Appendix 2
Existing Engagement Activities

Montana State University
Updated Year One Report
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More Manufacturing Expertise for Greater Success!
Need a fresh set of eyes to optimize continuous improvement. Want better capacity utilization, agility and/or operational excellence? Looking to increase sales or decrease costs? Maybe you’re looking for ideas on how to improve innovation and top line growth? Get manufacturing expertise when you need it. Call MMEC at 406-994-3812 today!

MMEC field staff come right to your facility and work with you and your staff to find the right solutions to fit your goals and budget. MMEC has helped more than 650 Montana manufacturers increase profits by improving business processes and planning for growth. Whether it’s Lean Manufacturing, Quality Systems, HACCP Planning for food safety, Cost Analysis, Plant Layout, Better Decision Tools or Growth Strategies, MMEC technical assistance & workforce training improves your company’s quality, productivity, and global competitiveness. Let us help you succeed. Call us today!

Join the Conversation Today!
Manufacturing in Montana
The Jake Jabs Center for Entrepreneurship for the New West

FAST FACTS

- 410 students have provided 14,500 hours of pro-bono business analysis.
- More than 140 firms in Montana have participated including:
  - RightNow Technologies
  - LipoRay Pharmaceuticals
  - PrintingForLess.com
  - Zoot Enterprises
  - Foundant Technologies

The program was one of 99 recognized by the SBA in 2005 and 2007 for demonstrated market-based results.

Mission

The mission of the Jake Jabs Center for Entrepreneurship for the New West is to help Montana businesses flourish by connecting them to Montana State University students and resources. The Center incorporates hands-on experiential education by pairing students with start-up or growth technology companies and serves as a connection to businesses and organizations throughout Montana.

Student Consulting Projects

In MONT 403/493T 403, The Entrepreneurial Experience, students provide pro-bono consulting to businesses and not-for-profit organizations every semester, including clients such as RightNow Technologies, LipoRay Pharmaceuticals, and the Ellen Theater. Projects for these clients include market assessments, creating promotional materials, writing employee handbooks, and assessing the feasibility of new technologies. Students gain valuable, real-life experience working with start-up companies, while entrepreneurs gain valuable consulting for their businesses. Since 2002, when the Center was founded, 410 MSU College of Business students have provided more than 14,500 hours of pro-bono consulting to 140 clients, which resulted in 400 new jobs in these companies.

Alderson Minor in Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management

Each year approximately 50 students graduate with the Alderson Minor in Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management. The Jake Jabs Center for Entrepreneurship recently added two new elective classes to the 30-credit minor—Community and Social Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Business Practices—to round out this solid offering of entrepreneurship classes. The minor is open to students across campus.

Benefits to MSU Research Faculty

The Jake Jabs Center for Entrepreneurship for the New West facilitates in helping to commercialize science that exists on campus. Research faculty in agriculture, bio-agriculture, plant-science, chemistry, engineering and biology hold literally dozens of patents that have high commercialization value. The activities of the center will provide interaction between scientists, students and business practitioners that can help bring this science to market.
2.04 Montana Nutrition and Physical Activity Program

http://www.montananapa.org/

The Epidemic

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), obesity in the United States has reached epidemic proportions. Montana is not immune to this trend. In fact, the CDC reports that:

- 62.15% of Montana adults are overweight or obese. (CDC BRFSS, 2009)
- 22.37% of Montana high school students are overweight or at risk of becoming overweight. (CDC YRBS, 2009)

Overweight and obesity substantially raise the risk of illness from high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, heart disease, certain types of cancer, and other chronic diseases. As a result of these increased risks, this generation of children may be the first generation to have a life expectancy shorter, rather than longer, than that of their parents.

The NAPA Program

In 2004, Montana became one of 28 states to receive a CDC grant to establish a Nutrition and Physical Activity Program to Prevent Obesity and Other Chronic Diseases (NAPA). In a unique partnership, the Montana Department of Health and Human Services (DHHHS) is contracting with Montana State University (MSU) to staff and house the program at MSU’s Department of Health and Human Development. In 2008, NAPA received a five-year continuation grant from the CDC.

