

University Honors Program News

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Important Notices

Spring Classes

Registration for Spring is now open. Be sure to register for an Honors class or two. The Spring class list is attached at the end of newsletter. Please note the honors contract option listed at the bottom of the page. In order to receive an honors contract, please send an email request to Tami Haaland at (thaaland@msubillings.edu).

Scholarship Deadlines

There are several scholarships with deadlines this week. Be sure to get your applications in. These scholarship can be a great help for the spring.

Intersession

There are a variety of intersession classes available. On campus classes will be held from December 27th through January 11th. Online intersession classes will be held from January 3rd through February 25th. Intersession classes are considered part of Spring semester. If you are registered for 12 to 15 credits you can take an Intersession course as part of the flat spot for not additional tuition. Look over the [class list](#) to see if any classes fit your needs.



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2010 Writers Roundup

The 2010 Writers Roundup will be held on Saturday, December 4th from noon till 5 pm. The event will be held at the Shrine Auditorium located at 1125 Broadwater Ave. The Family tree Center's Festival of Trees will also held at the same time and location. The 2010 Writers Roundup is a

book sale sponsored by Montana State University Billings Sigma Tau Delta. There will also be local authors on hand to sign their books.

Authors who will be available for friendly discussions and book signing include: Dan Aadland,

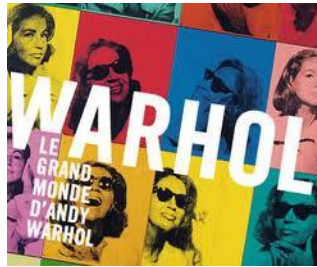
Marion Cadwell, Cara Chamberlain, Fred DeFauw, Alan Evans, Barbara Graham, Tami Haaland, Sue Hart, and many more. Several of the authors include professors from Montana State University Billings. There is a slight cost of \$3 to attend.

*"He that will not
when he may, when he
will he shall have
nay."
-- 11th Century
Proverbs*

Events On Campus

Andy Warhol Exhibit

The Montana State University Billings Art Department and the Northcutt Steele Gallery will present an exhibition of original photographs by artist Andy Warhol in November. The exhibit opens Friday, November 5th at 4 pm and goes through December 10th.



Union Night

It's your Union Night! Come by and enjoy. This week will be Pizza, Pool, and Ping Pong. The fun starts Monday, November 29th at 7 pm in the SUB.

Women's Basketball

Head to the gym on Monday, November 29th to see the Lady Yellowjackets take on Minot State. The game starts at 7 pm.



Student Recital

Enjoy the music of fellow students on Wednesday, December 1st at 3:10 pm. There is no charge for this event.



Symphonic Band

Enjoy the music of fellow students on Thursday, December 2nd at 7:10 pm. For adults the cost is \$5 for students and seniors it is \$2.

Senior Recital

Enjoy the music of Maggie Gregori as she presents her senior recital on Friday, December 3rd at 7:10 pm. There is no charge for this event.



Ask an Executive

Now is your chance to ask community employers your questions. This is a great opportunity to start networking. Wednesday, December 1st features members from KPMG. Head to Library Room 100 between 11 am and 1 pm.

"When the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."

—9th Century Proverbs

In the Area

A Christmas Carol

A Christmas Carol is the classic tale about the old miser, Ebenezer Scrooge, who refuses to take part in the Christmas spirit. Shows are Thursday, December 2nd at 7:30 pm, Friday, December 3rd and Saturday at 4th at 8 pm and Sunday, December 5th at 2 pm. Venture's Theatre is located at 2317 Montana Ave., Billings, MT

12 Nights of Zoo Lights

This is the largest drive through holiday lights in the area. ZooMontana is hosting a magical holiday drive-thru experience every weekend in December. The drives start Friday, December 3rd. The drive is open from 6 to 9 pm.

A Christmas Story

The well told story of Ralphie Parker who only wants a Red Ryder BB Gun for Christmas. The play will show Friday, December 3rd and Saturday, December 4th at 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 5th at 2 pm. All showings are at the Billings Studio Theatre located at 1500 Rimrock Road.

Library of Congress Internship

The Library of Congress is looking for internships for their Preservation Research and Testing Division. PRTD is responsible for research, analytical studies, and quality control projects pertaining to materials and environments found in the Library and other cultural heritage collections. The prospective intern can expect to interact with several dozen preservation professionals, including scientists and conservators. The intern is

responsible for conducting research and/or technical analysis projects based on the level of experience. The work environment is a newly renovated science laboratories that are equipped with a full range of state-of-the-art instruments for hyperspectral imaging, X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy, environmental scanning electron microscopy/energy dispersive spectroscopy, Fourier-transform infrared

and Raman spectroscopy, UV-VIS-IR fluorescence spectroscopy, inductively coupled plasma-optical emission spectroscopy, gas chromatography-mass spectroscopy, gel permeation chromatography, ion chromatography, thermal analysis, physical testing and artificial aging. Candidates should have a background in one of the physical sciences. For more information please visit the [PRTD website](#).



