THE MSU BILLINGS CONNECTION

August 2016

Student Support Services TRIO

Back to school

Summer is almost over; are you ready for school? We are!

How did you spend your summer? Did you start or finish a house project? Did you learn a new language or take cooking classes? Did you travel? Either way, we are excited you are coming back to school.

We have been getting ready for your return. We have fresh new ideas to provide you with tmore resources, so you can succeed at school. Also, MSUB is excited to have you back, so you can start a new chapter in your life.

Couple things you should have before coming to school:

- ✯ Have a calendar or daily planner, so you don't miss appointments and tests.
- ✯ Create a to-do list, so you can check things off throughout the semester.
- ✯ Take care of yourself in order to be healthy and well rested when coming back to your class schedule.

Finally, we are looking forward to working with you this year. Please stop by our office or set up an appointment with your mentor.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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MSU BILLINGS Welcome Week

Sunday, September 4
9:00 am — Residence Halls Open — Petro/Rimrock
5 - 7pm — Grocery Bag Bingo & Taco in a Bag — SUB

Monday, September 5
5 pm — Pizza Party — Rimrock Café
8:30 pm — Cisel Field

Tuesday, September 6
4:30 pm — Welcome Back BBQ — Campus Lawn

Wednesday, September 7 - Classes Begin!
During the day — Up with the People Cultural Fair — All over Campus
8am-5 pm — Fee Payment — McMullen Hall
5 pm — RHA Yellowjacket Theme Dinner — Rimrock Café
7 pm — Price Is Right — Petro Theatre

Thursday, September 8
5 pm — Women's Soccer vs. San Francisco State — Yellowjacket Soccer Field
7 pm — Comedy Night — Petro Theatre

Friday, September 9
4:30 pm — Men's Soccer vs. Dixie State University Yellowjacket Soccer Field

8 pm — Welcome Week Dance — SUB Patio

Saturday, September 10
9:30 am — Service Saturday — meet in the Student Union Atrium
TBA — 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony — City College 9/11 Memorial

Welcome Back Yellowjacket!!!

Movers & Shakers 2016

If you want to meet more people around campus and help out MSUB students move into the residence halls.

Come and help them out. We'll really appreciate it!!!

Sunday, September 4, 2016
9:00 am - 5:00 pm (MT)
Petro & Rimrock Hall

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Fall 2016
Academic Calendar

Residence Halls Open……Sunday, September 4
Labor Day Offices Closed ……Monday, September 5
Classes Begin ……Wednesday, September 7
Late Registration Fee Applies ($40.00) ……Friday, September 9
Students who have not completed fee payment or signed a fee statement before being disenrolled from classes and required to re-register ……Friday, September 9

Last Day for Registering/Adding Classes ……Thursday, September 15
Last Day for Withdrawing/Dropping Classes with a Partial Refund ……Tuesday, September 27
Columbus Day CLASSES IN SESSION OFFICES OPEN ……Monday, October 10
(Exchanged for Friday, Nov 27)
Last Day to Drop Classes Without Instructor Permission (No Refund) ……Tuesday, October 25
Registration for Spring Semester 2017 Begins ……Monday, November 7
Election Day NO CLASSES - OFFICES CLOSED ……Tuesday, November 8
Veterans Day NO CLASSES OFFICES CLOSED ……Wednesday, November 11
Last Day to Apply to Graduate Spring Semester 2017 ……Friday, November 18
Last Day to Apply to Graduate Summer Semester 2017 (attending ceremony) ……Friday, November 18
Last Day to Drop a Class with Approval of Advisor and Course Instructor……. Tuesday, November 22
Thanksgiving Holiday NO CLASSES……Wednesday, November 23 thru Sunday, November 27
(Offices Open Nov 25)
Final Exam Week ……Monday, December 12 thru Thursday, December 15
Final Day to Withdraw from Fall 2015 (all classes, no refund)……Thursday, December 15
Semester Ends ……Thursday, December 15
Residence Halls Close ……Friday, December 16
Grades Due in the Registrar's Office ……12 noon, Wednesday, December 21

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Time Management

Have you ever gotten behind in some project? Has your procrastination gotten you in trouble? If you answered yes; perhaps, it's time to evaluate your time management skills.

Using Time-Management Tools
Complete a Preview

- ✯ Review your syllabi
- ✯ Refer to an academic calendar and make note of important dates specific to your campus
- ✯ Record your commitments for each day
- ✯ Use different colors for each category

Create monthly, weekly, and daily calendar views
Tips as you create your schedule:

- ✯ Provide details
- ✯ Reserve study time for each class and each assignment
- ✯ Allow for emergencies by finishing before due dates
- ✯ Remember you may have to rearrange your schedule a few times
- ✯ Schedule for both work and pleasure

When organizing your day:

- ✯ Set realistic goals
- ✯ Use waiting, commuting, and travel time to review
- ✯ Limit distracting and time-consuming communications
- ✯ Avoid multitasking
- ✯ Be flexible

Tech Tip: Get Digitally Organized

Use a free electronic calendar or phone app

- ✯ Select the device and platform you would be most likely to use
- ✯ Collect schedule information
- ✯ Use collected information to set up your electronic calendar
- ✯ Pick a time every week to review your schedule
- ✯ Optional: add work schedule, other commitments, or social events

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Academic Boot Camp (ABC) 2016-2017

July 19 - September 30

SSS TRIO and MSUB strive to enhance the self-image of our new students by providing the academic and interpersonal skills that will lead them to a more successful first year college experience.

The ABC will include 20 sessions:

- ✯ Reading to Learn
- ✯ Getting the Most
- ✯ Studying
- ✯ Test taking
- ✯ Information Literacy and Communication
- ✯ Relationships
- ✯ Diversity
- ✯ Wellness
- ✯ Money
- ✯ Majors and Careers ... and more

The same sessions will be offered at different times and days in the week, so more students can attend. Plus, all of the topics will also be offered online.

MSUB Day at Montana Fair

MSUB is sponsoring a day at Montana Fair!

If you are a MSUB student, you receive free admittance to the fair. You will need to present the ticket you receive on your alumni postcard to get in free.
If you didn't receive a postcard, update your information at https://www.msubillings.edu/forms/Alumni/forms/InfoForm.aspx and put in the comment section "Fair Outreach" and we will get a postcard (with ticket) out to you ASAP!

Sunday, August 14, 2016
12:00 pm - 11:59 pm (MT)
MetraPark

MSUB Faculty, Staff and Students: Show your Yellowjacket pride and sign up to help greet fairgoers at the MontanaFair gates on Aug. 14. Sign up here: http://signup.com/go/WJzaxP.

Staff

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Contact Info

Professional Staff:
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Patrick Cosgriffe, Peer Mentor
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Paradise Medicine-Horse, Peer Mentor
Daniel Mehrens-Wallace, Peer Mentor
Diane Moen, Peer Mentor

Office Hours
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