

UNIVERSITY 2014  
**CONVOCATION** 2015







# UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS







**Dr. Christine Shearer-Cremean**  
*Dean of College of Arts and Sciences*



**Dr. Rita Kratky**  
*Interim Dean of City College*



**Kathy Kotecki**  
*Interim Dean of Students*



**Dr. Joe Oravec**  
*Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs*



**Mr. Chuck Wendt**  
*MSUB Foundation President and CEO*

# A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN

- Fantastic Students
- Supportive Alumni
- Award-Winning Faculty and Staff
- Enhancing Excellence







**Elizabeth Mullins**  
*Goldwater Scholar*



**Matthew Tucker**  
*Top 10 Finish at the National  
Leadership and Skills Conference*



**Bobbi Knudsen**  
*GNAC Female Athlete of the Year*



**American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL)**  
**First Place in the Nation, April 2014**  
*Joseph Anketell, Dr. A.J. Otjen, Elaine Cummins,*  
*Andreia Elkshoulder & Isaiah Hugs*  
*College of Business*



**Ashley Chouinard**  
**Billings Chapter of CPAs Scholarship,**  
**George R McGrail Endowed Scholarship**  
**Student Employee of the Year Nominee**  
*Senior Accounting Major*





## **Chris Nelson, 1985 MSUB/EMC alumnus** *Business excellence*

- CEO and founder of Zoot Enterprises, a multimillion dollar company with long-term relationships with the most influential financial institutions globally
- Co-owner of the Northern Hotel and several other properties and businesses in Billings
- Generous donor to the MSUB Management Information Systems lab







**Bruce Brumley**  
*No. 1 Cisco Instructor in  
 U.S. and Canada*



**Kelly Buck**  
*National Association of Professional  
 Women, VIP Women of the Year*



**Kevin Woodin**  
*GNAC Women's Basketball  
 Coach of the Year*



## **Pippenger Award** *Excellence in Innovation*

- Tim Urbaniak was awarded the 2013-2014 Pippenger award for clearly and objectively demonstrating improvement in the undergraduate teaching and learning experience.





