

First Monday



*From the desk of: Marilynn Miller, President and CEO
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First Monday is provided to friends of Montana State University Billings Foundation to advance the cause of philanthropy.

MSU Billings reached an historic milestone with more than 5,000 students enrolled this semester. MSU Billings' enrollment is 5,041 students, a record for the university. Of that enrollment, 3,635 are enrolled in classes at the main campus and 1,406 are enrolled at the West End College of Technology.

Other MSU Billings enrollment information:

- Of the students this fall, 58.1 percent are under the age of 24.
- The average age of undergraduates at the main campus is 24.8 and at the COT it is 26.2.
- The majority of students continue to be women (63.5 percent).
- The majority of students are from Yellowstone County (56 percent).
- About 33 percent of students come from other Montana counties.
- The number of American Indian students on the main campus is up nearly 18 percent from last year and up 15 percent at the COT.
- The number of Hispanic students at MSU Billings from a year ago is up nearly 9 percent on the main campus and up 45 percent at the COT.
- There are a record 290 student-athletes at MSU Billings taking part in one of the 16 various athletic programs.

Congress has extended the IRA rollover provision through 2009. If you are 70½ or older, have an IRA, and would like to make a gift to support the mission of Montana State University Billings Foundation, you may want to consider making a charitable gift by having your IRA administrator roll assets directly from your IRA to MSUB Foundation. Amounts given in this way for charitable purposes are not taxed as income to you and provide a way to make completely tax-free gifts.

The following limitations apply to IRA rollovers:

- You must be age 70½ or older.
- The cap on annual IRA rollover is \$100,000.
- The contribution must be transferred directly from your IRA to MSUB Foundation.

For more information call us at 406-657-2244.

We appreciate each and every donor. Thanks to these October contributors:

- **Athletic Medicine & Performance** pledged \$15,000 for the ongoing development of the MSU Billings Soccer Complex.
- **Dr. Randall (1954) and Mary Beth Gloege** gave \$5,600 to the Creative Writing Endowed Scholarship Fund in Memory of Ben Gloege.
- **An anonymous donor** gave \$5,000 to the Dickerson/Knight Access to Education Scholarship Endowment. This scholarship is awarded to non-traditional female students.
- **David Kem and Judith Raines** pledged \$2,500 to the Florence Steele Kem Scholarship in honor of David's mother. This scholarship is given to undergraduate or graduate education majors.
- **Susan Shafroth Macomson** gave \$2,000 toward the purchase of the new tennis dome.
- **Westmoreland Resources, Inc.** pledged \$1,750 to the Westmoreland Resources in Hardin/Big Horn County Scholarship. The scholarship is presented to an incoming freshman full-time student from Hardin school district or one of the schools on the Crow reservation.
- **Billings Chapter of CPAs** gave \$1,500 for the Billings Chapter of CPAs Scholarship. The scholarship is available to junior and senior accounting majors.
- **TNT Suzuki and Marine** gave \$1,500 for the Soccer Complex.

Nearly half of all charitable giving occurs in the last quarter of the year. The benefits of planning your year-end giving are many. Careful planning between now and the end of the year can result in significant savings when tax time rolls around. Your gift to Montana State University Billings Foundation can be made in a number of ways, depending on your particular situation. Gifts of cash and appreciated securities are excellent ways to make a gift to the university. Our staff also works with donors and their professional advisors to help determine if a planned gift most effectively meets their income tax and estate planning needs.

Seniors on Campus at MSU Billings offers unique educational opportunities for adults 50 and older who are young at heart and enjoy learning for learning's sake. Seniors on Campus seeks to foster intellectual stimulation, new interests, and personal development through academic pursuits and to provide a community in which to gather, get acquainted and socialize. In this lively learning environment, current and retired MSU Billings faculty and community experts lead courses and special events. **The special, reduced annual membership rate for EMC/MSUB alumni or donors is \$15/individual or \$25/couple.** For more information call 406-896-5890 or 1-800-708-0068. You can also visit the Seniors on Campus website at www.msubillings.edu/50plus.

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