Bonny Beth Luhman, a senior art student, studied abroad at Villa Pieve, in Corciano, Italy, along with a group of other art students. She also received the Best of Show award at the 2015 Juried Student Art Exhibition in the Northcutt Steele Gallery.
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new colleagues

- Siera Adams, Custodian, Facilities Services
- Becky Anglin, Nursing Instructor, City College
- Denise Banderob, Custodian, Facilities Services
- Justin Beach, Financial Aid Compliance Specialist, Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Trevor Belnap, Enrollment Services Counselor, City College
- Elizabeth Blomback, Student Support Specialist, City College
- Vicki Burford, Mental Health Counselor, Student Health Services
- Christopher Campbell, CDL Trainer, City College
- Adam Chiappone, Mental Health Counselor, Student Health Services
- Abby Cook, Immigration Specialist, International Studies & Outreach
- Clifford Coppersmith, Dean, City College
- Kari Dahle-Huff, Asst Prof Reading Education, COE
- Sougata Das, Asst Prof of Finance, COB
- Kristoffer Douglas, Mail Specialist, Business Services
- Janet Drinkwalter, Health Sciences Program Assistant, City College
- Nicolas Drzycimski, Instructional Technologist, Information Technology
- Christine Fortune, Academic Advisor, Advising Center
- Kelsi Gambill, Program Coordinator, Alumni Relations
- Jeremiah Gee, Asst Prof Assessment, Accreditation, and Online Instructional Technologies, COE
- Bruce Gottwig, Computer/Network Support Instructor, City College
- Emily Harris, International Student Service Coordinator, International Studies & Outreach
- Robert Hoar, Provost/VC Academic Affairs, Provost & VC Academic Affairs
- Brent Kinghorn, Asst Prof Management, COB
- Parker Kruckenberg, Assistant Coach, Baseball, Athletics
- Sheila McGinnis, Healthcare Transformation Specialist, City College
- Darin Metcalfe, Computer Systems Analyst, Information Technology
- Jerry Mount, Assistant Professor, Bio & Phys Sciences, Biology & Physical Sciences
- Lance Mouser, Math Instructor, City College
- Sally Nixon, Administrative Associate, Student Opportunity Services/TRIO
- Randi O’Brien, Asst Prof Ceramics, CAS
- Cassie O’Neill, Human Resources Associate, Human Resources
- Rachel Ohu, Academic Advisor, Advising Center
- Nicole Olson, Computer Support Specialist, Information Technology
- Harold Olson, Dual Enrollment Program Manager, City College
- Emily Peters, New Student Services Specialist, City College
- Mara Pierce, Asst Prof of Art Education, CAS
- Kalie Porter, Financial Aid Specialist, Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Robin Rasmussen, Nursing Instructor, City College
- Randal Roberts, Diesel Technologies Instructor, City College
- Thomas Sawyer, Custodian, Facilities Services
- Michelle Schraudner, Employment Services Coordinator, Career Service Administrative
- Alex Shafer, Asst Prof Health & Human Performance, CAH
- Zachary Smith, Custodian, Facilities Services
- Heather Thompson, Business Instructor, City College
- Lianne Vicchio, Assistant Coach, Volleyball, Athletics
- Victor White, Radiology Tech Instructor, City College
- Chelsey Williams, Custodian, Facilities Services

*Employee titles as listed in Banner on August 21, 2015*
The Health Administration Program continues to expand. At the end of the 2014-15 academic year, a record number of students (26) graduated with the MHA degree. This fall, another full cohort of 20 new graduate students will be added to the 31 students already in the program. Interest in the program has grown since an emphasis in rural-frontier healthcare was added to the Program's mission and curriculum two years ago. MHA students are also engaged with the Athletic Training Program students in Interprofessional Education (IPE) Seminars offered once a semester. IPE Seminar topics include leadership, healthcare ethics, clinical awareness, and not-for-profit healthcare governance.

Through our collaboration with Great Falls College, the undergraduate program in Health Administration has attracted new students from the associate degree programs in Health Information Technology and Dental Hygiene. The Health Administration Program provides a way for associate degree graduates in health related fields to seamlessly complete an undergraduate degree. Prompted by student interest, the Health Administration Program is adding an international study program, Healthcare and Culture in Rural Morocco. In the summer of 2016, Health Administration and other Allied Health students will participate in a service learning experience in response to requests from the community of Zawiya Anhansal in the High Atlas Mountains.

The Master of Science in Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling program has completed application for dual CORE-CACREP Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling accreditation. The self-study document was submitted in June 2015 and a determination for dual accreditation is anticipated by January 2016. In the process of application, the program has realigned the student learning objectives to comply with the CORE-CACREP clinical standards.

The Health and Human Performance Program had an undergraduate student's research internationally accepted and presented. Dr. Kathe Gabel presented Kellen Kessler's senior thesis on nitrate rich beverages and performance at the International Congress of Sport Science Conference held in Malmo, Sweden in June 2015.

Once again the Outdoor Adventure Leadership Program participated in Chicks in Science. The climbing wall was open for the young ladies who were assisted by Ms. Fitzgerald and Dr. Culp.

During CAHP’s Convocation in the spring John Felton, President and CEO of Riverstone, was presented the Distinguished College Partner Award. The award recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding support and dedication to CAHP.