# ***Enhancing Excellence***

*John W. Gardner*

**We are all faced with a series of great opportunities — brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems.**

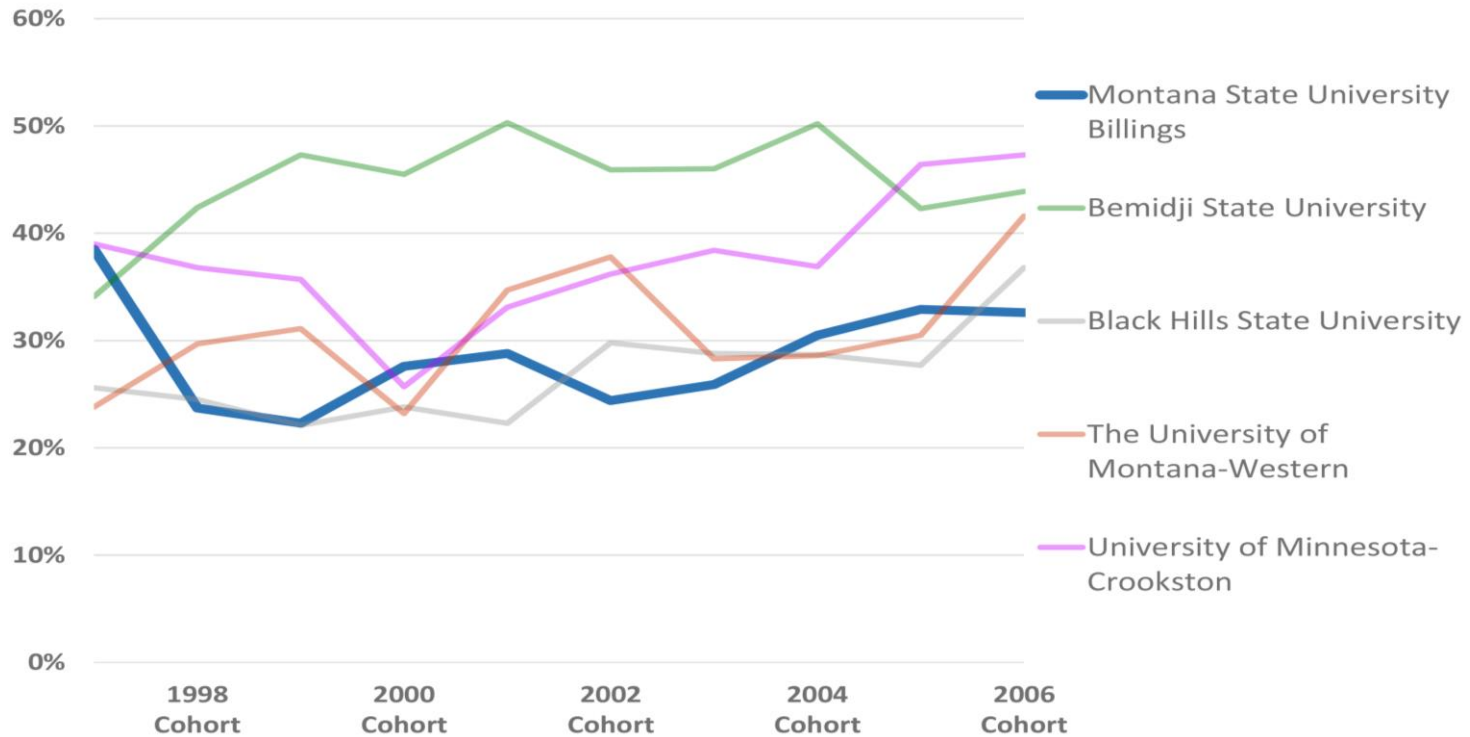
