



First Monday



*From the desk of: Marilynn Miller, President and CEO
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Happy New Year and wishes for contentment and peace in 2005.

Montana State University-Billings Downtown Campus celebrated its official opening on December 3, which Billings Mayor Charles Tooley proclaimed as MSU-Billings Downtown Campus Day. The downtown campus, located along the 200 block of North Broadway, provides increased access to academic programs, facilitates partnerships with organizations external to the University, and supports the University's goal of creating a culture of learning "anywhere, anytime, anyplace." Learning opportunities may be credit or not-for-credit, semester-long or condensed courses, workshops, conferences, seminars, field experiences such as Elderhostel, and distance delivery. Dr. Randy Rhine, dean of the College of Professional Studies and Lifelong Learning, is administrator of the downtown campus. Contact MSU-Billings Downtown at 406-896-5890.

New Gifts. Sincere thanks to the following donors for their gifts and pledges to the People, Pride & Promise Campaign and the Annual Drive for Excellence during the month of December. Thanks, also, to the many who gave whom I am unable to list here due to lack of space.

- **A Billings couple**, who wish to remain anonymous for now, have placed into trust some property they've owned for years. When the property is sold, the trust will distribute \$200,000 of the proceeds to establish a scholarship fund at MSU-Billings—a creative and thoughtful approach to philanthropy using real estate!
- **Dr. Joseph Michels**, dean of the College of Business, contributed \$13,000 to the Library Collection Acquisition & Development Endowment to enhance the holdings of the MSU-Billings Library.
- **Joel & Ann Guthals** pledged \$12,500 to establish the Guthals Family Scholarship Endowment. A portion of their gift will also benefit the unrestricted fund. Joel is an MSU-Billings Foundation Trustee, and partner in the law firm of Guthals, Hunnes, Reuss & Thompson, P.C.
- **David Hood**, associate professor of Sociology, gave \$9,000 to the Model U.N. Endowment. The Model U.N. brings high school students to the MSU-Billings campus each year to develop an understanding of the complexity and critical importance of international relations in today's world.

- **An anonymous donor** pledged \$12,500, with \$10,000 directed to the Information Technology Scholarship Endowment and \$2,500 for the unrestricted fund.
- **Erna Abrahamson** gave \$7,092 to the John D. Abrahamson Endowed Scholarship Fund in memory of her husband. The scholarship benefits a full-time student with financial need. Over the past three years, Erna has contributed more than \$20,000 toward the scholarship.
- **An anonymous couple** gave \$10,000 again this year for scholarships to benefit students from selected Montana counties. Since 1995, this generous couple has contributed \$98,000 for scholarships.
- **Energy Laboratories, Inc.** gave \$5,000 to the Energy Laboratories Chemistry Endowed Scholarship, which benefits a Montana junior or senior chemistry major with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Over the past several years, Energy Labs has contributed more than \$45,000 in scholarships for MSU-B chemistry majors.
- **An anonymous couple** gave \$5,019 to the Dickerson/Knight Non-Traditional Scholarship Endowment. The scholarship is awarded for eight semesters (four years) to a female freshman student with financial need and a minimum GPA of 3.25. Since 1998, this couple has contributed over \$63,000 to the scholarship.
- **Judith “Jaq” Quanbeck** gave \$5,000, and her brother, **Duane Quanbeck**, gave \$2,273 (which will be matched 1:1 by his employer) to establish the Irving Quanbeck Environmental Studies Scholarship in memory of their father. The scholarship will be awarded to a junior or senior environmental studies major.
- **Linda ('69) & Phil Boggio** gave \$2,500 to the General Scholarship Fund. Linda is a computer drafting specialist and Phil is with D.A. Davidson & Co. in Billings.
- **Exclamation Point Advertising** gave \$2,500 to the Men’s Basketball Program.
- **Dr. Jeanette Bieber**, emeritus professor, gave \$2,000 to the Bieber Endowment for Students with Disabilities.
- **Paul McCann**, president of Security Title of Billings, gave \$2,000 to the Paul J. McCann Foundation Scholarship Fund. The scholarship will be awarded to a business student.

MSU-Billings Piano Performance student Jacquelyn Weitz, recently returned from the Netherlands where she was chosen as one of 30 students from across the globe, and the only student from the United States, to compete in the Young Artists’ Competition of the Netherlands.

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