

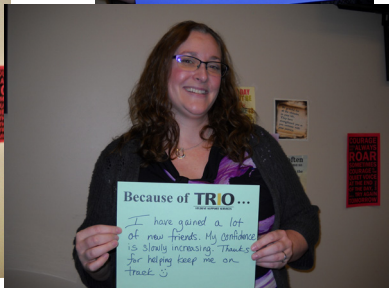
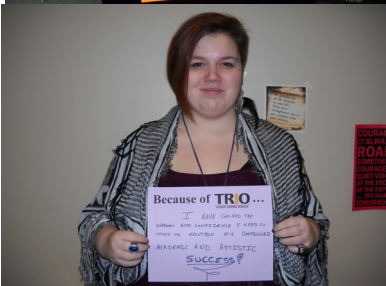
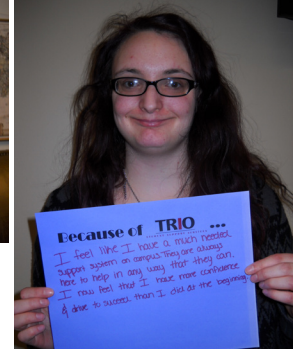
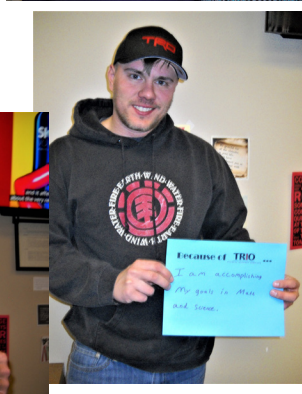
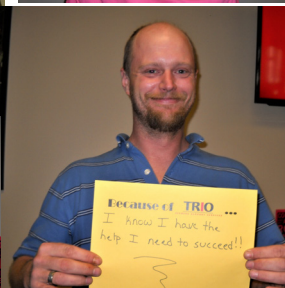
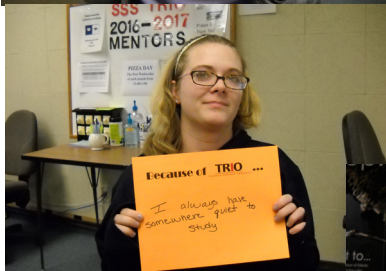
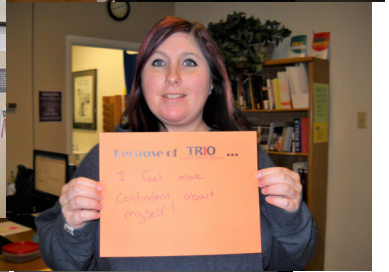
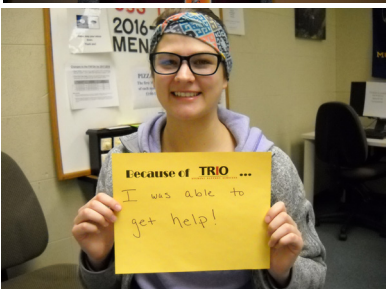
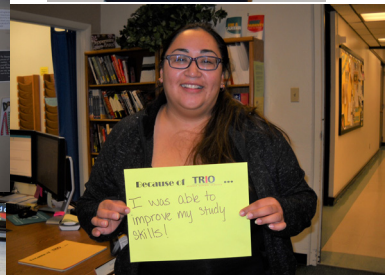
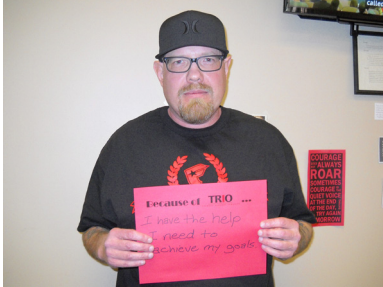
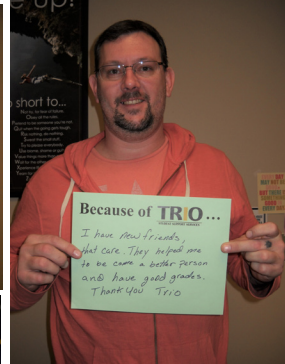
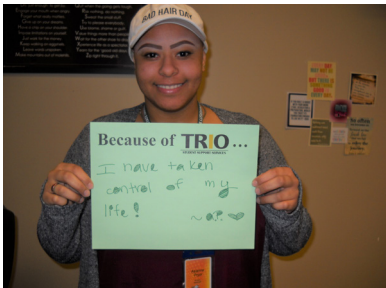
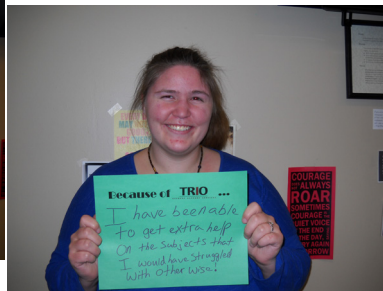
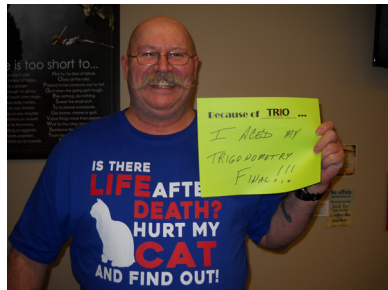
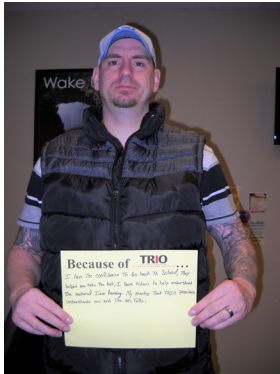
# MSU BILLINGS CONNECTION