Dr. Alex Schafer has joined the faculty in Health and Human Performance. Dr. Schafer holds a degree in exercise physiology from the University of Pittsburg. He most recently has been teaching in the Department of Health and Human Performance at the University of Great Falls, Great Falls, MT.
The College of Arts and Sciences, with its diverse constellation of graduate level, undergraduate, and certificate programs, is anticipating growth in response to our student, community, and regional needs. Our talented faculty continue to transform the lives of their students and contribute to the rich quality of life in our area through scholarship, public lectures, art exhibitions, concerts, cultural events, and community service. CAS employs over 100 full time and part-time faculty with expertise in public and private sectors in addition to strong academic credentials.

In addition to offering our well-established, traditional programming, CAS faculty have been exploring innovative, interdisciplinary curricular approaches so students can craft degrees with unique, marketable skill sets. For example, the Mathematics Department recently developed a Statistics minor which will enhance a wide variety of university baccalaureate degrees. Our Pre-Engineering and Music-Business Option programs are increasing in popularity. Many of our students graduate with degrees in teacher education, where they find employment throughout the state. In terms of research, Dr. Jerry Mount (Department of Biological Physical Sciences) and Dr. Tom Nurmi (Department of English, Philosophy, and Modern Languages) are collaborating on a unique research project involving MIS, literature, and geography; Dr. Joy Honea (Department of Social Science and Cultural Studies) and Dr. Sarah Keller (Department of Communications and Theatre) are CARE grant partners. This past year, the Women’s and Gender Studies Center was opened as an accessible, comfortable space for students and faculty. Our faculty have been leading study-abroad trips for students, expanding undergraduate research opportunities, and arranging valuable internship and service-learning activities. In addition, our faculty have obtained grants in humanities, social science, and STEM fields, with students being the primary beneficiaries.

This coming year we will continue our fundraising efforts to build Yellowstone Hall, meet with our community advisory boards, and provide scholarships to support our students. The College of Arts and Sciences is a dynamic, expanding unit at MSU Billings.
The College of Business continues to strive for excellence with a spirit and drive that is something of which to be proud. The College of Business has goals to enhance community connections, strengthen programs, and expand international experiences.

Five business leaders from across the state of Montana were inducted into the Montana Business Hall of Fame in October 2014 during a banquet featuring noted speaker Rudy Giuliani. The College of Business again will offer an Executive-in-Residence program in conjunction with the induction of business leaders this fall. This year’s induction will occur during the Evening with Terry Bradshaw on September 10.

The College of Business is collaborating with Extended Campus to identify and offer various credit and non-credit programs. Work on identifying the needs of the region is ongoing.

We were fortunate to be able to hire new faculty members: Dr. Brent Kinghorn in Management and Sougata Das in Finance.

Our students and faculty were again successful in many areas including the following:

- Brianne DePuydt was named as an Outstanding MSUB Graduate and Golden Merit Award Recipient.
- The Associated Students of MSUB awarded Derrick Anderson recognition for “Striving for Excellence in Leadership While Caring for One’s Family” at the 2015 Leadership Recognition Awards Dinner.
- Dr. Scott Harris, Associate Professor in Economics, received an Outstanding Faculty Award from the Associated Students of MSUB.
- A student project won a Silver ADDY award at the District 11 American Advertising Awards and competed on the national level.
- Equally significant is the number of service learning projects that COB students engage in every year for local businesses and not-for-profit organizations. On average, COB students complete 25 client-based projects every year.

We look forward to another great year!
Eastern Montana Normal School, now the College of Education, is the foundation upon which MSU Billings was built. A vital part of the University, the COE is now one of the colleges. Elementary Education, Special Education, Reading, and School Counseling are offered through the COE. The college has an Early Childhood Education minor, revised to meet the new Pre-kindergarten through Third Grade (P-3) Montana Educator Licensure standard. In partnership with the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Allied Health Professions, the COE prepares educators in content areas for secondary schools. The COE employs 20 faculty with expertise in Educational Foundations, Curriculum, Field Experiences, Early Childhood, Reading/Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, Behavioral/Emotional Disabilities, Learning Disabilities, Developmental Disabilities, and School Counseling. These faculty are active scholars, as well as teachers, who regularly present their work at local, state, regional, national and international conferences. Our faculty are frequently recognized for their achievements. Dr. Ken Miller, ETP Department Chair, won the 2015 Pippinger Award for Innovation in Undergraduate Education.

The COE takes seriously its responsibility in providing educators for Montana’s rural communities, especially the seven American Indian Reservations located in the state. As a college, the COE has partnerships with several of the Tribal Colleges, and COE faculty infuse Montana’s Indian Education for All throughout the content they teach.

The COE offers the only preparation in the northwest region for certification by the Behavior Analysis Certification Board. This MSU Billings College of Education graduate advanced level preparation program is listed as approved on the BACB website. MSU Billings is the only public institution in Montana offering undergraduate majors and graduate programs in reading and special education. The Online Instructional Pedagogies graduate program is also unique, with fewer than 20 similar programs in the nation. The program prepares educators to deliver instruction through a variety of technologies.

The annual Career Services survey indicates the consistency of employment opportunities for COE graduates over time. Of the 2012 survey respondents, over 95% were either employed in their field or pursuing graduate work. Beginning salaries average $33,000 for individuals with baccalaureate degrees and $35,000 for individuals with graduate degrees.

