NINETY-EIGHTH AMUAL COMMENCEMENT



MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY BILLINGS MAY 3, 2025 - BILLINGS, MONTANA

THE COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

(A professionally operated drone will be in use during the ceremony to capture footage of the event and our graduates)

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY BILLINGS MetraPark

May Third, Two Thousand Twenty-Five
Ten o'Clock

MUSIC

Montana State University Billings Symphonic Band Dr. Mark Fenderson, Associate Professor, Conductor Montana State University Billings University Chorus Dr. Daren Small, Assistant Professor, Conductor

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

(The audience will please rise as the academic procession enters and remain standing until after the National Anthem)
The Grand Marshal........ Elaine Westbrook
The Faculty Emeriti of Montana State University Billings
The Faculty of Montana State University Billings
The Candidates for Certificates and Academic Degrees
The Platform Party

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM (Please face the flag in front of the platform)

WELCOME Stefani Hicswa, Chancellor

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS
Todd Buchanan, Regent, Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education

MESSAGE TO THE GRADUATES

Vikash Kumar, Student Speaker and Outstanding Undergraduate Student Leader Award Recipient

PERFORMANCE OF THE ALMA MATER Members of the MSU Billings University Chorus

dembers of the MSU Billings University Chorus and MSU Billings Symphonic Band

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Stefani Hicswa, Chancellor Richard Beer, Interim Provost and Academic Vice Chancellor

THE ACADEMIC RECESSION

(The audience will please rise for the recession)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge and honor, with respect, the Indigenous Nations on whose traditional homelands Montana State University Billings now stands and whose historical and cultural relationships with the land continue to this day. Many Indigenous peoples thrive in this place — alive and strong.



THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The tradition of the academic procession and academic apparel goes back to the early days of the oldest European universities, where gowns and hoods began to be required in the fourteenth century. Although European institutions continue to show great diversity in their specifications on academic apparel, current practices in this country follow the code established by the American Council on Education.

Academic apparel indicates the most advanced degree held by the wearer. Gowns for the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees are distinguished by the variation in sleeve length and by the width of the edging. The color of the edging of the hood indicates the subject of the degree (e.g., white for arts, yellow for science, light blue for education, dark blue for philosophy) and the colors of the lining of the hood indicate the institution from which the degree was received. For Montana State University Billings the colors are blue and gold. Apparel for the doctoral degree is distinguished by the panels on the sides of the hood, the gold tassel on the cap, and the velvet trim on the gown.

Montana State University Billings' baccalaureate candidates who have excelled academically wear honor cords. Gold honor cords (signifying summa cum laude) distinguish graduating seniors who have attained a grade point average of 4.0. Gold and silver entwined honor cords (signifying magna cum laude) distinguish graduating seniors who have attained a grade point average between 3.75-3.99. Silver honor cords (signifying cum laude) distinguish graduating seniors who have attained a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.74. Blue and white entwined honor cords (signifying high honors, 3.75-4.0, and honors, 3.50-3.74) distinguish recipients of Associate degrees and Certificates. Honors designations are based on the cumulative grade point average which includes graded transfer work from other institutions.

The marching order for the Montana State University Billings academic procession is as follows: grand marshal, emeritus faculty, faculty, candidates for academic degrees, platform party.

2025 CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

CITY COLLEGE

Certificate of Applied Science

Candice M. Angell Colstrip, MT Practical Nursing

Justine Desjardin Conrad, MT Ultrasound Technology

Jaydyn Louise Erickson Saco, MT Medical Coding

Victoria M. Gray Roundup, MT Medical Coding and Insurance Billing

Kelia Hart Billings, MT Medical Coding

Nicole Hauck Billings, MT Practical Nursing

Taylor IhmeBozeman, MT
Practical Nursing

Insurance Billing

Heather Suzanne Jackson Geraldine, MT Medical Coding and

Katie Lynn Kilwine Fromberg, MT Medical Coding

Rebecca B. Klang Glendive, MT Medical Coding **Laia Kurschner** Columbus, MT Practical Nursing

Sheri Lynn LaCombe Absarokee, MT Practical Nursing

Sydnee Shelby Lindquist Missoula, MT Practical Nursing

Nancy Jo Martin Billings, MT Medical Coding

Frankie Marty Livingston, MT Practical Nursing

Pearl Judea Michalson Belgrade, MT Human Resource Management

Tronson Monroy Fort Smith, MT Welding and Metal Fabrication

Melissa Murri Billings, MT Practical Nursing

Sydney Renée O'Neil Billings, MT Medical Coding

Sarah Faith Pollard Billings, MT Practical Nursing +Cassondra K. Reuterskiold Roundup, MT Practical Nursing

Olivia Ruff Billings, MT Practical Nursing

++Paige SchoonoverSan Bernardino, CA
Practical Nursing

Ian SingerBillings, MT
Welding and Metal
Fabrication

++Cara Smith Crosby, ND Medical Coding

Kayla SpechtBillings, MT
Medical Coding and
Insurance Billing

+Tamara Jade Taylor Rockford, IL Practical Nursing

Barbara Trego Ogema, MN Welding and Metal Fabrication

Kristin Yorgason Billings, MT Practical Nursing

Associate Applied of Science

++Davyian AngelBillings, MT
Diesel Technology

Matthew Douglas Anthony Billings, MT Process Plant Technology **Sean W. Arndt** La Crosse, WI Automotive Technology