# Yellowstone Hall Project





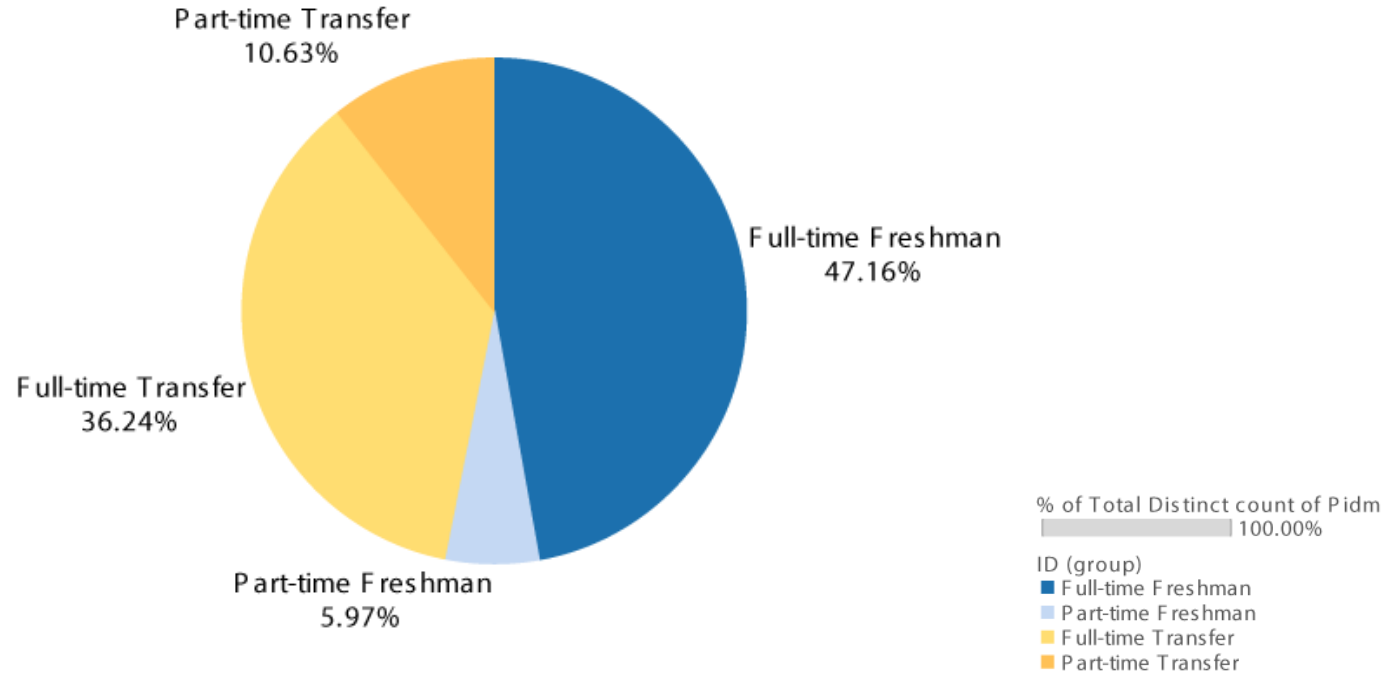


## SIX-YEAR GRADUATION RATES

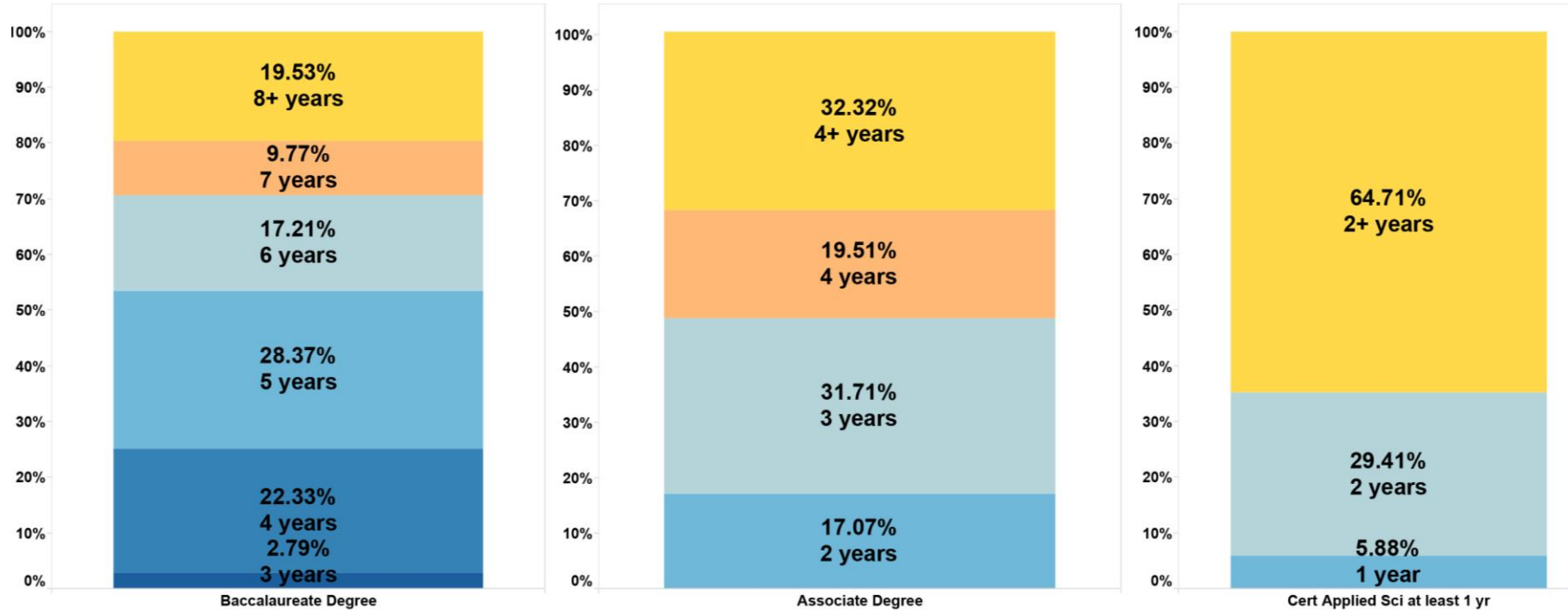




