

MSUBILLINGS CONNECTION

April
2017

THE

Student Support Services TRIO



"Blessing the Heartbeat"

Schedule of Events

Friday, April 7

Grand Entry- 6 PM

Two Grand Entries are scheduled. The first is for Veterans only. All veterans of all races, all wars, and all ages are invited to participate and be honored. A grand entry of the dancers will immediately follow.

- Junior Dance Contests- Begin 7:30 PM
- MSUB Students, Staff, Faculty, and Administrator's Round Dance- 9 PM
- Teen Dance Contests- Begin 9:15 PM
- Adult Dance Contests- Begin 10:30 PM

Saturday, April 8

- Grand Entry- Noon
- Honor Song for EMC/MSUB Alumni 12:45 PM
- Junior Dance Contests- Begin 1:30 PM
- Teen Dance Contests- Begin 1:30 PM
- Gourd Dance- 5 PM
- Drummer Dance Roll Call- 6 PM
- Adult Dance Contests- Begin 8 PM
- Bertha Bear Claw Dance- 7 PM
This dance is in honor of Those That Can No Longer Dance.
- Winners' Ceremony- 11:45 PM

49th Annual MSUB Powwow

Head Staff

Head Gourd Dancer: Larry Medicine Bull, Northern Cheyenne
 Head Man Dance: Melton Spotted Bear, Crow, MSUB Student
 Head Woman Dance: Sonya Goes Ahead, Crow, MSUB Graduating Senior
 Arena Director: Michael Comes At Night, Blackfeet, MSUB Alumnus
 Announcer: JD Old Mouse, Turle Mountain Chippewa/Northern Cheyenne
 Back up Announcer: Josiah Hugs, Crow, MSUB Alumnus
 Friday Prayer: Dr. Florence Garcia, Assistant Dean of City College
 Saturday Prayer: Josh Charette, Pastor of Great Plains Gathering
 Eagle Staff Carrier: REXX Brady, Northern Cheyenne, MSUB Student, ITIS President

Special Activities

American Indian graduating seniors will be gifted with a tee-shirt and asked to participate in one or both of the Grand Entries.

Live video streaming will be provided on Friday: 6-9 PM and Saturday 6-9 PM

Mobile Units

Instructional Activities

Public Relations
 Donation Coordinator
 Vendor Operations

In-Service Training for SD2 Teachers,
 PE 52 11 AM, Saturday, April 8

Grand Entry will include 50 flags representing the USA, MT, every branch of the military, all of Montana's tribes, 20 international countries, and 5 MSUB colleges.

To register, please visit: www.msubitillings.edu/americanindian/powwow.htm or email: MSUBPowWow@msubitillings.edu or call: 657.2182

To watch live stream, visit: <http://client.stretchinternet.com/client/msubadmin.portal>



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 Dr. Johnel Barcus, Native American Studies
 MSUB Powwow Committee

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MSUBILLINGS Social Spotlight

Athletics

Sports play a vital role in the college experience. At MSU Billings, athletes from over 20 different states and 15 different countries compete at the NCAA Division II level. The 240 student athletes collectively maintain a 3.15 GPA and compete in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC). The volleyball and basketball teams play as far away as Fairbanks, Alaska. The other teams travel regularly to Oregon and Canada to compete. Not only do our students travel, students travel to Montana to be student athletes at MSUB. Our men's soccer team has athletes from over 10 countries!

Our student athletes are not only successful in the classroom, they are fierce competitors on the court and field. The women's basketball team has won two NCAA West Region Championships in the last three years. "On the baseball diamond, the Jackets claimed their second straight GNAC regular-season title, setting a program record with 30 victories including their first-ever postseason win in the conference tournament," Evan O'Kelly, Director of Communications for Athletics.

GO JACKETS!

Some students dream of going to college as far from home as possible. That was not the case for the April Stellar Student, Catrina "Cat" Schuchard. She chose MSUB because of "smaller class sizes and it's not too far from home." As Cat approaches the end of her freshman year, she feels like MSUB is "a good fit" and that she's "a part of it, the campus community".

Cat was also a stellar student in high school. She graduated from Harlowtown High School with a 3.8 GPA. She was club secretary of all of the clubs at her high school and actively involved in her hometown community. She spent her summers working as a lifeguard at the local pool, babysitting, working as a nurse's assistant, and mentoring for Harlowtown Advantage Program for Youth. She brought her passion for helping others with her to MSUB.

