My college career began at the age of eighteen, fresh out of high school, in my home state of Florida. I quickly learned that I was not ready for the rigors of academic life. After some life experience, including moving across the country to Montana, I decided to return to college at the age of thirty. I attended college full-time while working and raising two sons, and proudly graduated from MSUB in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts in English and Secondary Teaching Certification.

For the next eleven years, I taught at-risk and adjudicated delinquent teens and young adults in Billings and Sheridan, Wyoming. In 2018, I found my way home to Billings and the MSUB campus. I love learning and wholly believe in the limitless potential of developing a Growth Mindset. I enjoy spending time with my children and playing around with photography and ceramics.
Meet Asma

Hi, my name is Asma Batool. I am a 2018 - 2019 Community Solutions Program fellow (research fellow), from Pakistan. This prestigious fellowship program brings together 100 of the best and brightest community leaders from around the world for an intensive four-month leadership development program.

In Pakistan, I am working as a Student Support Office Manager at Namal College in Mianwali. I have experience in organizing departments including Partnership, Student Support, Placement and Exam Office in a recently established institution, dealing with international collaboration/affiliation and representing the institute in community outreach programs. During my fellowship, I hope to learn about better student support strategies, leadership and communication skills, promotion of women’s education in marginalized areas and effective strategies for convincing the parents to educate their daughters while keeping the social norms and cultural values in mind.

Upon returning to Pakistan, I have plans to organize a teacher training program for rural areas, women’s literacy campaigns via local and national level seminars/social media, and book reading sessions for local youth.
Ten Habits of Successful College Students

1. Use a planner to keep track of due dates and weekly activities.
2. Put your cell phone away during class.
3. Fill out the FASFA by the priority deadline (12/01/2018).
4. Meet with your Advisor early to discuss picking classes for the next semester.
5. Seek tutoring early in the semester if you think you need it. (You can fill out a request form with TRIO SSS for Spring 2019 now!)
6. Be involved with campus organizations.
7. Maintain good communication with all of your professors.
8. Read the assigned chapter before class.
9. Sit in the first two rows of the classroom.
10. Ask questions.
Activities & Important Dates

Test Taking Workshop (TRIO SSS)— November 1st @ 2pm, Library 311
Registration for Spring 2018 Courses— Starts November 6th
Ping Pong Tournament—November 6th from 1pm-5pm, Student Union Glacier Room
Cover Letter & Resume Workshop (TRIO SSS)—November 7th @ 2pm, Library 311
Learning Styles & Study Skills Workshop (TRIO SSS)— November 8th @ 12:30pm, Library 311
Job Interviewing Workshop (TRIO SSS)— November 13th @ 2pm, ASC/SUB Room 153
Time Management Workshop (TRIO SSS)- November 15th @12:30pm, Library 311

Last day to apply to graduate (Spring & Summer 2019) - November 16th
Cultural Inspired Dance Party—November 16th @ 7pm, Student Union Glacier Room

For more information click here to see the master calendar