Cameron Ash Billings, MT Paramedic **Shelby Bachini** Billings, MT Paramedic

+Ruth BoltBillings, MT
Paramedic

+Zachary Alex Brailer

Billings, MT Welding and Metal Fabrication

++Matthias Kurt Brakke

Billings, MT Computer Systems Technology

++Amanda Kay Ehli Brown

Billings, MT Radiologic Technology

+Tyler J. Bruursema

Billings, MT Welding and Metal Fabrication

+Grace Elizabeth Burns

Stanford, MT Radiologic Technology

Chasie Autumn Colburn

Purcell, OK Medical Coding and Insurance Billing Specialist

Zeph Cookingham Columbus, MT

Columbus, MT Automotive Technology

Trenton Coronel

Basin, WY Automotive Technology

+Jeremy Scott Countryman

Big Timber, MT Paramedic

Mandi Mariah Crable Billings, MT

Paramedic

Sonya Kay C. Craven

Billings, MT Accounting Technology

++Tressa Lynn Crow

Glendive, MT Accounting Technology

Analisa Decker

Billings, MT Instrument and Electrical Technology

+ Honors ++ High Honors

++Danette Nicole DeCouteau

Billings, MT Medical Coding and Insurance Billing Specialist

++Evan J. Delvaux

Billings, MT Process Plant Technology

Ryan Dick

Billings, MT Process Plant Technology

Madison Marie Dravetsky

Bridger, MT Radiologic Technology

+Alex Duggan

Shepherd, MT Cyber Security and Network Support

Brendon Dunn

Billings, MT Paramedic

Kyli Allyssa Dyck

Polson, MT Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Brendan Dykstra

Belgrade, MT Automotive Technology

Erica Gordy

Roundup, MT Paramedic

++Baylee Anne Erfle

Billings, MT Radiologic Technology

Casey Erickson

Billings, MT Welding and Metal Fabrication

Lynne Marie Fairchild

Billings, MT Medical Coding and Insurance Billing Specialist

Sheridan Fee

Billings, MT Welding and Metal Fabrication

Lindsey Finch

Ballantine, MT Accounting Technology

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Anthony C. Green

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Jenna Green

Helena, MT Radiologic Technology

Jordan Greenwood

Billings, MT Paramedic

Sherry Healy

Miles City, MT Medical Coding and Insurance Billing Specialist

Michael Hegle

Huntley, MT Diesel Technology

++Makaila Horinek

Hingham, MT Computer Systems Technology

+Landon Hudson

Eagle River, AK Instrument and Electrical Technology

Laura Lee Hulsey

Columbus, MT Radiologic Technology

+Cloey Jennison

Joliet, MT

Process Plant Technology

Jordan T. Jensen

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Mason Jessen

Huntley, MT Diesel Technology

Holly Lynn Johnson

Butte, MT Medical Coding and Insurance Billing Specialist

++Kendall Josten

Bozeman, MT Medical Coding and Insurance Billing Specialist

Kaitlyn Marguerite Joyce

Belgrade, MT Paramedic

Ashley Lynn Killham

Lewistown, MT Paramedic

Tyler Michael King

Laurel, MT Instrument and Electrical Technology

Brandon Michael Kinn

Park City, MT Process Plant Technology

Jen Kirby

Huntington Beach, CA Computer Program and Application Development

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Laurel, MT Computer Systems Technology

Peter Larson

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Daniel Lee

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Wyatt May

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+Colton McCleary

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Corrine Merenz

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Charles Ernest Miller

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++Gracie Annalyse Miller

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+Matthew D. Mocabee

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+Ethan Sholley

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+Madison Mae Skinner

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++Lily Jean JohnsonBillings, MT
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++Tristen Jones Weigand Hays, MT Accounting

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++Alahna LienPost Falls, ID
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Stacie Matye Billings, MT Nursing

+Shelby A. McJunkinBillings, MT
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+Kieffer Morley Helena, MT Human Resources

Bryson Mumford West Haven, UT Nursing

Theresa Diane Phelps Billings, MT Nursing

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+Malachi Ramos Laurel, MT General Studies

+Katey E. Ray San Diego, CA Nursing

+Amanda Reichelt Billings, MT Nursing

Dallas Gunnar Reiland Froid, MT Human Resources

+Payt Robeson Norman, OK Business Administration

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Kaylee Ré Sanchez Billings, MT Nursing

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Diane Slater Billings, MT Nursing

Carlie Jean Smith Belgrade, MT Nursing

Aubree Soft Billings, MT General Studies Allison Sundheim Billings, MT Nursing

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+Shelena M. ThompsonBillings, MT
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*Sarah Noelle Arlint Kalispell, MT

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Management and
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Accounting

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Quinn Haigwood Boise, ID

**Andrew Hall Billings, MT Management

Management

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Hayato Ito Chiba, Japan General Business

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*Kaden Alexander Kirshenbaum

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Maranda McFarlen

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*Carson Megerth Billings, MT Accounting

Kelsey Lyn Michael Billings, MT Banking

Ryushiro Morita Nara, Japan Management

**Sarah Neujahr Cascade, MT General Business

Dylan Paul Neutgens Billings, MT Management

**Brydon O'Donnell Billings, MT Management

**Dominic Gabriel Ortega Colstrip, MT Liberal Studies

Sequoyah Eloise Osborne Browning, MT Management

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Jordi Peiro Apple Valley, CA Marketing

Jordan Pennington Billings, MT Accounting

**Renzie Pond Billings, MT Accounting

Lakia Pugh Shepherd, MT Management

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*Keaton Roe Ramsay Rolling Hills Estates, CA General Business + Honors ++ High Honors * Cum Laude ** Magna Cum Laude *** Summa Cum Laude # Honors Scholar § Honors Graduate Dawson Rismon