Starting college can be intimidating for students of all ages and backgrounds. For Cat, this was no exception. She was a little nervous when she moved to campus. Through activities in her First Year Seminar class, the athletic program, and TRIO, Cat has gained confidence and left her comfort zone. At the end of fall semester, Cat had a 4.0 GPA, had completed her first season of Cross Country at the college level, and become a member of TRIO.

It was Cat's roommate that introduced her to TRIO. Cat was working on a project and needed some help. Her roommate suggested she visit TRIO. After becoming a TRIO participant, Cat knew she wanted to tell others about her experience and "pass it on". Next year, Cat plans to work as a Mentor in the TRIO office. As a first generation student, Cat loves the advice she gets from the TRIO office. For most first generation students, they need a resource to help them navigate college life and TRIO does just that. Cat's passion lies in helping others. Her ultimate career goal is to work as a traveling nurse. She uses her devotion to community to foster her love of helping others.

As an MSUB student, Cat volunteers in Children's Church at Park Hill in Billings, is a member of Chi Alpha and TRIO, and mentors students at Elder Grove. She runs the 4K and 5K for Cross Country and the 800 and 1500 in Track and Field.

Even with her busy schedule, she has already filled her summer with work and volunteering and a bit of travel. Cat will once again work as lifeguard and as a nurse's assistant, but she's also headed for a new adventure. She met an exchange student from Germany during high school. This summer, Cat and another classmate from HHS will fly to Germany and to visit their friend and explore. To date, Cat has been as far as New York, but is very excited to visit Europe. Good luck, Cat! We at TRIO can't wait to hear all about your adventure.

Thanks, Cat for being a Stellar Student and for all your contributions on campus and in our community!

MSUB SPORTS

BASEBALL

BASKETBALL

CHEER/
STUNT

CROSS
COUNTRY

GOLF

SOCCER

SOFTBALL

TRACK &
FIELD

VOLLEYBALL



Cat's advice to students, "get out of your comfort zone. Other students are going through the same things as you. Now I like talking to people and building relationships with my teammates."

Stellar Student

Important Dates

April

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- April 5- TRIO Advocates Meeting and FREE Pizza LI 141 11 AM
Non Traditional Coffee Hour LA/LI Lobby 12:15-2 PM
InterVarsity Mens Bible Study SUB Gallatin 7-9 PM
April 6- Making an Impression Series LA 205 2:30-5 PM
April 10- Accounting Club Meeting LI 148 5:30-8 PM
April 11- Last Day to Drop with Approval of Advisor and Instructor
April 13-14 Spring Mini-Break NO CLASSES, Offices Open
April 17- Java with Dr. O COE 1st Floor Lobby 1:30-2 PM
April 18- Tax Deadline
April 19- Employers on Campus SUB Atrium 11 AM-1 PM
April 20- Employers on Campus COT Commons 11 AM-1 PM
April 26- Veterans Club SUB Gallatin 4-5 PM
April 27- Accounting Club Meeting LI 148 4:30-6 PM
The Office of International Studies Occasional Lecture Series LI 148 7-9 PM
April 28- University Day NO CLASSES, Offices Open

Get Involved

Monday, April 3

RHA Meeting, SUB Missouri 7-8:30 PM

Tuesday, April 4

Library Spring Lecture Series, LI 148 6:30-8 PM
Steven Brundage Magic, Petro Thearre 7-8:45 PM

Thursday, April 6

Making an Impression Series, LA 205 2:30-5 PM

Tuesday, April 11

Student Leadership Recognition Program, Billings Depot 5:30-8 PM

Wednesday, April 19

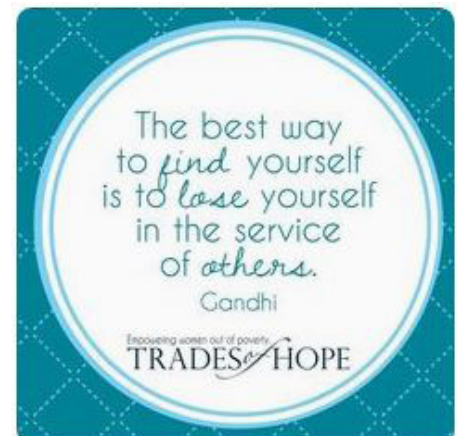
Women's & Gender Study Display, LA/LI Lobby 12-2:30 PM