March  
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## Student Support Services TRIO

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# Social Spotlight

## Veterans Club

### CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Kevin Stalker  
 Vice President: Abena Lane,  
 Main Campus  
 Vice President: Madison Kane,  
 City College Campus  
 Treasurer: Roger Salzman  
 Secretary: Dallas Reiland  
 Faculty Advisors:  
 Dr. Clinton Culp,  
 Elizabeth Fullon

The Vet Club at MSUB is quite active and hopes to become even more involved. Vets from the main and City College campuses come together to support Veterans in both locations. It is the hope of the club to also make a connection with Vets at Rocky to increase support and opportunities. Next month, the club will sponsor a fundraising opportunity at Buffalo Wild Wings to raise money for graduation medallions. Each Veteran that graduates is eligible to receive a Regalia Medallion. It is sometimes difficult for the club to know all of the Vets graduating. They only know Vets who have marked Veteran status on their application or are using the GI Bill. If you are a Vet graduating this spring, or know someone who is, please contact an officer to find out the process for receiving your medallion. The Vet Club meets the last Wednesday of each month at 4 PM in the Gallatin Room of the SUB. Soon the Vet Lounge will be moving to the Library-Building and sharing a space with TRIO! TRIO salutes all Vets and active military personnel for their service.

**THANK YOU!**

# Stellar Student



With Chris' list of extra-curricular activities, it's hard to believe he has time to be a student. He is in his junior year at MSUB and currently holds a 3.65 GPA as a Human Services major. As a TRIO participant, Chris contacted me about an opportunity for other TRIO participants who are also Veterans. After meeting with Chris, we made a deal: I would advertise for the Veterans Meat Locker if he would submit to a Stellar Student interview. After our interview, meeting Chris's wife, and working with him at the TRIO service project, I have come to know a lot about his commitment and service to many different groups on and off campus.

Chris joined the military after high school. His ASVAB scores were high, and his recruiter wanted him to go into the medical field. However, Chris had a different idea. He wanted to "blow stuff up". Chris completed Basic Training the summer between his junior and senior years and left for duty right after graduation. While serving in the MT Army National Guard, he was activated several times and deployed overseas for two combat missions. During a deployment in Iraq, he was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries sustained during combat. Chris served as the State Commander for the Military Order of the Purple Heart during 2016-2017. He spent 13 years in the military, earned over 25 medals and citations including Combat Infantry Badge and a Bronze Star.