# ENTERING STATUS OF 2012-13 COMPLETERS



# YEARS TO DEGREES 2012-13 COMPLETERS

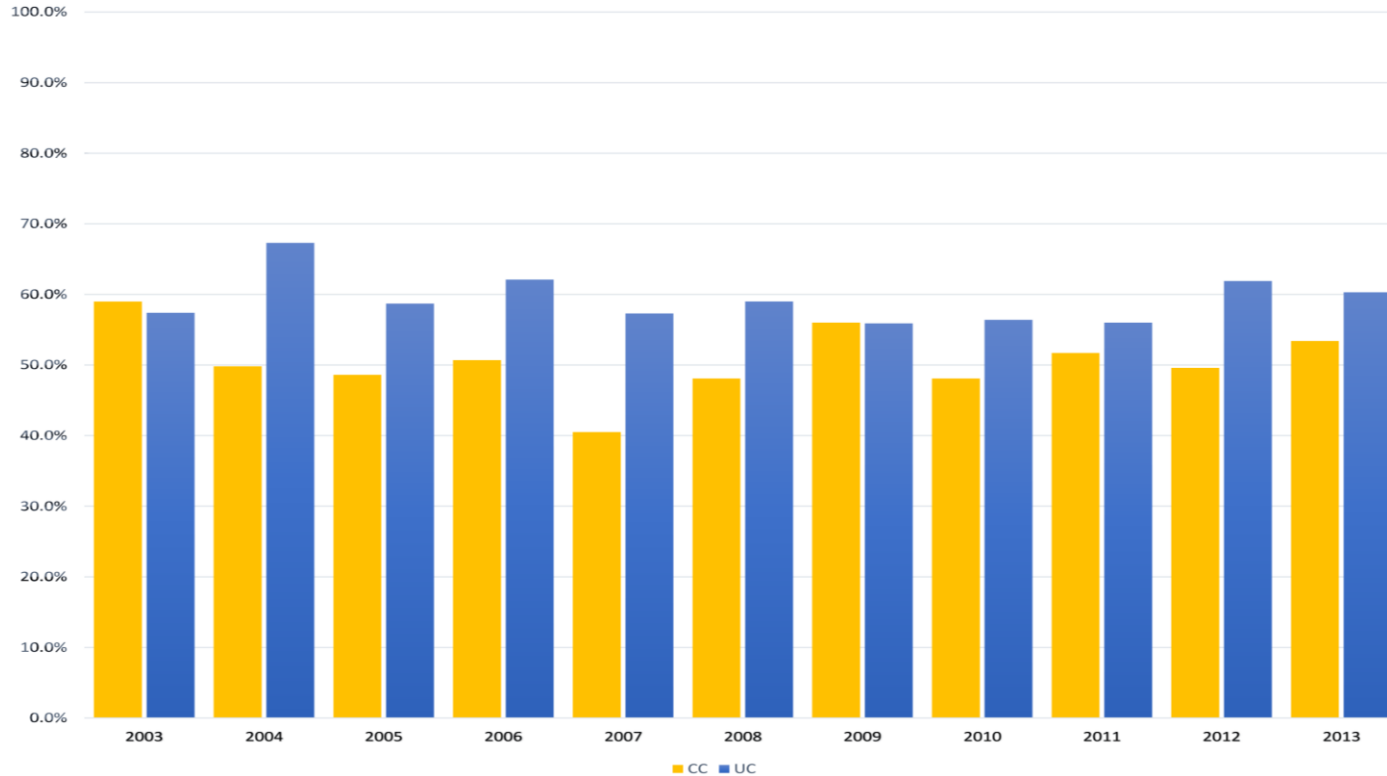


*\*Includes students with Admit Codes of Freshmen Traditional and Freshmen Non-traditional.*

