With the legislature passing House Bill 14 in 2013, 10 million dollars was promised by the State of Montana once MSU Billings raises 5 million towards the project. An active fund raising campaign is currently in motion. Once the goal is reached, ground-breaking will take place. Above pictured is the selected design of the new building. The building will house Science, Health Care Administration, Health & Human Performance and Rehabilitation & Human Services programs. The much needed renovation and modernization of the Science Building (Yellowstone Hall Project) will make a positive difference for students and the community. If you are interested in making a gift towards Yellowstone Hall Project, please contact Cindy Millard, Director of Major Gifts, at 406-657-1620, MSUB Foundation.
Who’s New at the CAHP?

New faculty have joined the College of Allied Health Professions this academic year. John (Jay) Shaw retired after serving 46 years as an Associate Professor in the Health and Human Performance department. Jay is continuing to teach classes focused in the Outdoor Adventure Leadership Program in a post-retirement status. His dedication and leadership throughout the years has truly been an asset to our students and CAHP.

New in the department of Health and Human Performance, Dr. Clinton Culp, Assistant Professor, was hired to fill Jay’s position for the Outdoor Adventure Leadership program. Dr. Culp retired from the United States Marine Corps after serving 30 years. Receiving his doctorate of Philosophy, Education, Pedagogy of Character Development and Ethics from the University of Idaho, Dr. Culp then taught at Washington State University as a Clinical Assistant Professor.

Also new to our College and the Department of Health and Human Performance is Dr. Alex Shafer. Dr. Shafer received his doctorate in Exercise Physiology from the University of Pittsburgh and taught at the University of Great Falls, MT before joining our faculty in CAHP this academic year. Dr. Shafer is filling Dr. Russ Lord’s position. Dr. Lord will be retiring at the end of this academic year.

Karen Mikelson has been hired as the administrative assistant to the Health Administration and Rehabilitation and Human Service departments. We welcome all of the new faculty and staff in CAHP.

2015 College of Allied Health Professions Convocation

The College of Allied Health Professions celebrated our 2015 graduation in May. Family and friends gathered to recognize our graduating students at our CAHP Convocation. The graduating class included 45 Master Degrees, 66 Bachelor of Science Degrees, 16 Bachelor of Applied Science degrees and 4 Associate of Arts Degrees.

CAHPS’ Distinguished Partner Award

The CAHP Distinguished Partner Award for 2015 went to Mr. John Felton, President and CEO for RiverStone Health. CAHP has established this award to recognize individuals or organizations for outstanding support and dedication to the College of Allied Health Professions at Montana State University Billings. John is currently on the advisory board for the Health Administration Program. He has also been a preceptor for many of our Master's students over the years. Thank you for being a devoted supporter and great leader!

John, congratulations and thank you from CAHP for all you do!

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What’s Happening at the CAHP?

- Dr. Clinton Culp, Assistant Professor in the Outdoor Adventure Leadership program, presented his preliminary research results on Judgment and Decision-Making in Adventure Leadership at the Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education conference in November. MSUB’s OAL program was host to the first American Guides Association Climbing Wall instructor certification within the Montana University System. All six candidates (3 from MSUB, 2 from RMC, 1 from the community) successfully completed the training and evaluation to earn their AMGA CWI certificate.

- The Certificate for Addiction Counseling Education was offered for the first time in fall of 2015. The CACE is documentation that the student has completed courses that can be counted toward the educational component of the Montana Licensed Addiction Counseling credential. The CACE is for students who are completing the required classes for the B.S. in Rehabilitation, B.S. in Human Services, or other academic majors at MSU Billings. This certificate will also increase the marketability of the student by providing agencies with evidence of their knowledge of the field of addictions and how it contributes to dysfunction in consumers or clients and their families.

- The new MHA-MHA Mentoring Program was created and launched this academic year. The program is a collaboration of the Montana Hospital Association and the MHA program and Health Administration Advisory Board. The mentor/mentee pairs develop a formal agreement with mutual goals and meet on a regular basis. One of the goals is to enhance executive succession in Montana, especially in the rural and frontier areas of the state. Mentors will provide coaching experience and a clinical or “real-world” focus for our students.