After completing his military service, Chris entered another dangerous profession: underground platinum/palladium mining. For the past 16 years, he has worked for Stillwater Mining Company. Using his military experience, Chris continued with his passion for explosives. He was responsible for drilling precise locations and using controlled detonations to break the rock and be able to extract the minerals. An on-the-job injury to his wrist made his job impossible. During his recovery time after surgery, he learned that returning to the mine would not be an option. He used his rehabilitation to help other vets discover scholarships and services available in higher education. After helping others pursue their goals, he discovered Vocational Rehabilitation. The Voc Rehab program is helping him with his educational expenses. In turn, he shares his story with other students to help them earn their degrees. Chris's true passion lies with helping people. His ultimate goal after graduation is to start his own non-profit that helps vets with therapy in an outdoor setting, rather than traditional group therapy at a facility.

He already has plenty of practice with non-profit work. Currently, Chris serves on the board of Montana Wounded Warriors, Co-Chair of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Memorial in Billings, active member of the VFW Post 6774 and American Legion Post 117, and Disabled American Veterans. Volunteering is also a passion for his wife, Kristin. She works with St. Vincent DePaul delivering food and Habitat for Humanity building houses for needy families. In addition, this year he began his own non-profit: Veterans Meat Locker. What began as a small operation, has gained national attention. Hunters from around the country have contacted Chris about ways to donate meat. He has already delivered over 3,000 lbs of game this year! His Facebook page has over 1,000 followers. Please join and show your support for a worthy cause. If you are interested in more details about donating, receiving, or becoming involved, call Chris.

*"I initially started in the engineering major, but after hearing complaints about counselors, I knew counseling is what I should be doing for a living."*

*"There have been a lot of suicides of soldiers I served with in Iraq. The divorce rate is also high among combat vets. I want to be able to make a change or at least help. I don't want to just work for a paycheck. I want to make a difference."*

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



# Important Dates

March

2017

March 1- Coffee with Advising and Career Service LA/LI Lobby 9-11 AM  
Ash Wednesday SUB Yellowstone 12-1 PM  
The Mask You Live in (Documentary) LA 205 2:30-4:30 PM  
March- Neil Chaput de Saintonge & Keith Graham One Room School Display  
LA First Floor 8 AM-4PM  
NEA Big Read- "The Heart is a Lonely Hunter" LA 205 6:30-8 PM  
March 6-10 SPRING BREAK; No Classes, Offices Open  
March 13- Fall Registration Begins  
March 15- Employers on Campus SUB Atrium 11 AM-1 PM  
Last Day to Drop Classes without Instructor's Consent  
March 18- Service Saturday SUB Atrium 9:30 AM- 12 PM  
March 20- Java with Dr. O MSC Table 1:30-2 PM  
March 24- Apply for Summer and Fall 2017 Graduation  
March 30- Accounting Club Meeting LI 148 4:30-6 PM

EVERY SATURDAY- FREE Tax Prep 11:30 am-5:30 pm SUB Missouri Room  
Sponsored by Accounting Club and HRDC

## Get Involved

### Wednesday, March 1

- § Midweek Student Gathering, UCM 8:30-10 pm
- § TRIO Advocates Meeting, Library 141 11 am

### Thursday, March 2

- § French Club, SUB Missouri 7-9 PM
- § InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, SUB A&B 7-9 pm

### Wednesday, March 8

- § International Coffee Hours, SUB Upper Galleria 4-5:15 PM

### Tuesday, March 14

- § Chi Alpha, SUB Banquet A & B 7-9 PM

### Thursday, March 16

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

### Wednesday, March 29

- § Student United Way Meeting, SUB Missouri 5:40-7 PM

### Thursday, March 30

- § University Campus Career Fair, SUB 1-4 PM
- § Accounting Club Meeting, LIB 148 4:30-6 PM



