Montana State University Billings

presents the

Award Winners for the College of Health Professions and Science
Montana State University Billings

Department of Biological and Physical Sciences

“Genius is 1% talent and 99% hard work.”- Albert Einstein

Congratulations to our departmental award winners as well as all of our graduates. We are proud of all that you have accomplished.

We wish you great success in your future endeavors.
When describing Amanda, the word excellence quickly comes to mind. She sets high standards for herself both in the classroom and on the soccer field. She will graduate with a 4.0 GPA as well as finish her athletic career as a 3-year captain of the women’s soccer team. Her achievements have been recognized nationally as she was twice named a first-team academic All-American. After a very busy four years at MSUB, she plans to work as an EMT next year while applying to medical school.

Amanda Hemmen
Bachelor of Science Biology
Outstanding Student in Biology

Cody Walter stands out among his biology classmates. Cody will not only be graduating with honors from the MSUB Honors Program with a 3.98 GPA, he is also a recipient of the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship. The Goldwater Scholarship is the most prestigious and competitive undergraduate award given nationally in the natural sciences. To say the competition for the Goldwater is intense is an understatement. In fact, Cody is only the second student in the history of MSUB to receive the award. Additionally, Cody is both an accomplished instructor and researcher. He has been an invaluable tutor in MSUB’s general chemistry program for three years running, and has presented his research findings at local, regional, national, and international conferences. Cody received the “Best Undergraduate Oral Research Presentation” at the Montana Academy of Sciences annual meeting in 2019. Cody will apply to medical school and MD PhD programs later this spring and we wish him the best of luck!

Cody Walters
Bachelor of Science Biology
Outstanding Student in Chemistry

Jason Van Hoorne
Bachelor of Science Chemistry
Jordan Smith
Bachelor of Science Biology
“Your education is a dress rehearsal for a life that is yours to lead.” – Nora Ephron
Congratulations to all of our award winners and graduates. We are so proud of all you have accomplished at MSU B. We wish you all the best from the Health Care Services Department!
Outstanding Student
Health Administration

Keleena Frickel
Bachelor of Science
Health Administration
Outstanding Student
RN to BSN

Asha Heggen
Bachelor of Science Nursing
Montana State University Billings

Department of Health and Human Performance

You're off to great places, Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, So......get on your way! (Dr. Seuss)

Congratulations to all the graduates and award winners. We are proud of you and all you have accomplished!

Best wishes from all of us in the Department of Health and Human Performance!
Outstanding Major
Health and Physical Education

Taylor Cunningham
Bachelor of Science
HPE Teaching Option K-12
Lauren Harshman
Bachelor of Science
Human Performance Option

Outstanding Major
Human Performance
Outstanding Major
Outdoor Adventure Leadership

Padon Little
Bachelor of Science
Outdoor Adventure Leadership
Outstanding Major
Health and Wellness

Kassia Lyman
Bachelor of Science
Health and Wellness Option
Sydney Kern
Master of Science
Athletic Training

Outstanding Graduate
Athletic Training
Mason Schram
Bachelor of Science
HPE Teaching Option K-12

Harold S. Alterowitz
Academic Excellence Award
Montana State University Billings  
Department of Rehabilitation and Human Services

Congratulations to all the graduates in the Rehabilitation and Human Service programs!  
You were amazing to teach and advise and the faculty and staff will miss you all.  
You are graduating at an incredible time in our history and your career skills will be needed now more than ever.  
As educators we encourage you to take your degree as a counselor or human service provider and use it for the benefit of others and, if you do, you will find a rewarding career.  
Also, never take life for granted and you will have few regrets.  
All the best to you in your chosen careers!
Mckinzie Newman
Bachelor of Science
Human Services

Human Services Program Award
Violet Scott
Bachelor of Science Human Services
Associate of Arts Rehabilitation & Related Services

Rehabilitation Program Award
Rishay Vollertsen-Watson
Master of Science
Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling
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