The College of Education maintains high program standards. The 2010 combined National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and Montana Board of Public Education (BPE) review resulted in reaccreditation of all COE programs with all standards met and without areas for improvement. NCATE has combined with the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) to form the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). The COE is joining with the other eight Montana Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) and the state to meet the new and more rigorous standards.

The Montana Center for Inclusive Education (MCIE), a Montana public service agency, partners with the College of Education to offer continuing professional development for Montana’s educators through grants and state contracts. Located in the college, the MCIE serves as headquarters for the Montana Region III Regional Education Service Area (RESA III), administrates COE faculty grant projects, and serves as state administrator for the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) Special Education Endorsement Project. Faculty and students benefit from the COE/MCIE partnership.

Dr. Mary Susan Fishbaugh, Dean
If one word can describe the past several months at City College, it would be “change.” Along with my own arrival we have successfully filled a number of positions amongst our faculty and staff ranks, continuing our strong tradition of appointing capable faculty and staff who bring excellent industry expertise and strong academic credentials to their teaching and administrative assignments. Overall, I continue to be impressed with the dedication to our mission exemplified by both faculty and staff employees at our City College campus.

As the new dean, it is my primary goal to continue the process of developing City College as a two-year embedded institution within Montana State University Billings. Along with Chancellor Mark Nook and Provost Robert Hoar, I plan on communicating with, and listening to, those whom we serve in Billings and throughout the eastern Montana region as we establish a new vision for both the near and long term futures. My focus will be continuing to build strong programs and grow enrollment to make City College in every way “Billings’ community college.” That means maintaining strong general education curriculum and creating relevant and meaningful career-focused applied technology programs, as well as being flexible and responsive to workforce needs. I also desire to improve our outreach and service to adult and underserved populations.

As I have begun that process I have been duly impressed with the welcoming smiles that have greeted my arrival. I also have perceived that as a college we are truly appreciated as an asset that can make a significant contribution to our community’s growth and economic development.

As we contemplate a promising future with new leadership and with an excellent faculty and staff I welcome our students and faculty back for a new and productive academic year 2015-16.
There are several new changes in Information Technology this year. We have changed features as well as new directions related to 4 campus MSU initiatives. We would like to continue to promote the use of Atomic Learning as a campus wide technology training resource. You can access this resource at https://www.atomiclearning.com/login/msubillings and logon with the same username and password used for your campus computer and email.

Our Office 365 transition is in full swing and uses a much friendlier approach than last year. This will allow all email to be ‘in the cloud’ and provide additional storage space, wider calendaring opportunities across the system, and additional availability from off-campus in times of storms, power outages, etc. Windows 10 is the current PC operating system, Mac OS X El Capitan is around the corner; always a time of change and transition. New software and hardware has been installed across the campuses, network upgrades, new wireless technologies which will allow integration with tablets and classroom projectors, and coordination of some 50 IT projects on the Billings campus and across the four campuses.

We are working with donors and new designs for new TEIL (Technology Enhanced Interactive Learning) classrooms. We have entered into a 4 campus MSU project for WebEx and Spark. The Billings and Bozeman campus will be developing the educational use case using Spark for Cisco. This is will definitely be a playground for faculty to develop new pedagogies for new technologies.

We are working with the XSEDE (Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment) in Bozeman to provide high performance computing resources for our research faculty. Institutional Research is continually working on moving old reports to the newer platforms approved for Banner connections. They are developing new analytic reports and providing new ways of distributing the data and reports. The increased emphasis on Performance Based Funding and the retention and completion agenda provide an opportunity to standardize these reports across the campus.

Desire2Learn has introduced a new Continuous Delivery model to provide ongoing system enhancements. Continuous Delivery (CD) is a design practice used in software development to automate and improve the process of software delivery. The Continuous Delivery model will allow D2L to deliver updated technology to clients, enabling rapid, incremental delivery of high quality, valuable new functionality to users, which will be managed with faculty/staff coordination through the eLearning Office.
Facilities Services had another exciting and eventful year. Although Mother Nature dealt us another blow with the early sub-zero temperatures last Fall which took a large toll on our junipers, we had the most beautiful Spring with well-spaced rains, seasonal temperatures, and a beautiful looking campus for commencement. Most of the repairs related to the big hail storm last year have been completed which was a monumental achievement for all involved.

Although the Legislative Session did not bring us any funds to complete our much needed Library Renovation (life safety and code renovations), we are moving forward with a portion of the project with our allocated State deferred maintenance funds. We will be replacing the aged wheelchair lifts, modernizing the elevator, and installing new fire alarm and fire sprinklers throughout the building. We are also currently in the design phase for the Rimrock Café servery, McMullen Data Center cooling replacement, City College masonry restoration, and planning for both our new Fieldhouse and the second phase of the Student Union renovation.

Summer was very productive and our Facilities team made great progress on maintenance projects throughout the University. It was exciting to finally be able to complete the renovation to the Poly Drive entrance and the boulevards along 27th Street. These have been in the works for 3-4 years and much needed to ‘greet’ the public and the 13,000 cars/day that travel N. 27th Street. The removal of many large dead junipers gave us the opportunity to further our campus beautification goals by starting fresh with some new species and creating a more diversified planting inventory. Did you know that MSUB has the largest honey locust tree in the State of MT?

We were able to complete several ‘phased’ projects this year which we are excited to share. The Student Union roof replacement completes the third and final phase for the complex. Both residence halls and the union now have much better indoor environments for our students. We also completed the fourth and final phase to the Student Health Services space which included the exam rooms, ceilings, and a duck pond/animal therapy area for Darla (well, maybe next phase). What a transition, go check out the newly renovated area and stay for a massage.