**Don't Forget:  
Daylight Saving Time  
Begins March 12  
Spring Forward 1 Hour**

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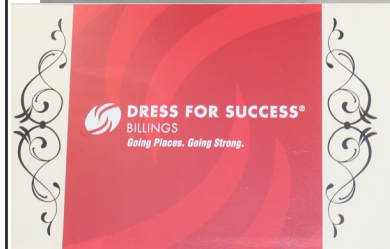
Wednesdays  
 9 AM-12:30 PM or  
 by appointment

Dress for Success is active in 140 location in over 20 countries. For the last 17 years it has been a vital part of the Billings community. A recent grant helped the shop expand beyond helping women dress for interviews and now provides professional development. Two MSU Billings alumnae, Briana Rickman and Jenny Randall are working hard to expand the services offered by the program.

“The mission of the organization is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. With the help of devoted volunteers and donors, Dress for Success Billings has given almost 6,900 women clothing, the confidence and credibility they need to realize their full potential”.

Briana graduated from MSUB with a degree in Biology. While her original goal was to become a pediatrician, life lead her in a different direction. She has always been non-profit driven and it shows in her dedication to making Dress for Success as accessible as possible. Jenny Randall has a similar story. She has worked several different kinds of jobs, but her “heart lies with the not for profits”.

Together, these two ladies are expanding the services offered and ultimately ensuring the success of generations of women. They are focused on “making them look and feel good”. Getting a job is one step. Being able to maintain a job and advance into a career is also part of the process. In addition to what happens at their downtown location, they also hold quarterly professional development workshops and volunteer at Passages. Together with other volunteers, they are teaching everything from basic computer skills to career building and even provide child care!



## Donations Needed:

- Scrubs
- Toiletries
- Undergarments
- Non-Slip Shoes
- Contemporary Clothing
- Plus Size Clothing
- Black Dress Slacks
- Camis
- Blouses
- Jewelry
- Children's Clothing
- Handbags
- Makeup
- Dress Shoes
- Boots

## “Empowering women to reach their full potential.”

Jenny Randall (left), moved from her position as Service Learning Coordinator in the Office for Community Involvement to start an exciting new career as Coordinator of the Career Center at Dress for Success Billings. She will certainly be missed at MSUB, but Jenny will still be helping students by preparing them for internships and careers.

Kari Kastelic, Program Intern and Briana Rickman, Executive Director (right) enjoy a Wednesday morning of looking through the new donation styles just added to the rack.





# 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

## Access & Excellence



Amy Sexton is a TRIO participant and tutor, Vice President of the Accounting Club, has a 4.0 GPA, and is in the Honors Program. Off-campus, she works full-time for Health Management Services, volunteers for VITA and Billings Clinic, and is part of AFWA. Her hardwork is being recognized by the Montana Society of CPAs (MSCPA). Amy is the next Student Representative on the Board of Directors for the MSCPA. This position has only been held by three students, and Amy is the first from MSU Billings!



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Richard Dawes, TRIO Participant and Mentor, was honored during TRIO Week for his outstanding contributions on and off campus. He was also selected as the Montana ASPIRE Achiever for 2017. We would like to thank all of the faculty, staff, and students who helped us celebrate Richard's achievement!!!



Amy Stuckey (left) presented Richard with a plaque to honor his accomplishments.



Trudy Carey (above), Director of Disability Support Services and Sponsor for Uniquely Diverse dropped by to congratulate Richard.

Dan Benge, Director of Upward Bound/TRIO and Ron Larsen, Interim Chancellor, enjoyed recognizing the TRIO Program and Richard's award.

Richard's sister, Mary (below) also joined to show support.



Rachel Court (above) joined the celebration to honor Richard on behalf of Senator Tester's office.



# Student Support Services TRIO

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