The mission of MT NAPA is to decrease the prevalence of obesity and improve the health of Montanans through policy and environmental changes and statewide/community interventions. Specific goals include:

- Increased physical activity
- Increased fruit and vegetable consumption
- Decreased consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages
- Increased breastfeeding initiation, duration and exclusivity
- Decrease time spent viewing television
- Decreased intake of energy-dense foods

Our Plan

In June, 2005, after a collaborative and inclusive process of garnering input from stakeholders, MT NAPA released the 2006 - 2010 Montana Nutrition and Physical Activity State Plan to Prevent Obesity and Other Chronic Diseases. The State Plan has been presented to policy makers in communities and agencies across Montana. We continue to seek partners from education; transportation; planning; business; Extension Services; agriculture; parks and recreation; health care; tribal organizations; civic organizations; and advocacy groups to be part of implementing the State Plan.
Welcome to the newsletter about all things water in Montana!

MONTANA WATER NEWS will come your way via email every month with fresh news about meetings and water topics that we hope is of interest to you. If you do not want to receive this newsletter, please scroll down and follow the directions to unsubscribe. If you are seeing only text in this email, or if it’s not easy to read, please make sure your email program is set to view "HTML" messages, or view the newsletter online in the newsletter archives.

Feature

The Montana Water Center Welcomes Nikki Sandve to the Montana Watercourse

Nikki Sandve recently joined the Montana Water Center as Director of the Watercourse. Nikki came to the Watercourse after working with the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) since September 2000. Most recently, Nikki’s duties at OPI included developing online trainings for educators throughout the state and train-the-trainer programs. Nikki has developed a solid educator network in Montana, collaborating with school districts, special education, higher education, tribal education and other education agencies in creating goals and activities for the statewide professional development program. Her experience also includes implementing continuous improvement monitoring of local education agencies that provide special education and related services to students with disabilities.

Earlier in her career, Nikki worked with several experiential and outdoor education programs, first as an instructor and then as a program manager. This, combined with successful grant writing and administration skills, gives Nikki the depth and breadth of experience necessary to lead the Watercourse in its mission of "Fostering stewardship of Montana’s water resources."

Along with welcoming Nikki, we are also saying good-bye to Kathryn Watson, who was the Watercourse’s education outreach coordinator. Kathryn left to join MSU’s Energy Research Institute as its Assistant Director for Outreach. We wish both Nikki and Kathryn the best!

Montana Announcements

Montana Water Center Webinars

The Montana Water Center will present two free webinars in December as part of its Decision-maker’s Guide to Montana’s Water series. The first webinar, "Water Quality," will be Wednesday, December 7, from 10:00-11:30 am, MST. It explains the basic characteristics of water that comprise its "quality," so that decision makers can understand what is natural and what has, potentially, been compromised by pollution. The "Land Use and Montana Water Resources" webinar will be Wednesday, December 14, also from 10:00-11:30 am. This webinar will introduce the many ways human activity affects water: its flow, amount and timing, as well as its quality. For more information and to register, go to the Decision-maker’s Guide website.

11th & Grant with Eric Funk: The Songwriters
Three songwriters perform a mix of original music influenced by folk, jazz, and hip-hop. April 26 at 7pm | More Information

11TH & GRANT: THE SONGWRITERS
THURSDAY AT 7PM

They write songs because they love to. They compose without a particular band in mind or even an intention that their song will find a performer. These three men create songs after song and keep them to themselves...until now. Songwriters Chris Cundy, Rick Winking and Gregory Lind share the

MONTANAPBS CONVERTS TRANSLATOR
MontanaPBS expects digital coverage for some area residents to improve once it converts a translator serving
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MSU America Reads * America Counts

The America Reads Challenge began as a national initiative in 1997. In response to the alarming test scores of many 3rd grade readers, President Bill Clinton allocated extra work-study funds to any college or university that agreed to use at least half of those funds to pay students to tutor children in literacy skills. Montana State University signed on right away and began recruiting, training, and placing MSU student tutors with kids in area schools in the fall of 1997. By 1999 the United States Department of Education expanded the America Reads Program to include math tutoring and so was born America Reads * America Counts.

Since starting work in the Bozeman area community in 1997, over 600 college student work-study and volunteer tutors have served well over 2500 children in area schools who were struggling with either math or literacy skill development. Today the MSU America Reads * America Counts program has the mission to work with and support area children to achieve and succeed academically.

Now accepting tutor applications for the 2011-2012 academic year. Work-study and volunteer positions available!

Meet the 2011-2012 Campus Corps Co-Coordinator:

Carissa Gates-
This year I will technically be a senior as a Music major but I am taking an extra year to prepare for graduate school auditions. I’m not sure where I want to go yet but I know I want to audition in Washington. I’ve lived all over the place from Alaska, Montana and Washington. I enjoy playing in the many ensembles I am in, video games and I love my two cats, Mau and Mia.