Facilities is working on a couple exciting collaborative projects involving students, faculty, and outside groups. This Fall, we will start the first of six planned ground-mounted solar arrays which will involve our students in the Sustainable Energy program, Facilities Services electricians, MT Solar, and Northwestern Energy. This will be valuable hands-on experience for our students and provide us with an excellent opportunity to harvest a free source of energy. We are also in the final stages of the historic nomination for McMullen Hall which has been a great collaborative project between Facilities Services and Tim Urbaniaik from City College. It will be a great honor to have our first campus structure on the National Register of Historic Places.

2015 FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OF NOTE
- SUB ROOF REPLACEMENT
- RIMROCK AHU 5/6 REPLACEMENT
- STORM CLAIM REPAIRS - RENTALS
- POLY MAIN ENTRANCE SIGN / LANDSCAPE
- 27TH STREET E. BOULEVARD IMPROV. - OAL CHALLENGE COURSE
- PETRO THEATRE FLOOR REFISHING
- CHILD CARE BACKYARD UPGRADES
- PE FITNESS CENTER EXPANSION
- LIB-LA CONNECTOR UPGRADES
- CEHS BOILER REPLACEMENT
- RIMROCK WASHER / DRYER REP.
- APS FAN COIL REPLACEMENT 3-SOUTH
- CISEL NORTH ENTRANCE MODS
- CITY COLLEGE SWAMMEI GRANT
- UNIVERSITY POLICE REMODEL
- CITY COLLEGE KITCHEN PAINTING
- STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES - PHASE IV
- SOUTH SCIENCE STORM DRAIN REPAIRS
- RIMROCK HALL AIR COMP. UPGRADE
- LIBRARY FIRE SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT
- MCM SERVER ROOM COOLING
- RIMROCK CAFÉ SERVERY DESIGN
- CITY COLLEGE MASONRY REPAIRS
- PEAKS TO PLAINS PARK - PHASE II
- MSUB CONFERENCE CENTER
- MCM NORTH PARKING LOT

Mr. Jason McGimpsey, Director
(and his little friend)
The Office of International Studies and Outreach

The 2015-2016 academic year will be one of continued growth for the Office of International Studies and Outreach (OIS) and will witness the further implementation of the MSUB Comprehensive Internationalization Strategy. In response to the global competency demands of our students, faculty and administration, OIS has been charged with developing and implementing programs to facilitate the international engagement for all of our stakeholders. The key to our success is mobility – just as ideas, knowledge, and data move freely across all borders, so too will our students, faculty and community stakeholders engage with the world.

Student Mobility Study Abroad – In 2014 MSUB joined the Institute of International Education’s Generation Study Abroad and we have pledged to increase significantly the number of our students studying abroad. In the past years our students have studied in Costa Rica, Chile, Finland, Spain, England, China, and Korea. We also work closely with faculty to develop faculty-led study abroad programs to Italy and Morocco. With the generous support of the university and the community, we have established a scholarship to ensure that all students have access to Study Abroad.

Faculty Mobility – MSUB’s faculty have played an ever-increasingly important role in our internationalization. Faculty taught, researched and visited international partners in such diverse locations as Morocco, Germany, India, Japan, and England.

We also hosted several international faculty and visiting scholars. Faculty are also working to increase the international content used in their courses and include international skills in their course learning outcomes.

Intensive English Language Program – OIS houses the Intensive English Language Program where international students study English in an intensive, immersive environment to allow them to matriculate into MSUB. In addition, OIS offers short term English as a Second Language (ESL) programs to visiting students from around the world. This year we have hosted groups from France, Japan and Korea.

Community Outreach – OIS continues to reach out to the Billings and the Montana community to make sure our internationalization touches all stakeholders. We have hosted a number of events to raise awareness of international studies in the community. We are working with all colleges, departments and programs to ensure that student learning outcomes include knowledge of the international arena, skills to communicate across cultures, and an open and engaged attitude to the world.

Dr. Paul M. Foster
Executive Director
Office of International Studies and Outreach
The Division of Student Affairs continues to be excited about the new possibilities of approaching our students in a collaborative partnership across the university to further support our students’ holistic success.

As Chancellor Nook has indicated, we continue to move forward with a holistic approach to student success at MSUB with each and every student from an educational, personal, and professional perspective.

This past February, I shared with the University community the majority of the national research on academic and career advising indicates there are larger gains in retention and persistence when we approach advising students in a holistic manner from orientation to graduation.

Through examining current research as well as the strong ability of staff to be cross-trained within and among several departments, the Division of Student Affairs is moving towards a seamless organizational structure. We have merged the career counseling and internships component of Career Services with the Advising Center. With this merger, we have also included merging the Orientation program from New Student and Retention Services, thereby broadening the mission of Orientation.

While the Student Success Committee completes its work and makes recommendations, the Division of Student Affairs, in addition to merging career counseling, internships and academic advising is also moving forward with integrating College Success Specialists into the new Advising & Career Center. This integration lightens the workload of current first-year and second-year student advising, strengthening the continuity between orientation and graduation. Furthermore, such integration and deployment of cross-trained advisors will move us closer to the national average of student-advisor ratio from 400:1 to closer to 250:1.

