

# First Monday



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*From the desk of: Marilynn Miller, President and CEO  
Monday, March 2, 2009, 8:00 a.m.*

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**MSU Billings' new "Career Stimulus Plan"** allows people to investigate an interesting subject or take a class needed for degree completion in a short, eight-week timeframe. Each of the three-credit classes begins on March 9. Some classes are available online and others will be taught on one of the MSUB campuses. They include:

- Philosophy 117, philosophies of life class—online
- Psychology 101, introduction to psychology—online
- Communications 130, introduction to public speaking—main campus
- Data processing 105, introduction to computer applications—online
- Introduction to business 171, a general business class—online
- Health 150, a health occupations terminology class—College of Technology campus
- Psychology 592, a graduate-level psychology class—main campus

Those interested in taking the classes should contact the Advising Center at 406-657-2240 or the Office of Admissions and Records at 406-657-2158. The deadline for application is March 9.

**On behalf of everyone at MSU Billings**, many thanks to all our February 2009 donors, including these standouts:

- **The Haynes Foundation** contributed another \$52,000 for scholarships. Haynes Foundation Scholarships are four-year renewable awards for Montana students.
- **ExxonMobil** contributed \$5,500: \$2,500 for the ExxonMobil Math & Science Education Scholarship; \$2,000 for the ExxonMobil Process Plant Technology Scholarship; and \$1,000 for Chicks in Science.
- **The Walter and Elaine Anderson Charitable Trust** contributed \$6,760 to the Walter and Elaine Anderson Scholarship Endowment for education majors.
- **First Interstate BancSystem Foundation** matched employees' gifts totaling \$4,175.
- **Montana Society of Public Accountants** again contributed \$2,500 for an accounting scholarship.

The following made gifts or pledges for the MSU Billings Soccer Complex during February:

- **Bresnan Communications** - \$5,000

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- **U.S. Bank** - \$5,000
- **Robert Trentham** - \$3,000
- **Lee Kimmet** - \$2,500
- **Felt Martin Frazier & Jacobs PC** - \$2,000
- **Yellowstone Surgery Center LLC** - \$2,000

**Correction** – My February First Monday should have stated: Homer A. & Mildred S. Scott Foundation donated \$2,500 to the Homer A. & Mildred S. Scott Foundation Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to two full-time students majoring in business with an option in finance or accounting; Montana or Wyoming residents; achievement and involvement in extracurricular community activities are factors.

**MSUB College of Business accounting students** are continuing their 25-year tradition of helping low-income and elderly citizens with free tax-preparation expertise. The students are volunteering at these Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites in Billings and Roundup:

- Harvest Church, Monday nights from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Parmly Billings Library third floor, Saturdays from 1-4 p.m.
- District 7 HRDC, 7 North 31st St., by appointment. Call 247-4732.
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) office in Roundup, 315½ Main St., Wednesdays by appointment. Call 323-1403.

Sites are staffed by MSU Billings students and representatives from the Internal Revenue Service and the Montana Department of Revenue and will be in operation until tax filing deadline on April 15. For more information on the VITA program through MSU Billings, contact College of Business assistant professor of accounting and business law, Dr. Debra Johnson, at 657-1606.

**“Breaking the Mold: Millennial Instruction Assessment”** is the title of the March MSUB Library Lecture to be presented on Thursday, March 26, 2009, from 12:15 pm to 2:00 pm in Liberal Arts room 205. Lecturer Jim Hughs, a chemical engineer, was an ExxonMobil employee for over 30 years and now teaches process plant technology at the College of Technology. He will explore the changing profile of the average U.S. student from the “Baby Boomers” through the “Gen Xers” and to the “Millennials” and how university instruction has, and must continue to, changed in response.

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