Billings, MT Management

*Carey Rogers

Rio, WI

General Business

Micayla Renee Romeijn

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Marketing

*Landon Christopher Romero

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Management

Douglas Schelbert

Bainbridge Island, WA

Management

Elizabeth Constance

Schlicting Billings, MT Marketing

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Kevin Sherman

Phoenix, AZ Accounting

Bryan Cody Singer

Lodge Grass, MT Accounting

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*Tanner Smith

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Ryan Thomas Tracey

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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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Laurel, MT

Elementary Education

*Taylor Brianne Bowen

Billings, MT

Elementary Education

Corina Brocklebank

Billings, MT

Elementary Education

*Hamyanie Elizabeth Campbell

Wolf Point, MT

Elementary Education

Michelle Campbell

Billings, MT

Elementary Education

*Amanda Camposan

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Special Education P-12/

Elementary Education

*Emelie Tabea Edward Steinenbronn, Germany **Elementary Education**

Mandy M. Fuhrmann

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**Neisa Gisell Gallegos

Burien, WA

Elementary Education

Morgan Elizabeth Harris

Joliet, MT

Elementary Education

Samantha Harris

Billings, MT

Elementary Education

**Anna Kathryn Hilkemann

Billings, MT

Elementary Education

*Kilee Imada

Spokane, WA

Elementary Education

**Veronica Johnson

Billings, MT

Elementary Education

Morgan Ashley Lee

Billings, MT

Elementary Education

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Lovell, WY

Elementary Education

LeAnn McFarlen

Arvada, CO

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COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND SCIENCE

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Lyndsey Allen Billings, MT Liberal Studies

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**Brenden C. Fritzler Billings, MT Outdoor Adventure Leadership

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Applied Science

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Krystal Hudak

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Jillian Hust

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Erica Krings

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*Kelsey D. Krug Worden, MT

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Mackenzie Larchick

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Tylee McDonald

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Miles City, MT Nursing

Amaya Joy Pretty Weasel

Crow Agency, MT Human Services

Chantina Rose Pretty Weasel

Billings, MT Human Services

MacKenzie Ramer

Kalispell, MT Liberal Studies

Kael Robinson

Hamilton, New Zealand Liberal Studies

*Shaylyn Zanna Rodriguez

Murrieta, CA Human Services

Jessica Danielle Scott

Great Falls, MT Health Administration

*Ilmuradova Selbi Serdarovna

Turkmenabat, Turkmenistan Biology

Hunter Sheils

Columbus, MT Health and Human Performance Human Performance Option

*Jeremiah C. Skidmore

Park City, MT Human Services

**Nikola Gordon Sladic

Zagreb, Croatia Biology

*Troy Thomas Slovarp

Billings, MT Psychiatric Rehabilitation

Hunter Smith

Taylorsville, UT Health and Human Performance Human Performance Option

**Danielle Shae Stinson

Helena, MT Health and Human Performance 3+2 Option

Rachel Marie Stratman

Bozeman, MT Broadfield Science Teaching Option

Shaylee Syring

Miles City, MT Human Services

Ty Alexander Thirud

Billings, MT Applied Science

Marcus William Thornson

Billings, MT Nursing

**Ashlee Torgerson

Billings, MT Nursing

Sterling Alexander Trenary

Billings, MT Biology

Annie H. Trinh

Kalispell, MT Human Services

Taylor Trollope

Billings, MT Health and Human Performance Teaching Option K-12

Jacob Travis Tuckett

Middleton, ID Liberal Studies

*Danara Lu'isa Tulimaiau

Billings, MT Biology

*Jenny Lee VanAken

Great Falls, MT Nursing

**William Watson

Billings, MT Human Services

**Chloe Williams

Liberty Lake, WA Health and Human Performance Human Performance Option

$*Alyie\ Williamson$

Sheridan, WY Health and Human Performance 3+2 Option

Mikayla Anne Puaena Winchell

Billings, MT Nursing

Courtney Danielle Wood

Sheridan, MT Applied Science

Jase Anthony Zarzoza

Billings, MT Human Services

**Chelby Zimmer

Billings, MT Human Services

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Associate of Science

Samantha Best Columbus, MT General Studies

Elizabeth Coral Rose Brown Laurel, MT General Studies

++Lynette Champlin Billings, MT General Studies

Nixie Fitzwater Helena, MT General Studies **Baylie Ann Flynn** Helena, MT General Studies

Emily French Billings, MT General Studies

Kane A. Lich Billings, MT General Studies

+Sara Patricia McCabe Flagstaff, AZ General Studies

Timothy Newman Billings, MT General Studies

Cody Phillips Columbia Falls, MT General Studies

Rebecca Rel Billings, MT General Studies

Michelle Vitale Butte, MT General Studies

Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Fine Arts/Bachelor of Applied Science

Sage Ann Aipperspach Billings, MT

Psychology

Makaila Ament Billings, MT Art

Jessica Amundson Billings, MT Liberal Studies

Alyah Balthazor Pulaski, WI History Teaching Option

**Candace Kathleen Corwin Bergman Anaheim, CA Political Science

Aryn Marie Blanchard Colstrip, MT Criminal Justice and Psychology

Danniel Blanchard Billings, MT Liberal Studies

Jessica Marie Blankenship Wolf Point, MT Political Science + Honors ++ High Honors * Cum Laude ** Magna Cum Laude *** Summa Cum Laude # Honors Scholar § Honors Graduate