This re-structuring will allow us to serve our students better — as advising is more than course selection. Specifically, we will be able to move forward in providing more quality advising time to devote to each student than the current model, and a more holistic advising conversation.

For the Student Life area in the Division of Student Affairs, we have merged the roles of the Career Services Job Locator/Community Service Work Study Program with the Office of Community Involvement. In addition, the Diversity Center programming/training, multicultural student support and respective student organizations will be supported by staff in the Student Union and Events Office.

Staff in the Advising & Career Center are conveniently located at two locations on the University Campus: McMullen Hall 1st Floor and the 1st floor of the Library, as well as at the City College in Jacket Student Central.

**Scholarships and affordability**

- During 2013-2014 the Office of Financial Aid allocated $1,594,511.18 in student scholarships through the MSUB Foundation (656 students benefitted; average amount = $2430), and this past year saw an increase in allocation to $1,670,566 (674 students; average amount = $2478).

- Keeping college affordable, this academic year the College Store has increased textbook rental options with our current rental options representing a 166% increase in rentable titles compared to just using one rental partner.

**Grants to support our Students**

We are also very excited to share information...
about the recent awarding of State and Federal Grants:

- Student Support Services (TRiO) received $1.5 million funding award for next five year grant cycle (2015-2020) to continue the SSS TRIO program at MSUB. IN 2013-2014 87% of SSS TRIO students persisted from one academic year to the next, (A friendly reminder: Aligned with national TRIO efforts to increase presence and name recognition by changed name from Student Opportunity Services (SOS) last academic year to Student Support Services (SSS) TRIO).

- Student Health Services received a $29,000 5-year grant award managed by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services Rape Prevention Education (RPE) program, as well as receiving a Block Grant ($2500) awarded through the same State Departments MT Department of Public Health and Human Services.

**We’re hosting two conferences this year**

- Our campus is hosting the 2015 Rocky Mountain College Health Association Biennial Meeting October 16-17. Triniti Halverson is Program Chair. This conference will attract health services professionals from Montana, Colorado, and Wyoming. It is also being held in conjunction with the Montana Collegiate Tobacco Prevention Initiative annual training.

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs established two student advisory boards (entitled: *Ex-Officio*) at the University Campus and City College comprised of a cross-section of key constituent student groups that meet on a monthly basis to provide counsel, advice, and feedback to the Vice Chancellor about student services at the University.
In April 2016 we will host the Montana Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Student Affairs Educators involved and recognized regionally and nationally

We are very proud of our staff who have been elected/appointed to regional and national leadership roles this coming year, as well as those who received recognitions for their contribution to the profession regionally and nationally:

- Emily Williamson, Director of Financial Aid & Scholarship, was elected President for the Montana Association of Financial Aid Administrators effective April, 2016.

- Chad Schreier, Director - College Store: serves on the National Association of College Stores (NACS) Board of Trustees, as well as the NACS Foundation Board.

- Jeff Rosenberry, Interim Associate Dean of Students, was elected as the Association of Intermountain Housing Officers (AIMHO) President effective November 2015.

- Alison Adams, interim Assistant Director of Residence Life & Housing, was appointed to serve as the Campus Safety and Violence Prevention Knowledge Committee Chair for the National Association for Student Personnel Administrators Region V.

- Kelly Buck, Director - Student Support Services, was elected and will become the state president for the Montana ASPIRE Association (Association of Special Programs in Region Eight - a professional association for TRiO professionals in the region) in Fall 2015.

- Dan Benge, Director - Upward Bound/ Educational Talent Search, received the Art Quinn Memorial Award, the highest award given to a member of the ASPIRE regional association.

- Becky Lyons, Director - Academic & Career Services, serves as one of two Montana Liaisons for Region 8 of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA).

- Ashley Chilton, Campus Child Care Center Director, received the Bright Horizon’s Right Way to Work Award at the annual Awards of Excellence Banquet.

- Jeff Rosenberry was named a Billings 40 Under 40 recipient; and, he also was recognized as Big Brother of the Year through Billings’ Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

- Triniti Halverson serves on the BACCHUS Initiatives of NASPA Region V Consultant, and the Step Up Bystander Intervention Advisory Board.

- Darla Tyler-McSherry currently serves as the Treasurer for the Rocky Mountain College Health Association.

- Reba Bordan was appointed The BACCHUS Network Area 3 SAC position for the 2015-2016 academic year.

- Morgan Riggs won Outstanding Student Leader Overall at The BACCHUS Network Area 3 Conference.

Our Student Health Services consistently receives above the national average of “Very Satisfied” ratings of with the overall satisfaction of services by those patients completing the American College Health Association Patient Satisfaction Assessment survey.

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Student Organizations thrived this year. There were 60 registered student organizations (14 new/chartered student organizations). The Student Union Office supported over 2,100 hours of student organization meetings, programs and events. In addition to student organization events the Student Union and University Events Office was extremely busy with booking space and coordinating events. There were 10,095 total bookings in fiscal year 2015, of these bookings 2,790 were meetings or events in the Student Union and more than 7,000 in campus academic buildings including City College.
It has been a busy year at Grants and Sponsored Programs — GSP continued to see growth in grant submissions in 2014-2015, with awards totaling approximately $3.5 million.

