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SOSAC

Everyone who is in the SOS/TRiO program is already a member of SOSAC (Student Opportunity Services Activity Club). SOSAC allows students to connect with other students and create long-lasting relationships! Inquire at the SOS/TRiO office or with any SOSAC Officers such as: Michaela Guy, Amy Baldwin, Jeremy Couture, Rod Pierson, or Kasia Harvey.

Important Dates

Feb. 1—Last Day for Withdrawing/
Dropping Class with a Partial Refund

Feb. 20—Presidents' Day NO CLASSES/
OFFICES OPEN

Feb. 21—Registration for 2012 Summer
Sessions Begins

March 1—Last Day to Drop without
penalty for failing (no Refund)

March 3-March 11— Spring Break
NO CLASSES/OFFICES OPEN

March 19—Registration for 2012 Fall
Semester begins

March 23—Last Day to Apply to
Graduate Fall 2012 **AND** Last Day to Ap-
ply to Graduate Summer 2012 (not
attending ceremony)

Campus Events

Feb. 2 - 10 Art Exhibit featuring the
works of Neil Jussila, Northcutt
Steele Gallery

Jan. 11 - Feb. 29 Annual Quilt
Show, MSUB Library

Feb. 1-4 'The 39 Steps' student-
directed production

Feb. 2 "Up 'til Dawn" - MSUB
students put sleep aside to help kids
with cancer

Feb. 16 Career Fitness Fair, helping
students, others 'Shape Up'
networking skills

Feb. 18 Think Pink Night - Lady
Jackets Basketball, Alterowitz Gym at
7pm

March 3 Chicks in Science,
Alterowitz Gym

ACCEPTANCE & RESPECT

Acceptance and Respect are the Core Values of Student Opportunity Services/TRiO.



SOS/TRiO strives to provide thoughtful and holistic services to our students. Our goal is to be inclusive to all students regardless of gender, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, culture or creed.



Helpful Hints: Credit Cards



How do I avoid getting into trouble with my credit card?

- Avoid getting to a point where you can't pay off your credit card bill in FULL in one month or two.
- Save up for expensive items, pay them off at the end of the month and avoid paying interest.
- If you do acquire debt, pay down the items that charge the most interest first. Once that debt is paid, move on to the next highest, and so on.
- Remember, if you do get into trouble, all is not lost. Plenty of reputable debt counseling services are available and can help you get ahead of the debt collectors.

February, 2012

Bizarre and Unique Holidays

Month:

- American Heart Month
- An Affair to Remember Month
 - Black History Month
 - Canned Food Month
- Creative Romance Month
- Great American Pie Month
- National Cherry Month
- National Children's Dental Health Month
- National Grapefruit Month
- National Weddings Month

LIBRARY HOURS SPRING 2012

Jan. 11 - Apr. 27, 2012

Mon.-Thurs.

7:30 am—10:00 pm

Friday

7:30 am—05:00 pm

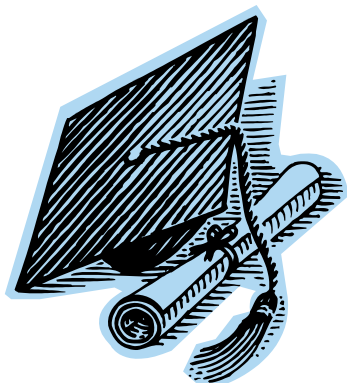
Saturday

9:00 am—05:00 pm

Sunday

2:00 pm—10:00 pm

Graduation is Almost here!



Deadline:

Summer Semester 2012 March 23, 2012 (not attending ceremony)

Fall Semester 2012 March 23, 2012

Here is a checklist for your Graduation day!

Most students overlook these steps that are CRITICAL if you want to graduate on time!