**Joseph Richard Blatter Havre, MT

Psychology

Samantha Booher Billings, MT Liberal Studies

*Brent L. Bramlet Meridian, ID **Environmental Studies**

Britta Sue Brenner Glendive, MT Criminal Justice and Sociology

Eric Todd Breum Billings, MT Mathematics

Dillon J. Buczek Billings, MT Political Science

Ross Eliott Bunn Billings, MT Liberal Studies

Shelby Button Forsyth, MT Liberal Studies Caleb Bybee Billings, MT Psychology

Tim Camposan Billings, MT Public Relations

Cora Kay Chandler Billings, MT Communication Arts Organizational Communications

**Michael H. Chenoweth Billings, MT Liberal Studies

Rebecca Margaret Cook Busby, MT Liberal Studies

Alee J. Richey Billings, MT Criminal Justice

Jamie L. Davison Cody, WY Communication Arts Organizational Communications

*Grace Dittrich Roseville, CA Liberal Studies

**Meghan Elizabeth Eiselein Roundup, MT

Psychology Accelerated Option

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Vernon S. Fisher Jr. Crow Agency, MT Environmental Studies

Kaitlin Fouhy Billings, MT English

Denae D. Friesen Wolf Point, MT Sociology

*Nartach Garayeva Ashgabat, Turkmenistan Communication Arts Organizational Communications

**Aspen Catherine Giese Carter, MT Mathematics Teaching Licensure Option

**Ethan Chance Gill West Linn, OR English

Guillermo Gonzalez Calle Santander, Spain Criminal Justice

*Paiton Nicole Graham Baker, MT Political Science

Michelle Grider-Amundsen Billings, MT Applied Science

***Vivien Guese Hamburg, Germany Psychology

*Shaelynn Marie Haman Laurel, MT Criminal Justice and Sociology Ryan Hanley Heber City, UT Criminal Justice

Jill Hardenbrook Billings, MT Psychology

*Carley Haskell Billings, MT Art Education (K-12)

Mary J. Higgins Deaver, WY Liberal Studies

*Lily M. Hoffmann St. Paul, MN Communication Arts Organizational Communications

*Olivia Hoke Billings, MT Art Education (K-12)

**Kathryn E. Hollenberg Kennewick, WA Psychology Accelerated Option

Candice L. Holsinger Big Sky, MT Environmental Studies

**Garth Howley Billings, MT English

*Samuel Alan Huffard Billings, MT History

*Nicholas D. Jacquot Laurel, MT Psychology Accelerated Option

*Caitlyn James Quincy, CA Communication Arts Media Studies

**Jack McLay Jarrett Heber City, UT Mathematics

*Addison Rose Johns Billings, MT Criminal Justice and Sociology **Kendra Eve Johnson** Irvine, CA Liberal Studies

Alysa Nikole Kaufman Billings, MT Psychology

Bobbi Loraine Kipf Colstrip, MT Applied Science

**Lak Walter Kloker Fairview, MT Environmental Studies

Christopher James Lacy Monroe, WA Applied Science

Angelica L. Lechocinski Billings, MT Psychology

Cole Lotton Billings, MT History

Chenoa Louie Royal City, WA Criminal Justice

*Faith Anne Manibusan Helena, MT Psychology Accelerated Option

Luke P. Manthey Billings, MT Liberal Studies

**Joshua James Mapel San Diego, CA Criminal Justice

Dominic J. Marx Red Wing, MN Psychology Accelerated Option

*Megan Mendenhall Murray, UT Sociology

**Sofia Alexandra Mendoza Sáenz Los Olivos, Peru Psychology

**Tenley Miller

Laurel, MT **English Teaching Licensure** Option

Monica Corinne Moss

Billings, MT Commercial Music

§**Tyler Murray

Pompeys Pillar, MT Music Teaching Licensure Option

**Grace Mackenzie Negrette

Billings, MT Psychology

Dylan R. Nelson

Billings, MT Criminal Justice and Sociology

Kenneth Noll

Helena, MT Criminal Justice

Christopher Jesus Ochoa

San Diego, CA Psychology

Kelechi Favour Okere

Rock Springs, WY Liberal Studies

**RoseLynn Olson

Okanogan, WA History

Valerie Rennea Ordile

Billings, MT Psychology

Amari Chanel Pawiroredjo

Billings, MT Public Relations

Kaelyn Perrigo

Helena, MT Liberal Studies

*Hailey Marie Petermann

Billings, MT Psychology Accelerated Option

**Christina Elizabeth Petty

Billings, MT Psychology Accelerated Option

Daphne Dea Picard

Billings, MT Art – BFA

**Emily Anne Pierson

Churchill, MT Psychology

Samara Porter

Billings, MT Psychology

Angela Marie Powell

Helena, MT Liberal Studies

Casey Rains

Billings, MT Liberal Studies

Braiden Ridge Ranstrom

Billings, MT Public Relations

*Remingten Ann Ratcliff

Billings, MT English Teaching Licensure Option

**Karen Ray

Laurel, MT Applied Science

Isabella Joy Redgrave

Billings, MT History

**Anna Rodriguez

Billings, MT Music Performance

Keona Noelani Rosales-

Kakiuchi Venice Beach, CA Psychology

*Cade Schulze

Billings, MT Music Teaching Licensure Option

Kaleb Scott

Grants Pass, OR Liberal Studies

Madeline Brooke Severson

Manhattan, MT **Environmental Studies**

+ Honors ++ High Honors * Cum Laude ** Magna Cum Laude *** Summa Cum Laude # Honors Scholar § Honors Graduate