State and federal funding has supported the research of several CAS Faculty. Dr. Lynn George was recently awarded a three-year, $332,000 Academic Research Enhancement grant from the National Institutes of Health to continue her work on the genetic disorder familial dysautonomia. The Montana Department of Commerce awarded Dr. Rodrick Chiodini a Bio-Medical Research Grant to expand the Crohn's Disease Collaborative Research Center, a partnership between St. Vincent Healthcare and MSUB, and the Montana Board of Research and Commercialization Technology provided a second year of support to Dr. Kurt Toenjes and Dr. David Butler’s anti-fungal work.

Dr. Sarah Keller and Dr. Susan Gilbertz were awarded continued support from the National Institute of Health’s Montana INBRE program at MSU. Dr. Keller continued and expanded upon her “Let’s Talk” suicide prevention program, and Dr. Gilbertz, in her project The Energy-Water-Health Nexus, conducted a preliminary investigation of the potential health impacts of energy development in Richland County. Dr. Kathe Gabel and Kurt Toenjes were awarded INBRE funding to support eight paid research internships to students in public health and biomedical fields. Dr. Gilbertz, Dr. Toenjes, and Dr. Butler additionally were funded through the NSF MT EPSCoR program for their work on Montana’s climate change vulnerability (Gilbertz) and anti-fungal derivatives’ impact on bark beetles (Butler and Toenjes).

Both Big Sky Pathways and the Perkins program at City College were granted continued funding — these programs bridge the gap between high schools, college, and career, and enhance students’ career and technical skills. The 2014 statewide TAACCCT consortium grant focused on health care initiatives; this funding allows City College to develop and implement curriculum and support services to students in healthcare fields, expands the use of distance education for healthcare curriculum, and provides preparatory programs and coaching services to students.

TRIO Programs — Upward Bound, Talent Search, and Student Support Services — will continue to successfully assist at-risk students prepare for and complete their college degrees thanks to the grant writing efforts of Dan Benge and Kelly Buck. Student Health Services will improve campus climate and safety with three grant awards aimed at reducing sexual violence on campus.

Eleven faculty were awarded institutional CARE (Creative and Research Endeavors) grants for amounts up to $5,000. 2015 also saw the introduction of a new CARE competition for proposal development — Dr. Tom Lewis and Dr. Tom Nurmi received CARE funding to pursue federal grants for their projects to NIH and NEH, respectively.

GSP welcomes our new Institutional Research Board Chair, Dr. Sarah Keller, and sincerely thanks Dr. Mark Hardt for his years of service in this position. Congratulations to all 2014-2015 grant awardees, it has been a pleasure working with you!
The Library stands ready to satisfy your hunger for knowledge! Whether you are doing high-powered research using primary-source documents, studying a foreign language, or just looking for a fun book (in print, ebook, or audiobook formats), the Temple of Knowledge has you covered 24/7! Call or visit the Library today!

In direct response to student requests, we have added several new technology-rich study rooms, which include whiteboards, conference tables, and large monitors for projection and collaborative work. Reserve one in EMS for your next meeting!

In direct response to faculty requests, the Library has added several new electronic archives and databases:

- Slavery & Anti-Slavery Archive
- Early American Newspapers (1690-1922)
- American Periodicals Series (Colonial - 20th Century)
- Dictionary of Literary Biography
- Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center
- Home Improvement Reference Center

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Librarians can provide custom-made Research Guides tailored to the resources needed by your classes.

Following on the success of our Civil War, World War I, and Clark on the Yellowstone series, we will continue with a series of lectures by MSUB faculty, including several lectures this fall commemorating the culture of the 1960s. Lectures run Tuesday nights from September 22-October 27, and begin at 6:30pm in LIB148.

To enhance physical access to the Library & Information Commons, the 1st floor entrance will continue to be open, providing access to additional new study spaces.

The Library hosts several book clubs to connect and enjoy great books with students, staff, and children from the William R. Lowe Child Care & Enrichment Center.

Questions? Call the Ask Here Desk: 657-1662 or email: library@msubillings.edu

For regular updates on Library events and services, follow us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Pinterest!

**Back-to-School Events**

**Popcorn:**
Wednesday & Thursday, September 9-10, 10:00am and 12:00pm

**Open House (University Campus):**
Wednesday, September 16, 8:00am-11:00am

**Open House (City College):**
Monday, September 14, 10:00am-12:00pm

**International Talk Like a Pirate Day:**
Friday, September 18, 10:00am-12:00pm

Mr. Brent Roberts, Director
Home of the Yellowjackets, the Montana State University Billings department of intercollegiate athletics supports 15 men’s and women’s varsity sports which compete in the NCAA at the Division II level. MSUB is one of 11 full-time members of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, which features 11 championships throughout each academic year.

More than 250 student-athletes compete on MSUB’s teams, and members of Yellowjacket teams posted a collective 3.15 grade point average during the 2014-15 academic year.

MSUB-sponsored varsity sports include men’s and women’s teams in basketball, cheer/stunt, cross-country, golf, soccer, indoor and outdoor track & field, as well as baseball, softball, and women’s volleyball.

2014-15 marked a historic year for Yellowjacket Athletics, as MSUB hosted three conference championship events and an NCAA Division II West Region Championship for the first time ever. The ‘Jackets welcomed more than 30 teams to Billings on Nov. 22, 2014 for the NCAA Division II West Region Championships at Amend Park, hosted the 2014-15 Men’s and Women’s GNAC Basketball Championships from March 4-7, 2015 at Alterowitz Gym, and capped off the year by hosting the 2015 GNAC Baseball Championships from May 7-8 at Dehler Park.