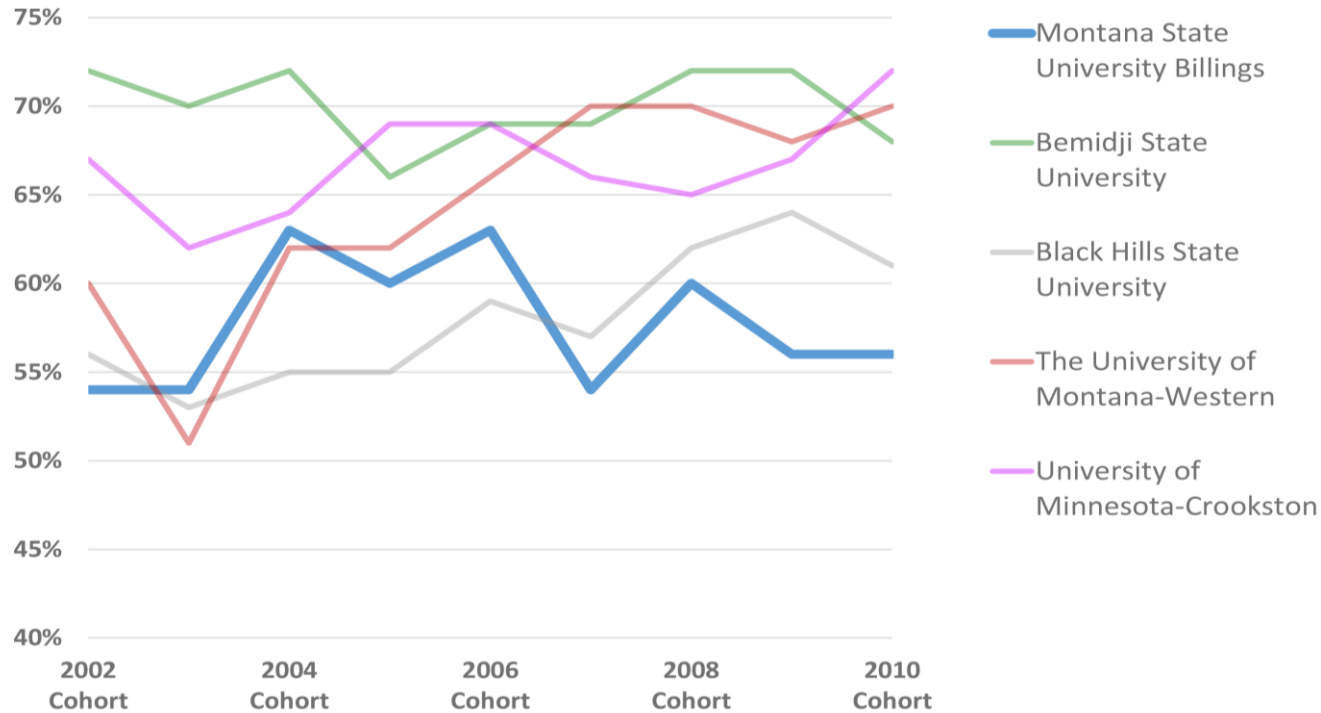
*\*Years to degree calculation based on Admit Term.*



# HISTORIC RETENTION RATES



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# UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, 2013 FULL-TIME, FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN

2013 Freshmen Cohort  
418 Full Time, First Time

60.3% Retained  
(252)

39.7% Not Retained  
(166)

4.5%  
Academically  
Ineligible to  
Return (19)

35.1% Academically  
Eligible to Return  
(147)

STATUS FOR FALL 2014

## ***DISCOVERING THE MSUB ADVANTAGE IMPLEMENTATION***

- **Cabinet Level Review – completed this summer**
  - Matt Redinger compiled progress on each of the 118 tasks
  - Cabinet review
- **Reassemble the *MSUB Advantage* Team**
  - Review the MSUB Advantage Plan and our progress on its implementation
  - Given our progress and institutional changes, recommend priorities for the coming 2 years
  - Help the entire institution continue to engage in working toward the goals of the MSUB Advantage