Levi Sharbono

Laurel, MT Environmental Studies

**Jackie Sharpe

Apple Valley, CA **Environmental Studies**

**Jackie Sharpe

Apple Valley, CA Political Science

Chance James Smith

Billings, MT Criminal Justice and Sociology

Jaymin Zachary Stever

Troy, MT Liberal Studies

Lindsay Stewart

Puyallup, WA English Teaching Licensure Option

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Arlee, MT Liberal Studies

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Annie H. Trinh

Kalispell, MT Sociology

Sena Rose Watson

Pinedale, WY Psychology

Magnolia West

Billings, MT Art Education (K-12)

Magnolia West

Billings, MT Art – BFA

Ciel-Nicole Williams

Billings, MT Applied Science

**Patrick Benjamin Williams

Butte, MT Communication Arts Media Studies

**Sophia Kathron Williams

Billings, MT Psychology

Payton Williamson

Gillette, WY Communication Arts Media Studies

*Graedon Russell Woodward

Cardston, Alberta, Canada Liberal Studies

Bodee J. Wright

Morgan, UT Psychology

Tatum Rose York-Bement

Kennewick, WA Criminal Justice

Joanne Zapata-Brown Helena, MT History

MASTER DEGREES

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Master of Education Master of Science in Special Education Applied Behavior Analysis Certificate

Meghan Ascheman

Billings, MT Special Education Generalist

Brittany Koplin Axthelm

Helena, MT School Counseling

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Bozeman, MT School Counseling

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Worland, WY Interdisciplinary Studies

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Bethany Diane Burke Great Falls, MT

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Camille Carr

Edmonds, WA Curriculum and Instruction

Katie Marie Carsten

Montana City, MT School Counseling

Sara Conklin

Billings, MT Reading

Heather Ekness

Shepherd, MT School Counseling

Karissa Nicole Gordon

Missoula, MT School Counseling

Meghan Graves

Deer Park, WA Special Education Advanced Studies

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Colette Nicole Haeberle

Billings, MT Curriculum and Instruction

Shealyn Hafer

Missoula, MT School Counseling

Helena Hanna

Billings, MT School Counseling

Rachel Nicole Hiner

Billings, MT Special Education Advanced Studies

Rebecca Jean Holland

Bozeman, MT Special Education Generalist

Erica Sue Hoyt

Billings, MT Curriculum and Instruction

Jessica Tana Hurd

Missoula, MT Curriculum and Instruction

Sierra Ireland

Superior, MT School Counseling

Rebecca Jewell

Olympia, WA Special Education Advanced Studies

Kayla Kautz

Billings, MT Curriculum and Instruction

Henry David LaFever

Billings, MT Curriculum and Instruction Michael Joseph Madsen Helena, MT School Counseling

Rylee Mathews Kelly Helena, MT Reading

Allison Nicole McCormick Bozeman, MT Applied Behavior Analysis

Derek Jerrold-Mark Meyers Memphis, TN

Curriculum and Instruction

Taylor Minteer

Roundup, MT

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Nicole Lee Nelms Red Lodge, MT Reading

Emily Paige Osborn Las Vegas, NV Special Education Advanced Studies

Averi Pasma Simms, MT Special Education Generalist **Tommy Dale Plumley** Spokane, WA Interdisciplinary Studies

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Skylar Reed Buckeye, AZ Interdisciplinary Studies

Rachel Ann Ringen Glendive, MT Curriculum and Instruction

Tracey R. Seymour Butte, MT Special Education Generalist

Shaylene Paige Specht Kila, MT School Counseling

Michael Ray Speck Ennis, MT School Counseling

Carol Marie Spencer Ekalaka, MT School Counseling

Elisabeth StoneBillings, MT
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Haylee Mikeal Strouf Miles City, MT Special Education Generalist

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Karin Webb White Sulphur Springs, MT Special Education Generalist

Kenneth J. Whitehead Wolf Point, MT Interdisciplinary Studies

Shawna Elizabeth Williams-Hicks Miles City, MT Special Education Generalist

Jessi ZuroffBillings, MT
Special Education
Advanced Studies

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND SCIENCE

Master of Science in Athletic Training Master of Science in Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling Master of Health Administration

Paul Michael Ashmore Billings, MT Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

Calliana Joy Bagnell Frenchtown, MT Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling Tara Klena Barthel Morris, IL Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

Raphaëlle Bassak Quebec City, Quebec, Canada Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling Laura L. Brashear Choteau, MT Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

Ashling Patricia Bowen Bozeman, MT Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

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Livingston, MT Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

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Billings, MT Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

Cassie Jean Francisco

Billings, MT Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

Juliann Garza

Missoula, MT Health Administration

Kelly Heinz

Gillette, WY Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

Connor Humphrey

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Georgia May Jankunas

Corvallis, MT Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

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Health Administration

Jordan Diane LeClair

Billings, MT Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

Samuel Gregory Mascari

Livingston, MT Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

Holly May

Livingston, MT Health Administration

Kiera Christine Miller

Gildford, MT Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

Brett Hayward Morell

Bozeman, MT Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

Bailey Jacqulyn Nitschke

Billings, MT Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

Craig R. Smith

Billings, MT Health Administration

Hayley Story

Park City, MT Athletic Training

Alexann Tureman

Vancouver, WA Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

Jennell Van Dyke

Roundup, MT Health Administration

Maekayla Vandenburg

Mandan, ND Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

Michelle Anne vanderMars

Helena, MT Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

Courtney Wallach

Sheridan, WY Athletic Training

Rachael A. Wegner

Stanford, MT

Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

Babbs L. Weissman

Jackson Hole, WY Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

Brandi Snedigar Worle

Lehi, MT

Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master of Science in Psychology Master of Science in Public Relations

