieutenant colonel who was appointed by President Obama to head the Selective Service System. He is currently the National Commander of the American GI Forum, a veterans civil rights group. Romo grew up in San Antonio, TX and still lives there today. Thank you for continuing to serve our country!

In Memoriam

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of those we have lost this year.

To be included "In Memoriam", we must receive a newspaper obituary or notice from immediate family. This list reflects passings from January 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021.

1950s

Stephen "Steve" Copenhaver '51, Lincoln
Patricia Thompson '52, Redmond WA
Kathleen Kaluza '55, Great Falls
Burchard Windels '59, Fairfield
Jack Hitchcock '58, Surprise AZ

1960s

Kenneth Bachini, Havre
Loretta Loftus '61, Great Falls
Larry Saska '65, Kalispell
Cliff Caldwell '66, Columbia Falls
Robert "Bob" Lehman '69, Oregon City OR
Erling "Earl" Lynnes, Havre

1970s

Connie Peterson '71, Havre
Marlene Swenson '72, Helena
Jeanne Nydegger '72, Melstone
Hal Haefer '74, Billings
Margaret Hall '75, Cut Bank

1980s

Nancy Weaver '83, Great Falls
Brett Herzog '88, Clancy

1990s

Marilyn Benjamin '97, Havre
Laura Germann '98, Sidney

2000s

Forrest Deaton '08, Great Falls

Friends of Northern

Karen Terrell, Havre
Stanley "Stan" Stephens, Havre
James "Jim" Ward, Havre
Gary Geyer, Big Sandy
Zebulon "Zeb" Nicholson, Havre
Loretta Park, Havre
Diana Hollowell, Hysham
Kelly Flynn, Townsend
Gerald Smith, Galata
John Oberweiser, Anaconda
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Wednesdays at various times
June 16th - July 14th

Free
Community Event
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Hall of Fame Backyard BBQ

July 21st, 2021 at 5pm

Tickets \$30 (\$40 at the door)
Community Event
MSU-Northern Courtyard



Inaugural Donor Tailgate Party

August 28th, 2021

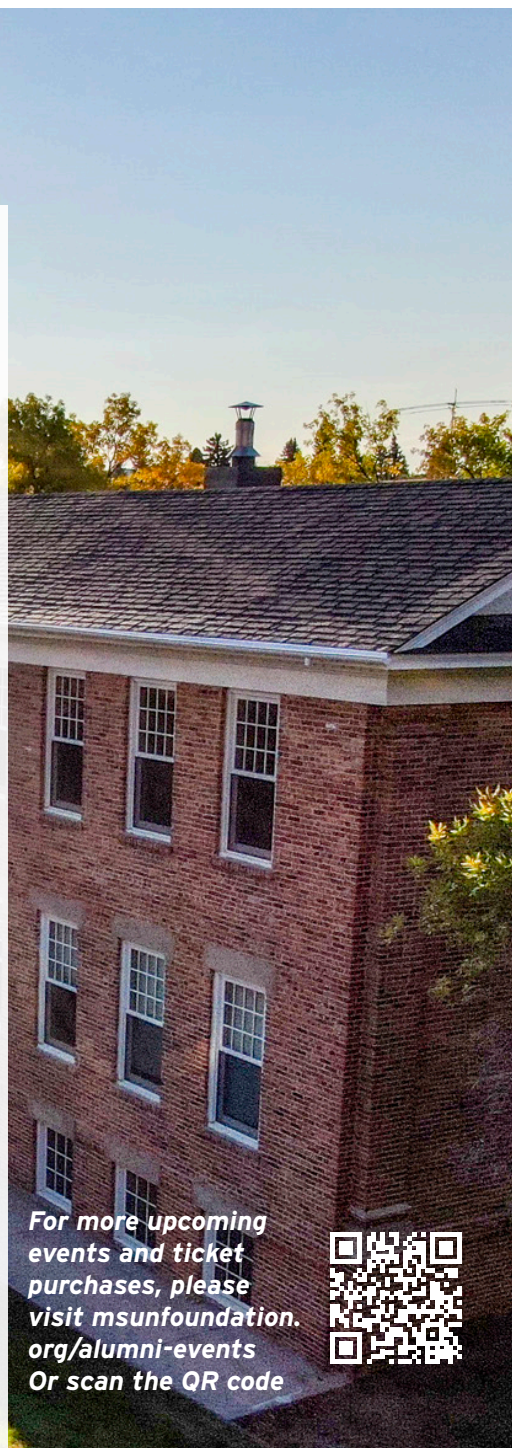
More Info Coming Soon!
Tilleman Field



Homecoming

September 24th - 25th, 2021

Alumni reunions, tailgating,
campus tours, and more!



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