MSUB also serves as the host of the largest NCAA Division II softball tournament, the Desert Stinger Classic, which was played for the sixth year in a row from Feb. 12-14, 2015 at Majestic Park in Las Vegas.

The 2014-15 year also featured three All-American athletes from MSUB, including senior Kayleen Goggins (women’s basketball), junior Robert Peterson (men’s indoor track & field), and senior Brody Miller (baseball). Miller was also selected as the 2014-15 GNAC Male Athlete of the Year for all sports, just the second baseball player in the conference’s history to win the award, and the second student-athlete from MSUB to collect the honor as he joined women’s basketball star Bobbi Knudsen (2013-14).

Capturing GNAC crowns during the 2014-15 year were MSUB’s baseball and softball teams.

The Yellowjackets won the 2015 GNAC Softball Championships and advanced all the way to the semifinals of the NCAA Division II West Region Championships in May.

MSUB’s women’s soccer team also competed for a GNAC Championship title, finishing in second place in the conference standings and earning the No. 2 seed into the conference tournament in the fall of 2014. In men’s golf, senior Jake Hedge also represented the ‘Jackets at the NCAA Regional level, competing as an individual in the championships in Monterey Bay, Calif., from May 6-8, 2015.

In 2013-14, the MSUB women’s basketball team made history by winning the 2013-14 Great Northwest Athletic Conference regular season title and advancing to the NCAA Division II west regional championship game. MSUB’s 2013-14 women’s basketball team joined the Yellowjackets’ 1998-99 squad as the only two in program history to advance to the NCAA regional title game. The latter continued on to the Elite Eight, marking the furthest-advancing MSUB team in the school’s history.

In 2012, the MSUB softball team won the GNAC regular season title with a 32-18 overall record and earned hosting privileges for the 2013 conference softball tournament. The 2012 Yellowjacket men’s basketball team also earned a conference title, defeating the University of Alaska Anchorage 74-70 in the GNAC tournament championship game.

Formerly known as Eastern Montana College, MSUB athletics stem back to the 1927-28 season, the year in which the university was founded. The Yellowjackets have competed in a number of different conferences throughout the years, and prior to the 1980-81 season the athletic department transitioned from the NAIA to competing at the NCAA Division II level.

The MSUB Hall of Fame and Distinction inducted its inaugural class in 1990 and serves as a tribute towards influential figures on and off the court, in both current and retired sports.
Extended Campus enjoyed an active year working closely with MSUB partners and external partners. We are pleased to announce two new graduate certificate programs developed by the department of English, Philosophy and Modern Languages and College of Education, respectively. The Certificate in Teaching Creative and Expository Writing allows high school teachers to become qualified to teach the dual enrollment writing course and the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Certificate program is designed to help teachers in schools deal with non-native English speakers or prepare individuals to teach English abroad.

In addition we hope to offer three additional certificate programs in the future. This includes the Nonprofit Administration and Leadership program and the Tribal Community Development and Management program developed by the MPA program, and a craft brewing and fermentation certificate developed by the Biological & Physical Sciences department.

More and more faculty are engaged in teaching our summer camps for kids and young adults. Fully one third of camps for 2015 were taught by MSUB faculty. For summer 2016 we are planning to add overnight camps to attract high school students from throughout Montana. We hope also attract even more faculty to teach.

Our conference and special event services arm was very active over the last year as well. Our team provided coordination for numerous events such as the Not in Our State Conference, the Student Art League auction, the Jazz Festival and One MSU. This October we are pleased to announce that MSUB will be hosting TEDx MSUBillings with the theme “Innovation in Action.”

Finally, we have been busy working closely with Big Sky Economic Development to determine and develop needed workforce education and training programs for area businesses.

To find out more about Extended Campus please visit our website, msubillings.edu/extendedcampus, and like us on Facebook.
Yellowstone Public Radio is a public radio network consisting of ten transmitters and 26 translators serving Montana and northern Wyoming. YPR broadcasts from the Joseph S. Sample Studios on the campus of Montana State University Billings as KEMC-FM and is also heard on KBMC-FM (Bozeman), KYPB-FM (Big Timber), KYPC-FM (Colstrip), KYPF-FM (Stanford/Lewistown), KYPH-FM (East Helena), KYPM-FM (Livingston), KYPF-FM (Miles City), KYPW-FM (Wolf Point), and KPRQ-FM (Sheridan, WY), as well as numerous translators within its broadcast area.

Yellowstone Public Radio provides in-depth news, public affairs, and cultural programming to a general adult audience in Montana and northern Wyoming — more specifically, news which focuses on meaning and detail; public affairs which offers complete expression of ideas and the opportunity for listener discussion; and cultural programming expressing heritage and innovation in the arts and humanities.

During the last fiscal year, YPR met with success during both our Fall and Spring on-air fund raising events, grossing in excess of $234,000 and $211,000 respectively. Working with MSUB, Montana Television Network, and the Billings Gazette, YPR hosted two debates: one each for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. In addition, YPR partners with Montana Public Radio for statewide coverage of Montana Legislative Sessions and other statewide news.

We continue to grow our affinity among our regional listeners with such hallmark programming as Morning Edition, A Prairie Home Companion, and local favorites Home Ground and Afternoon Jazz. For more information about YPR, or to learn more about becoming a member and/or volunteer, or to donate, visit ypradio.org or call 657-2941.
Chancellor Mark Nook issued a charge to the Student Success Committee (SSC) on December 17, 2014 to investigate and recommend programs, processes, and services that would help MSUB better serve its students and thereby improve our measures of student success. With the beginning of the spring semester, the SSC began working toward its goal of submitting a report to the chancellor and the Cabinet by October 1, 2015.