Nonproliferation Fellowship Program

In the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA's) Nonproliferation Graduate Fellowship Program (NGFP) the fellow works within NNSA's Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation on programs designed to detect, prevent, and reverse the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, while mitigating the risks from nuclear operations. This is a 12 month full-time fellowship program which

provides participants with specialized training and practical experience on projects and initiatives that contribute to a safer world. In addition to gaining valuable experience working with federal government programs, participants have opportunities to collaborate with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), as well as other government agencies, national laboratories, and non-governmental organizations. Placements

are in Washington, D.C. Established by Congress in 2000, NNSA is a semi-autonomous agency within DOE and is responsible for enhancing national security through the military application of nuclear energy. For more information visit the [NNSA](#) or [DOE](#) websites. The [Class of 2011 schedule](#) is now available.

SMART Scholarship Program

The Science, Mathematics And Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship for Service Program has been established by the Department of Defense (DoD) to support undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

disciplines. The program aims to increase the number of civilian scientists and engineers working at DoD laboratories. Fields include physics, electrical engineering, engineering, mathematics, and aeronautical. Benefits of the SMART Scholarship include: full tuition and education related fees, cash award paid

at a rate of \$25,000 - \$41,000 depending on prior educational experience, paid summer internships, health Insurance reimbursement allowance up to \$1,200 per calendar year, book allowance of \$1,000 per academic year, mentoring, and employment placement after graduation. For more information please visit [SMART's website](#).



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**Providing Enriched
Educational Opportunities
For Students**



Established in 1997, the Honors Program at Montana State University Billings provides an enhanced and supportive learning environment responsive to the educational needs of exceptionally motivated undergraduate students. The program is open to all undergraduate students regardless of their major who are interested in opportunities for enriched learning, cultural explorations and fellowship. The program fosters an affordable small college experience with enhanced access to professors while benefiting from the University’s size and diverse degree programs.

Scholarship Headquarters

Level 1

- 1) Keep checking back for more scholarships in this level.

Level 2

- 1) Gold Country Section & Region II Scholarships..... **December 1 deadline**
For students in occupational safety and health and a resident in MT, ID, WY, AZ, or NM
[Application Information](#)
- 2) Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention Essay..... Deadlines vary
For residents of Colorado, Idaho, Nebraska, North Dakota, Montana, South Dakota, Washington, and Wyoming
[Application Information](#)
- 3) Montana Tuition Assistance Program Baker Grants..... Deadlines vary
Grant is to offset any Pell Grant dollars lost due to earned wages
[Application Information](#)
- 4) Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute February 1 deadline
For a student pursuing a career with coal in Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Texas, Utah, or Wyoming
[Application Information](#)

Level 3

- 1) The National Physical Science Consortium.....**November 30 deadline**
This is a graduate fellowship that provides as \$20,000 annual stipend
[Application Information](#)
- 2) 2010 College Essay Contest.....**December 1 deadline**
\$250-\$1,000
[Application Information](#)
- 3) Nota Bene.....**December 3 deadline**
Phi Theta Kappa’s Annual Honors Anthology
Recognizes outstanding writing by awarding 2 scholarships
[Application Information](#)
- 4) National Society of Collegiate Scholars.....December 31 deadline
Five \$10,000 scholarships for volunteer involved students
[Application Information](#)

Conferences

The International Honors Society In Psychology

The 22nd Greater New York Conference on Behavioral Research

November 7, 2010

[Conference Home Page](#)

National Collegiate Honors Council

Rhythms and Currents

Kansas City, Missouri

October 20-24, 2010

[Conference Home Page](#)



Western Regional Honors Council Conference

Constructing Places of Collaboration

Park City, Utah

March 31-April 2, 2011

[Conference Home Page](#)



Sigma Tau Delta (International English Honors Society)

Beyond Words

Pittsburgh, PA

March 23-26, 2011

[Conference Home Page](#)

National Conference on Undergraduate Research

Ithaca, New York

March 31-April 2, 2011

[Conference Home Page](#)

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COMT 160-003: Introduction to Intercultural Communication (3 credits)

Melinda Tilton, TR 8:40-10:10

Examines communicative encounters among people of different cultural, ethnic, and minority groups. Local, national, and global in scope, the course also analyzes identity, verbal and nonverbal communication, popular culture, intercultural relationships, and multicultural communication in applied settings. Practical guidelines for enhancing intercultural interactions will be offered while noting the layers of complexity in communicating across cultural boundaries.

HON 182 (3 credits) Renaissance to Early Modern Worlds.

Instructor TBA, TR 10:30-12:00

This course is a continuation of HON 181, Ancient to Medieval Worlds.

HON 292/492 (3 credits) The History of Mystery

Instructor Reno Rachel Schaffer, MWF 2:00-3:00

Introduces the characteristic elements and themes of mystery/detective fiction as a literary genre and traces its historical development from the 19th century to the present. Through written assignments and class discussions, examines short stories and novels that reflect a variety of subgenres, such as Golden Age, hard-boiled, feminist, regional, ethnic, and international.

HON 290 or 490 Internships (1-3 credits)

HON 291 or 491 Independent Study (1-3 credits)

Honors Contract: By special arrangement students may negotiate an Honors Contract with a professor. This contract will suffice to make a regular class fulfill an honors requirement through extra work as specified by the contract. **Requires Director's approval.**