

UHP NEWS



MSUB Honors Program

May 2018

Dear Fellow Honors Programmers,

As usual, the semester ended with a great rush—exam week, convocation, and graduation. With our new chancellor, Dr. Edelman, in place, much attention is already turning to the academic year ahead and new initiatives, for example MSUB's first doctoral programs.

There are changes closer to our home as well, because Dagny has accepted a new position with Financial Services beginning on May 15. I want to thank her for time with us, including some things you wouldn't have seen such as the weekends that she came into to the office to help us manage the workload. I suspect that we will go to a new model for our UHP assistant, no longer sharing a position with Graduate Studies, and will keep you updated on the plans.

As usual, there are many, many accomplishments to celebrate as the academic year closes, and most of this newsletter is devoted to them. But here are few things

Fifth Annual Research, Creativity, and Community Involvement Conference – There were over 140 participants this year, and, with the Jazz Concert being added, there was much more music. In part, the UHP exists in order to contribute to and support the excellence proclaimed in the university motto, Access and Excellence. Our lead sponsorship of the conference is one way we do this.

Help with Summer Orientations – On Thursday noons—June 7, June 21, July 12, and August 2—there are sessions for incoming students to meet with clubs and current students. Again this year, we would volunteers to help with these sessions. They run from approximately 11:30-12:30. If you can help with one or more of these sessions, please let me know.

Honors Capstone Impact – As part of this year's capstone, Hunger and Food Security in Billings, two students, Jennifer Downing and Haley Barthuly, wrote an article which was published in *The Billings Gazette*: http://billingsgazette.com/opinion/columnists/guest-opinion-going-hungry-for-college-education/article_154fbfc-b6a2-5988-a75f-4aa60af9ba74.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share

As a result of the article, \$2,000 has been donated to the Yellow Jacket Food Pantry, the campus food pantry for students. The capstone students' work in the course may also lead to other tangible benefits to MSUB, for example, for a refrigeration system so that pantry can store and distribute perishable food.

Coming Survey – This summer, we will be seeking your input. Our primary mission as a program is adding value to our members' MSUB education, and we want to learn more about how we can do this more effectively. More to come . . .

So you will be hearing from us again over the next few months as we send out our survey and announce our orientation dates, our plans for the coming year, and, ideally, a new assistant.

Wishing you a great summer all, with a full measure of relaxation and enjoyment,

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OPPORTUNITIES 2018

The Amazon Way

Discover the nature and cultures of the world's greatest river!

Application Deadline: April 30, 2018

When: July 28—Aug. 11, 2018

Where: Iquitos, Peru



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2018 Research, Creativity, and Community Involvement Conference Honors Participants

Haley Barthuly

Sarah Farris

Daniel Lurie

Synda Boumediene

Sarah Gallup

Bailey Nedens

Danielle Branson

Miglena Ivanova

Marsha Stewart

Raegan Bunting

Bailey Nedens

Joseph Walters



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

The following students were a huge help at this year's Research, Creativity, & Community Involvement Conference.

Megi Ivanova

Nicole Rodriguez

Haylee Koon

Sarah Gallup

Lili Delgadillo

Casey Skinner

Keenan Weatherford

Kaitlin Angel

Congrats to Student Leader Nominees and Awardees!

Awardees

Outstanding Residential Leader Award

Halle Keltner

Senior Leadership Award

Clay Slugget

Nominees

Outstanding President of the Year

Clay Slugget

Sarah Gallup

Shiloh Skillen-Robison

Outstanding Student Volunteer

Scott Gorman

Halle Keltner

Clay Slugget

Student Employee Leadership

Halle Keltner

Daniel Lurie

International Student Leader

Mohammadreza Heidari

Miglena Ivanova

Outstanding Academic Leadership

Mohammadreza Heidari

Marcene Piper Robison

Outstanding Member

Sarah Farris

Sarah Gallup

Halle Keltner

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Shiloh Skillen-Robison



Congratulations UHP Graduates!

Hannah Hanser

Hannah graduated from MSU-Billings in December. When she finished her UHP independent study in February, she moved to Iowa and started the transition from student to working professional. Currently she is working in a busy law office as a Legal Assistant / Paralegal.

Arielle Horsman

Although Arielle will not officially graduate until December, she participated in UHP and MSUB graduation ceremonies. When Arielle officially graduates, she will seek an accounting job. Arielle is engaged and has wedding plans as well.

Bailey Nedens

Bailey has been Jack-ets Ambassador and had internships with the United States Probation Office and Montana Probation and Parole. She also attended the Gear Up Leadership Academy as a representative from Montana. Bailey hopes to get a job in law enforcement or with organization like Gear Up which works with young leaders.