Katriel G. Beebe

Billings, MT Psychology Accelerated Option

Margaret Bertsch

Billings, MT Psychology Accelerated Option

Milo Downey

Colchester, United Kingdom Public Relations

Taylor Marie Hall

Miles City, MT Psychology

Bailey Adrianna Hartl

Billings, MT Public Relations

Shannon Elizabeth Marr

Great Falls, MT Public Relations Madison Elizabeth Martinez Billings, MT Psychology

Teague McChesney Billings, MT Psychology Accelerated Option Emma Carroll Power Billings, MT Psychology

Micah William Richter Raleigh, NC Psychology **Kendall Seinberger** Wolf Point, MT Psychology

Bailee Stenger Worden, MT Public Relations

OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADERSHIP FOR 2025

Vikash Kumar Raxaul, Bihar, India Management College of Business Cum Laude Ilmuradova Selbi Serdarovna
Turkmenabat, Turkmenistan
Biology
College of Health Professions and Science
Cum Laude

GOLDEN MERIT AWARD FOR 2025

Matthew Douglas Anthony

Billings, MT Process Plant Technology City College

Hamyanie Campbell Wolf Point, MT Elementary Education College of Education Michael H. Chenoweth

Billings, MT
Accounting
College of Business
and Liberal Studies
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Scott J. Nichols
Port Orchard, WA
Outdoor Adventure Leadership
College of Health Professions and Science

Magnolia WestBillings, MT
Art Education: K-12 and Art – BFA
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

STUDENT ACADEMIC AWARDS 2025

Shaelynn Marie Haman

2025 Outstanding Senior in Criminal Justice

Candace Kathleen Corwin Bergman

2025 Outstanding Senior in Political Science

Megan Mendenhall

2025 Outstanding Senior in Sociology

Grace Dittrich

2025 Outstanding Graduate in Economics

Lak Walter Kloker

2025 Environmental Studies Top Scholar Award

Jackie Sharpe

2025 Environmental Studies Citizenship Award

RoseLynn Olson

2025 Outstanding Senior in History

Ciel-Nicole Williams

2025 Outstanding Graduating Senior In Art

Magnolia West

2025 Outstanding Graduating Senior in Art Education

Carley Haskell

2025 Toucan Emerging Artist Award

Aspen Catherine Giese Jack McLay Jarrett

2025 Outstanding Mathematics Scholar Awards

Garth Howley

2025 Lyle Cooper Award Outstanding Senior in English

Meghan Elizabeth Eiselein

2025 Psychology Outstanding Achievement in Scholarship

Teague McChesney Madison Elizabeth Martinez

2025 Outstanding Service to Psychology

Patrick Benjamin Williams

2025 Communication Academic Achievement Award

Christopher James Lacy

2025 Communication Leadership Achievement Award

Bailey Adrianna Hartl 2025 Outstanding Graduate Student in Communications

Tyler Murray

2025 Outstanding Musician Award

Jasmine Beyers

2025 Outstanding Senior in Human Services

Troy Thomas Slovarp

2025 Outstanding Senior in Psychiatric Rehabilitation

Grace Dawn Frazier

2025 Outstanding Senior in Health Administration

Mary Eileen Bradford

2025 Outstanding Senior in RN to BSN program

Holly May

2025 Outstanding Graduate Student Health Administration

Courtney Wallach

2025 Outstanding Graduate Student in Athletic Training

Lauren Brooke Blaschak Chloe Williams

2025 Outstanding Seniors in Human Performance

Johnny Mysse

2025 Outstanding Senior in Health and Human *Performance Teaching Licensure Option (K-12)*

Ivery Fritzler

2025 Outstanding Senior in Outdoor Adventure Leadership

Johnny Mysse

2025 Harold S. Alterowitz Academic Excellence Award Academic Achievement in Health and Physical Education

Bryn Lien

2025 Outstanding Senior in Biology

Karson Andrew Nordstog Jack McLay Jarrett

2025 Outstanding Seniors in Chemistry

Andrew Evans

2025 Biological and Physical Sciences Impact Award

Amanda Camposan

2025 Outstanding Senior in Education

Samantha Harris

2025 Benedict and Frances M. Surwill Memorial Teaching Award Outstanding Female in Elementary Education

Erica Sue Hoyt

2025 Outstanding Graduate Student in Education

Amber Marie Heiser

2025 College of Business Outstanding Achievement Award in Marketing

Vikash Kumar

2025 College of Business Outstanding Achievement Award in Management

Julia Schonbachler

2025 College of Business Outstanding Achievement Award in Finance

Sarah Neujahr

2025 College of Business Outstanding Achievement Award in General Business

Roderick James Lewis

2025 Montana Society of CPAs Medallion for Outstanding Accounting Senior

Roderick James Lewis

2025 Outstanding Senior in the College of Business

Shelena M. Thompson Cassidy Wagner

2025 City College Outstanding Graduate Awards Nursing

Matthew Douglas Anthony

2025 City College Outstanding Graduate Award Process Plant Technology

ACADEMIC HONOR GRADUATE FOR 2025

Vivien Guese

Hamburg, Germany Psychology College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Summa Cum Laude

GRADUATE STUDIES AWARDS FOR 2025

Calliana Joy Bagnell
Frenchtown, MT
Master of Science in Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling
College of Health Professions and Science
2025 Outstanding Graduate Student in Health
Professions and Science

Billings, MT
Master of Education Curriculum &
Instruction Teacher Licensure
College of Education
2025 Outstanding Graduate Student in
Education

Emma Carroll Power
Billings, MT
Master of Psychology
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
2025 Outstanding Graduate Student in Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

MSU Billings 2025 Commencement Speaker Vikash Kumar

Vikash Kumar is a business management major with a minor in marketing from India. Vikash is the co-recipient of the MSUB 2025 Outstanding Undergraduate Student Leader. Vikash was selected as this year's commencement speaker.