- Dr. Mark Hickman, United Kingdom, visited campus last spring. Dr. Hickman is from the University of Central Lancashire and is a recognized expert in Outdoor Adventure Leadership. During his visit, Dr. Hickman presented lectures to OAL students, faculty and the public. As the author of an upcoming textbook, Dr. Hickman worked with our OAL faculty on research and contributions to the textbook. Dr. Hickman will be making a second trip to campus in spring 2016 with discussions of developing a student exchange program between MSUB and UCLAN OAL.

- The second phase towards CORE-CACREP dual accreditation for the Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling Degree is in motion. The College expects to be informed of the joint decision in January.

- This spring, the Health Administration Program is offering a new international study course, Rural Healthcare and Culture in Morocco. Students will participate in a service learning experience in Zawiya Ahansal in the Central High Atlas Mountains of Morocco. The course may be used for a restricted elective or capstone in Health Administration or as an elective in other majors. For more information, please contact Deb Peters at 406-896-5832.

COUNSELING CLINIC

The Counseling Clinic at MSU Billings offers short term, rehabilitation and mental health counseling services at no-cost to individuals in the Billings and surrounding areas. Counseling is provided by advanced level graduate students in the College of Allied Health Professions, Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling Program under the immediate supervision of licensed department faculty. For further information, please contact Dr. Terry Blackwell at 406-896-5834.
HADM Two-Day Professional Seminar Series

In the Fall of 2014, the Professional Seminar Series was added to the HADM curriculum, and the first seminar was held. Each cohort of MHA graduate students experience four seminars over two years, one each semester. The goals of the Professional Seminar Series were primarily: add inter professional education and practice into the curriculum; provide an opportunity for the graduate students to interact, in person, with regular and guest faculty, and each other. Success in management depends upon the depth and breadth of one’s professional network. Our students are beginning to build their networks as an outcome of these seminars.

The coursework for the MHA degree is largely on-line, and has been very successful, providing Master’s prepared managers and executives for the healthcare market in the Northern Rockies. The topics for the four professional seminars were developed to include components of the curriculum that do not lend themselves to on-line learning. With this in mind, the foci of the seminars are as follows: 1) Professional Seminar One is devoted to interprofessional education and leadership. Students explore and assess personality and leadership types, and how these affect management effectiveness. The students also learn about teams and how they function. 2) Professional Seminar Two explores management and healthcare ethics with assessment of the students’ Moral Compasses, and the development and application of a moral/ethical framework. 3) Professional Seminar Three focuses on the interprofessional/transdisciplinary healthcare team by using a clinical case framework. Students work in teams and present their case analyses to faculty and classmates. 4) Professional Seminar Four helps students learn governance theory and to better manage committees and healthcare boards. Students also have the opportunity to present their Capstone Projects to faculty, administrators, and fellow students. The Capstone Project is equivalent to a Master’s thesis.

To date, the students have found the Professional Seminar Series to be very valuable in many ways. They have especially enjoyed learning from industry experts and getting to know one another. Consistent with interprofessional experience, students initially find it difficult to work with students from other disciplines, but going through the process demonstrates how important inter professional learning and practice can be to effective management practice and patient care delivery.

New Challenge Course for the Outdoor Adventure Leadership Program

The OAL program received funds for the construction of a challenge course on campus. The course was completed in August. The course consists of several low element challenges and one high challenge. These allow for groups to work on team building, trust, communication and cooperation. Outside groups may also use the challenge course. To date, groups that have used the course include Skyview high school students, MSUB softball, Laurel high school girl’s soccer, church groups, Boy Scouts and more. Bringing groups such as these on to campus is a great way to expose people to MSUB, assists with recruiting potential students, and provide an opportunity for OAL students to gain hands-on experience in facilitating groups.

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CAHP ADVISORY BOARDS

The College of Allied Health Professions currently has an Advisory Board for each of our three departments; Health Administration, Health and Human Performance, and Rehabilitation and Human Services. Each of the three college departments have unique foci in allied health requiring separate advisory boards and members who are specialized in the field. The College of Allied Health Professions would like to recognize our board members, and thank them for their contribution to our College and our students.

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The mission of the Montana State University Billings College of Allied Health Professions is to prepare allied health professionals for their chosen field, and to meet the needs of society through education, discovery and service.

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