1. Visit MSU Billings's School Website:
<http://www.msubillings.edu/reg/graduation.htm> (to get the full details of graduation day).
2. Do NOT forget to **APPLY** to Graduate!! (Keep in mind there is a Deadline).
3. Order Cap and Gown –Remember to order your Cap and gown OR SOS will loan you a cap and gown ...so stop in early to request yours today!

Did You Know?

We have a lot to offer graduating seniors!

SOS is invested in making your transition from undergraduate student to degree holder a smooth one. We offer assistance with resumes; interview skills; and graduate school applications; as well as GRE, GMAT and PRAXIS study groups. Come on in and find out how we can help you.



SPRING WORKSHOPS

Study Skills and Learning Styles by Ammy Simpson

Tues., Feb. 7, 10:30am—11:30am OR Thur., Feb. 9, 12:15pm-1:15pm

Writing a Great Paper by Kasey Stanton

Tues., Feb. 14, 8:45am—9:45am OR Wed., Feb. 15, 11:40am—12:40pm

Advising by Becky Lyons

Wed., Feb. 22, 9:20am—10:20am

Graduate Studies by Dave Sullivan

Tues., March. 13, 10:30am—11:30am

Resumes by Kelly Buck

Wed., March. 21, 2:00pm—3:00pm

Business Services by Mike Morgan

Tues., April 3, 10:30am—11:30am

Internship Preparedness and Interview Skills by Mandy Brottem

Wed., April 11, 11:40am—12:40pm



One on one workshop, please set up your workshop with each presenter individually in appointment book.

Public Speaking and Presentations by Annette Bratz

Stress Management by Ammy Simpson

Smart Board by Barb Waters

Financial Literacy by Kelly Buck

Time Management by Annette Bratz

Note Taking Skills by Deidra Lee

Reading Comprehension by Deidra Lee

Test Taking Skills and Test Taking Anxieties by Kasey Stanton

Citations and APA Style Writing by Kasey Stanton

Computer Literacy by Barb Waters

Empowerment through a Self-Reliant Mindset by Kasey Stanton

Graduation Prep and Senior Thesis by Kasey Stanton


D2L by Barb Waters

Degrees Matching Careers by Lisa Wallace or Pat Reuss (Career Services-LI 100)-see your mentor for help in reserving appointment if you would prefer.

To register for any of these workshops, call 657-2162.

How to Access D2L

The school *Desire 2 Learn* login can seem a bit overwhelming but here are a few tips that can help make it easier to navigate.

When you access the school website: <http://www.msubillings.edu/> there will be a small icon on the bottom of the screen that looks like:  once you click it the web browser will take you to a new screen which resembles the FIRST picture below.

If you are unsure of your username or password or having difficulty logging into D2L:

You can use the [Password Utilities](#) view your username and/or reset your password. Be sure to use the first option "D2L Login" to log in after changing your password.

1. D2L Login [Click Here](#)

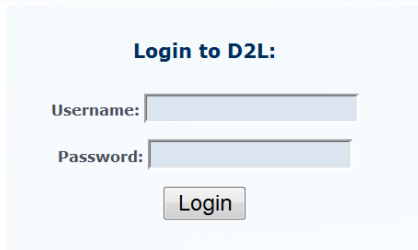
Login Using:

username: username
password: last 6 digits of your ID number or what you have changed your password to.

2. D2L Alternate Login [Click Here](#)

Login Using:

username: username
password: last 6 digits of your ID number or what you have changed your password to.



Login to D2L:

Username:

Password:

It does not matter which login you choose; they both will take you to your student webpage. (If one does not work try the other).

Once you hit *Click Here* another screen will show up prompting you to enter your information. (Picture on bottom left).

Your info is usually:

User Name: *First name.Last name*

Password: *last six digits of your student ID. (Or different if you previously changed it).*

(If you still cannot access D2L please get ahold of the MSUB Information Technology Department HelpDesk (406) 247 2192).

Still Checked Out?

If you borrowed equipment from Barb last semester and haven't returned it—please do.

(Plus you can always re-borrow items or borrow something NEW).