## 2014 – 2015 Priorities

- Fund Yellowstone Hall
- Move forward with implementation of the *Discovering the MSUB Advantage* plan
- Improve student success
- Create an achievable enrollment growth plan

# 2014 MSU BILLINGS 2015 A LOOK AHEAD



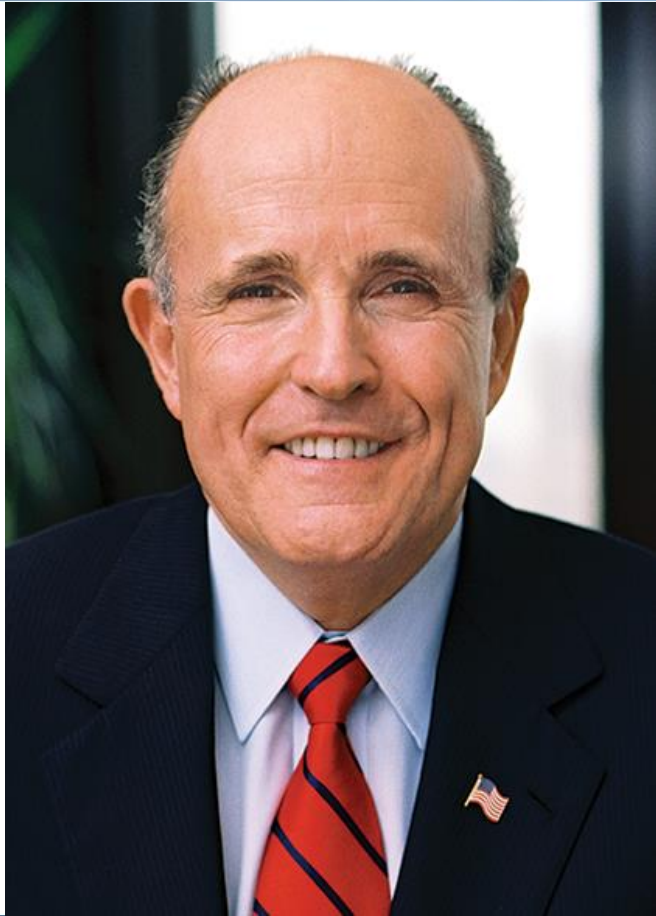
## Upcoming Important Dates to Remember

- MSUB Faculty & Staff Picnic, TODAY, SUB Patio, 5-7:30 p.m. and **Cabinet Dousing**
- Movers & Shakers, Aug. 31, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Night at the Mustangs, Wednesday, Sept. 3, Dehler Park, 7 p.m.
- 9-11 Memorial, Sept. 11, City College, 7:44 a.m.
- National Guard travelling photo exhibition, Sept. 11-Oct. 11
- Board of Regents, Sept. 17 & 18, City College
- Not in Our State Sexual Assault Statewide Summit, Sept. 19 & 20, University Campus





- **NCAA Western Regional II Men's & Women's Cross Country Championships, Nov. 22, 2014**
- **GNAC Men's & Women's Basketball Championships, March 4-7, 2015**



## **An Evening With Rudy Giuliani, Oct. 2, 2014**

*Presented by the MSUB Foundation and the College of Business*

- Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani will speak at the inaugural ceremony for the **Montana Business Hall of Fame**
- The hub of business in Montana, the MT BHOF recognizes exceptional business leaders who have added to the growth of business in Montana

A group of four people, likely students or researchers, are gathered outdoors in a field. They are wearing outdoor clothing such as hats, gloves, and jackets. One person is using a small trowel to dig into the soil. The ground is covered with dry grass and soil. The text "THANK YOU" is overlaid in the center of the image.

**THANK YOU**