Vikash's contributions outside the classroom include current President of the Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSUB), former Resident Assistant, ASMSUB Senator, and involvement with the Office of International Studies club and programming such as the International Food Festival. His nominator, Dr. Heather Thompson-Bahm wrote, "Vikash has a natural ability to connect theoretical knowledge with practical applications, and tie in a cultural experience, which enriches the learning experience for his classmates and professors. As the current president of ASMSUB he has demonstrated exceptional leadership by advocating tirelessly for the student body and working on initiatives to significantly enhance the campus community. His ability to motivate and lead with empathy, inclusiveness, and vision has earned him great respect and admiration from student peers and faculty alike." After Vikash completes his studies his future plans include following in his father's footstep to work in business and become an entrepreneur.

2025 FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Dr. Elaine Westbrook

Assistant Professor, Educational Theory and Practice, College of Education

MCIE Award for Support of Students With Disabilities

Dr. Paula L. McMahon

Dept. Chair; Associate Professor, Rehabilitation and Human Services, CHPS MCIE Award for Support of Students With Disabilities

Dr. Elaine Westbrook

Assistant Professor, Educational Theory and Practice, College of Education

Dr. Tasneem Khaleel Award for Mentoring Young Professional Women

Dr. Heather Thompson-Bahm

Assistant Professor, Business Administration, College of Business Promoting International Student Success Award

Dr. Hope Dewell Gentry Assistant Professor, Social Sciences and Cultural Studies, College of Liberal

Arts & Social Sciences
Outstanding Service Learning
Award

Robin Earles

Gallery Director; Assistant Professor, Art, College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences Excellence Award for Non-

Excellence Awara for Non Tenured Faculty

Dr. Nicole Bogunovich Instructor, Computer Systems Technology, City

College City College Leadership Award

Jessie Perius, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor,
Business Administration,
College of Business
Early Achievement Research
and Creative Accomplishments
Award

Dr. Ying Wang

Professor, Business Administration, College of Business

Outstanding Career Achievement Research and Creative Accomplishments Award

Dr. Robin Heigis-Cormier Assistant Professor,

Educational Theory and Practice, College of Education

Faculty Excellence Award

Melinda R. Aley, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, Communication, College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences Faculty Excellence Award

Mark Earnhart

Professor, Art, College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences Faculty Excellence Award

Dr. Jennifer Lillian Lodine-Chaffey

Assistant Professor, English, Philosophy & Modern Languages, College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences Winston & Helen Cox Fellowship Award

Dr. Anna Talafuse; Jessie Perius, Ph.D.; Rodrigo Cortopassi Goron Lobo, Ph.D.; and Dr. Heather Thompson-Bahm

Walter and Charlotte Pippenger Excellence in Innovation Award

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI 2024

Cheryl Bentley

Class of 1983 Distinguished Alumni Award

Kalli Allen

Class of 2012 Recognition for Exceptional Achievement

Nik Wong

Class of 2013 Rising Star Award

Heather Eggum

Class of 2008 & 2015 Ronald P. Sexton Award for Professional Commitment

Darell and Robin Tunnicliff (Posthumously)

Friend of MSU Billings

Ieanne Moller

Class of 1984 Alumni Merit Medallion

Jon Egeland

Class of 1989 Alumni Merit Medallion

New Professor Emerita Dr. Susan Gregory

Dr. Susan Gregory Professor Emerita of Educational Theory and Practice

Upon the retirement of Dr. Susan Gregory from the faculty of Montana State University Billings, the faculty of the Department of Educational Theory and Practice extends its appreciation for her years of dedication and meritorious service to the University, city of Billings, and state of Montana. In recognition of her selfless service, we recommend that the rank of Professor Emerita of Educational Theory and Practice be conferred on Dr. Susan Gregory by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Gregory holds a Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut. She has had an extensive career in the field of special education, having worked as a special education teacher and a community service provider. She has been a faculty member at MSU Billings since 1990 and was promoted to the rank of Full Professor in 2009.

As a faculty member, Dr. Gregory has taught a wide range of courses in special education and early childhood at the graduate and undergraduate levels. Dr. Gregory works to build meaningful relationships with students while maintaining a high level of rigor within her classes. She has received consistently high reviews for her teaching and serves as a mentor for several junior faculty members. Dr. Gregory also maintains a robust advising load.

Dr. Gregory's research interests focus on special education teachers, particularly those in rural areas, as well as gaining understanding of the unique dynamics of families with children who have disabilities. She has published work in 15 peer-reviewed publications and two book chapters. Dr. Gregory has received an annual grant, totaling over \$3 million, from the Office of Public Instruction (OPI), since 2008. This grant has benefited MSU Billings and hundreds of special education teachers in rural Montana. Dr. Gregory presents regularly at the international, national, and state levels, including several conference presentations in the United Kingdom and Scotland.

Dr. Gregory's service includes work on the OPI Chapter 58 Standards Committee, the OPI Review Committee for the Special Education Praxis, and the Montana Higher Education Consortium. She currently serves on the Academic Senate and has served on the University Rank and Tenure Committee and on several DRTC Committees. Dr. Gregory has played a significant role in accreditation efforts, has served on countless search committees, and as advisor for the Student Council for Exceptional Children, a role she held for 18 years. She has also served as the program lead for the special education program for over a decade and was co-department chair. She is the recipient of the 1994 YMCA's Salute to Women award.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Dr. Susan Gregory the rank of Professor Emerita of Educational Theory and Practice, Montana State University Billings and wishes her well for many years into the future.