Thursday, April 20

Juried Student Exhibition, LA First Floor 8 AM-4 PM

Tuesday, April 25

The Office of International Studies Occasional Lecture Series,
LI 148 6:30-9 PM



<https://www.ems.msubillings.edu/mastercalendar/>

TEST TAKING TIPS

Adapted from collegetips.com

- ★ Dump your brain. When you first get your test, write down any information that is difficult to remember such as: formulas, dates, keywords, etc. on the back of the test. You can reference it while you are taking the test without worrying if you will remember it correctly.
- ★ Carefully read all of the directions! Most students get a lot of points taken off because they are careless and do not fully read all of the directions.
- ★ Skim through the entire test and mark the questions you know that you can answer.
- ★ Skip the questions you do not know. Do not waste time on questions you are unsure of, mark them with question marks and move on. You can go back to it later.
- ★ Double check your work. If you have extra time after you have finished the exam, take a few minutes to double check your answers, make sure you have followed all the directions, and have not skipped any pages.
- ★ Look elsewhere on the test for answers. Sometimes the answer to one question may be found on another section of the test worded differently.
- ★ Pace yourself. Being able to take a test quickly yet carefully can be important, but do not stress over the time. Wear a watch or periodically keep your eye on the clock so you are aware of how much time you have left. Also, do not be anxious. If you hear other students finishing their test early, stay focused.
- ★ Ask questions. If you are confused about the wording or meaning of a question, ask your professor. Do not risk getting a question wrong because you misunderstood it.
- ★ Follow your gut instinct. Most of the time when students second guess themselves, they choose the wrong answer.



Finals are quickly approaching. Make sure you are prepared!

- ★ Take time to review previous exams, quizzes and papers to determine what might have gone wrong so you avoid making the same mistakes.
- ★ Classes normally held at 4:10 pm on MW, WF, and MF will hold finals during finals week at 4:10 p.m.
- ★ Classes normally held at 6:00 p.m. or later will hold finals at their last regularly scheduled time during finals week.

FINALS SCHEDULE

Spring Semester 2017				
Time	Monday 01-May-17	Tuesday 02-May-17	Wednesday 03-May-17	Thursday 04-May-17
8:00-9:50	11:40 MWF & 4-Day	7:00 MWF & 4-DAY	8:40 TR	3:10 MWF
10:00-11:50	10:30 MWF & 4-Day	12:10 TR	2:00 MWF	3:40 TR
12:00-1:50	8:10 MWF & 4-Day	10:30 TR	9:20 MWF & 4-Day	7:00 TR
2:00-3:50	12:50 MWF, MW, WF, MF & 4-Day	2:00 TR	2:30 MW, WF, MF	4:20 MWF

VITA

Are you looking for a way to help others? Would you like to thank the Accounting Club for completing your taxes? You can volunteer to work as a greeter. You do not need special tax certification, you just need to complete a short training. Greeters help clients with check-in and paperwork before they meet with a tax advisor. Please contact Scott Gorman for more details! 406.850.9601



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HIRING SSS/TRIO PEER MENTORS and TUTORS FOR 2017-18

We are currently recruiting 2017-18 Peer Mentors to assist students by assessing individual needs and helping them to develop action plans to support academic success.

Job Duties:

- ★ Academic Counseling
- ★ Financial Aid Consultation
- ★ Goal Setting
- ★ Workshops: time management, note taking, budgeting, study skills, structured study schedules, etc.
- ★ Career Exploration
- ★ Campus and Community Resources
- ★ Accurate, complete, and timely documentation/case notes and data entry are mandatory
- ★ Confidentiality and Sensitivity are required

Qualifications:

- ★ Successful candidates will work with a variety of students from diverse backgrounds
- ★ Junior or Senior (preferred)
- ★ Cumulative GPA of 3.0+
- ★ Attend MSU Billings full-time (preferred)
- ★ Student must be eligible for work-study
- ★ Position may be used as an internship, but must commit to a full academic year
- ★ Attend mandatory mentor training to be held at the end of August and weekly mentor meetings

Visit Library 141 to pick up an application. Return completed application, current résumé, and schedule an interview with Lori for mentoring or Kim for tutoring. Deadline: April 30.

Access & Excellence

Student Support Services TRIO

Staff

Professional Staff:

Kelly Buck, Director

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