The chancellor invited the participation from across the campus to establish a broadly representative committee that includes faculty members, staff members, administrators, students and community members. In his charge, the chancellor asked the SSC to address two questions:

Committee members have done a number of things to gather information on best/promising practices regarding student success. We have gone to professional conferences, pored over research briefs and reports, dived into institutional reports to bring as much data to the table as possible.

Among the areas that the committee has identified as likely topics for further examination are:

• Early Alerts
• The Campus Experience
• Community Relations/Affairs
• Gateway/Gatekeeper/High DFWI courses
• General Education
• Adult Learners and Transfers
• Developmental Education
• Technology/Online Programs
• Holistic multi-tiered advising
• HIPs and FYE
• Student/Learner-Centered Teaching
• Campus Culture

The committee also assisted in crafting a multimillion-dollar Department of Education Title III grant with the goal of securing funding to help make the committee’s recommendations a reality here at MSUB.

Chancellor Nook, in his charge, acknowledged that the work of the SSC would be daunting:

This is a major undertaking that won’t be easy. You will ask questions and make recommendations that will challenge and encourage our university to aim higher, while continuing our commitment to be an open access university. Your work is essential to the long range future of our university.

We anticipate that the committee’s recommendations will help focus the campus’s attention and energies on the chancellor’s primary goal of meeting each student where he or she is and getting them to where they need to be to meet their academic, personal, and professional goals while maintaining the rigor, integrity, and value of our degrees.
Aspire

What should MSU Billings aspire to be in the next century?
Create

What should we as a university create for our next century?
2015-2016 calendar

Fall Semester 2015

Residence Halls Open ............... Sunday, September 6
Labor Day OFFICES CLOSED ............. Monday, Sept. 7
Classes Begin ............................. Wednesday, Sept. 9
Last Day for Registering/
Adding Classes ............................ Thursday, Sept. 17
Last Day to Withdraw/Drop Classes
w/Partial Refund ............................ Tuesday, Sept. 29
Columbus Day CLASSES IN SESSION/OFFICES OPEN
(Exchanged for Friday, Nov. 27) ............... Monday, Oct. 12
Last Day to Drop Classes Without Instructor
Permission (No Refund) .................... Tuesday, Oct. 27
Registration for 2015
Spring Semester Begins ............... Monday, Nov. 2
Veterans’ Day
NO CLASSES/OFFICES CLOSED ........... Wednesday, Nov. 11
Last Day to Apply to Graduate Spring Semester 2015 ............... Friday, Nov. 13
Last Day to Apply to Graduate Summer Semester 2015 (attending ceremony) ....... Friday, Nov. 13
Last Day to Drop a Class with Approval of Advisor and Course Instructor ....... Wednesday, Nov. 18
Thanksgiving Holiday
NO CLASSES ..................................... Nov. 25-Nov. 29
Final Exam Week ........................... Dec. 14-17
Final Day to Withdraw from Fall 2015
(all classes, no refund) .................... Thursday, Dec. 17
Semester Ends ............................. Thursday, Dec. 17
Residence Halls Close ............... Friday, Dec. 18

Spring Semester 2016

Residence Halls Open ............... Sunday, Jan. 17
Martin Luther King Day
NO CLASSES, OFFICES CLOSED ............. Monday, Jan. 18
Classes Begin ............................. Wednesday, Jan. 20
Last Day for Registering/
Adding Classes ............................ Wednesday, Jan. 20
Last Day to Withdraw/Drop Classes
w/Partial Refund ............................ Tuesday, Feb. 9
Presidents’ Day
NO CLASSES/OFFICES CLOSED ............ Monday, Feb. 15
Registration for
Summer Session 2016 ............... Tuesday, Feb. 16
Spring Break NO CLASSES .................... Mar. 5-13
Registration for 2016 Fall
Semester Begins ......................... Monday, Mar. 14
Last Day to Drop Classes Without Instructor
Permission (No Refund) ................... Wednesday, Mar. 16
Last Day to Apply to Graduate Fall Semester 2016 ............... Friday, Mar. 18
Last Day to Apply to Graduate Summer Semester 2016 (NOT attending ceremony) ........... Friday, Mar. 18
Spring Mini Break NO CLASSES .............. Mar. 24-27
Last Day to Drop a Class with Approval of Advisor and Course Instructor ....... Thursday, Apr. 14
University Day NO CLASSES, OFFICES OPEN ........... Friday, Apr. 29
Final Exam Week ........................... May 2-5
Final Day to Withdraw from Spring 2016
(all classes, no refund) ................. Thursday, May 5
Semester Ends ............................. Thursday, May 5
Residence Halls Close ......12:00 Noon, Friday, May 6
Commencement .......................... Saturday, May 7
Bonny Beth Luhman, a senior art student, studied abroad at Villa Pieve, in Corciano, Italy, along with a group of other art students. She also received the Best of Show award at the 2015 Juried Student Art Exhibition in the Northcutt Steele Gallery.

Joseph Wyatt, a 2015 City College graduate, is now pursuing a bachelor’s degree in business, while serving on the Student Success Committee and as business manager for The Retort.