New Professor Emeritus Dr. Michael Havens

Dr. Michael Havens Professor Emeritus of Psychology

Upon the retirement of Dr. Michael Havens from the faculty of Montana State University Billings, the faculty of the Department of Psychology extends its appreciation for his years of dedication and meritorious service to the University, city of Billings, and state of Montana. In recognition of his selfless service, we recommend that the rank of Professor Emeritus of Psychology be conferred on Dr. Michael Havens by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Havens earned his Ph.D. in 1985 from the University of Wyoming. Between 1985 and 1987 he was a National Institutes of Health (NIH) postdoctoral fellow at Rutgers University. Dr. Havens served as a visiting assistant professor at the University of Wyoming from 1987 to 1996, teaching and researching under a NIH RO1 Grant that he maintained for nine years. Dr. Havens began teaching at MSU Billings in 1996, was awarded tenure in 1999, and promoted to the rank of Full Professor of Psychology in 2006. He served as department chair from 1997 to 2016.

Dr. Havens' research focuses on the neurochemical and hormonal influences on behavior. He has been published more than 30 times in peer-reviewed journals. He has received several grants while at MSU Billings and he has served as advisor for many master's theses in the Department of Psychology and other departments. Dr. Havens has developed and taught multiple courses for his department and received high evaluation scores from students for his teaching. He has also helped many students publish their research and attend professional conferences.

While serving as department chair, Dr. Havens led the development of the graduate program which allowed students to pursue master's degrees in psychology for the first time at MSU Billings. Currently, there are many of his former graduate students working in clinics and other settings in Billings and throughout Montana.

In addition to his 19 years of service as department chair, Dr. Havens has served as chair of the General Education Committee, co-chair of the Institutional Review Board, and several times on the University Graduate Committee. He has also served on two committees for the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. Dr. Havens has consulted many times on research projects with area clinics and hospitals. He was honored by receiving the Winston and Helen Cox Fellowship Award in 1999.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Dr. Michael Havens the rank of Professor Emeritus of Psychology, Montana State University Billings and wishes him well for many years into the future.

New Professor Emeritus Dr. Matthew McMullen

Dr. Matthew McMullen Professor Emeritus of Psychology

Upon the retirement of Dr. Matthew McMullen from the faculty of Montana State University Billings, the faculty of the Department of Psychology extends its appreciation for his years of dedication and meritorious service to the University, city of Billings, and state of Montana. In recognition of his 29 years of service, we recommend that the rank of Professor Emeritus of Psychology be conferred on Dr. Matthew McMullen by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. McMullen earned his Ph.D. in Social Psychology from Indiana University in 1995. He began teaching at MSU Billings in 1996, was awarded tenure in 2002, and promoted to the rank of Full Professor in 2007. Dr. McMullen's research focuses on the psychology of motivation. He has presented his research at numerous conferences and published papers in the most prestigious journals in the field. Dr. McMullen received a National Institutes of Health (NIH) research grant in 2001 as the sole principal investigator. This was the first grant of its type at MSU Billings and required the creation of the university's first federally registered Institutional Review Board (IRB). Several of the students whose research was assisted by this grant continued their education in doctoral programs in psychology.

In 2007, Dr. McMullen was awarded a Fulbright scholarship and was a visiting professor at Heidelberg University in Germany. He won the Faculty Achievement Award in 2006. In the summer of 2011, as part of international outreach, he taught at Guangxi Medical University in China, which resulted in a wave of Chinese students attending MSU Billings to study psychology.

Throughout his teaching career, Dr. McMullen has maintained very high student evaluations in an extensive list of courses. He has advised numerous master's theses and undergraduate senior theses, and helped dozens of students prepare presentations for the annual MSU Billings Research and Creativity Symposium. Dr. McMullen's former students have gone on to successful careers helping people in Billings and the surrounding region.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Dr. Matthew McMullen the rank of Professor Emeritus of Psychology, Montana State University Billings and wishes him well for many years into the future.

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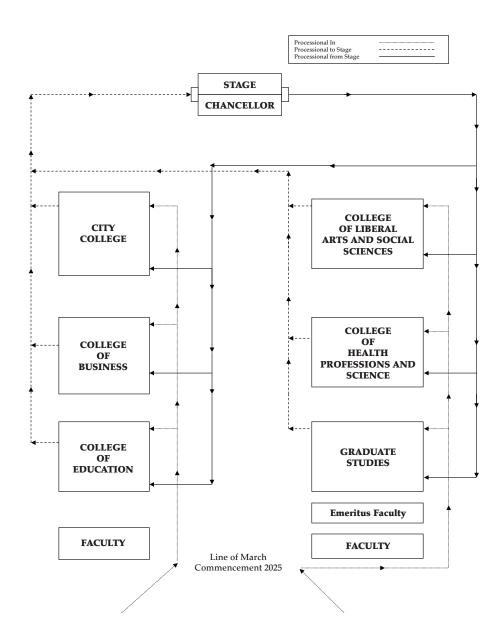
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MSUB Alma Mater

Where the Yellowstone meets the Rimrocks 'Neath the Big Sky's arching Blue, We raise our song to MSU Billings, Alma Mater, here's to you.

When our youth's bright sun is shining,
When the clouds are small and few,
Montana State in Billings,
Alma Mater, here's to you.

As the years roll swiftly onward And our lives are full of care, We will honor MSU Billings, And the happy hours spent there.

Where the Yellowstone meets the Rimrocks, When night's stars come shining through, Montana State in Billings, Alma Mater, here's to you.

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