Kaitlin Ramm-
I am a junior this year. I have always loved school, and helping my students improve in their subjects, build their self confidence, and learn to love school, brings my life in countless ways. Bozeman provides the perfect place to integrate the arts, outdoor activities, and learning into one lesson. This helps kids connect the classroom with real life, which I try to do as often as possible. I was a Civil Engineering major but after my experience with America Reads * America Counts I have decided to alter my path towards a major in Math and Spanish with an emphasis in teaching.

Would you like to get involved? Follow this link to apply to participate as a volunteer or a work-study tutor.
Please visit our new website at
www.shakespeareinthe parks.org

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2.10 National Teachers Enhancement Network

http://btc.montana.edu/courses/asp/nntenhome.aspx
Indian Leadership Education and Development
http://www.montana.edu/ehhd/educ/I LEAD/

The purpose of the I LEAD project is to recruit, educate, certify and place American Indian educators into administrative positions in schools with high populations of Native American students. The program will result in the award of a Masters degree in Educational Leadership and certification as a school principal. The curriculum focuses instruction on local school improvement initiatives through problem-based learning assignments. Each candidate will be assigned a mentor who is an experienced administrator in schools with high populations of Native American students. Classes will be delivered during the school year using computer-based instruction and summer classes held on the MSU campus at Bozeman, Montana. All participants must agree to serve as administrators in schools serving Native American children for a period of time equal to the length of their education and training.

Additional Information
ILEAD Program Overview Video
Participant Agreement
ILEAD Brochure
Advisory Committee
View the Summer 2008 HSU pictures
2.12 Native American Heritage Day
http://www.montana.edu/diversity/events/naheritage2010.html

Native American Heritage Day 2010

Building Bridges - Creating Community

In 2009, the Montana Legislature passed a state law, sponsored by Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy, formally recognizing the last Friday of every September as American Indian Heritage Day for all Montanans to reflect on and celebrate American Indian culture and heritage.

Schedule of Events

10:45 AM - Tipi Raising

11:00 AM - Opening Prayer and Remarks

11:20 - Beadwork/Drumming

11:40 - Lawrence Flatip - Crow Cultural Historian

12:30 Storytelling with Blazo Kwoyaluna

1:10 Supaman, Native American Hip Hop
2.13 MSU American Indian Council Pow Wow
http://www.montana.edu/wwwnas/club/powwow.html

Annual MSU American Indian Council Pow Wow

Click here to download the Vendor Contract.

Click here to download the Miss Indian MSU, Miss Junior MSU, and Tiny Tot Princess 2012-2013 application form.

The official host hotel is the Best Western Plus GranTree Inn. Their contact information is 800-624-5885.

Please also try Super 8 Bozeman at 406-586-1521, and the Lewis & Clark Hotel at 406-586-3341 or toll free 800-332-7668, as they have been strong supporters of the powwow.

The Princess form will be posted as soon as it has been made available.
2.14 MSU Engineers Without Borders
http://www.ewb-msu.org/

ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS
Montana State University

EWB MSU RECEIVES NATIONAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD
EWB MSU was named the winner of the prestigious C. Peter Magellans University Community Engagement Award by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, bringing national recognition to MSU and our project, as well as $20,000. Read more here.

A FEW FRESH PHOTOS!
Here's some of the photos that EWB Travels Dolce Persconke took this June while he was in Khusisero (and Nairobi), Enjoy!

THE WORK CONTINUES
A quick update on our project. Things are getting fantastically busy.

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MSU receives national award recognizing student efforts to bring clean water to Kenya

November 14, 2011 -- Anne Cantrell, MSU News Service

Montana State University today was named the winner of the prestigious C. Peter Magrath Community Engagement Award by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, beating out some of the largest universities in the nation. Montana State was recognized for the contributions its students have made in bringing clean water to a region in Kenya through the work of the MSU chapter of Engineers Without Borders.

The Magrath award was presented at the APLU’s annual meeting in San Francisco. Given just once a year, the award recognizes a four-year public university that embraces outreach and community engagement and comes with a $50,000 prize.

“It’s a tremendous honor to be recognized by your peers as having an outstanding engagement program,” said Paul F. Masson, vice president of public affairs at the APLU. “This is a unique award and the only one presented at our annual meeting.”

MSU competed for the award among three other finalists: Michigan State’s 15-year effort to help epilipy patients in Zambia; the redevelopment projects of Penn State architecture students in Pittsburgh and the efforts of faculty and students at the University of Tennessee to help a Burundian immigrant community adapt to Knoxville. The three finalist schools have significantly larger enrollments than MSU. Michigan State enrolls nearly 45,000 students; Penn State has more than 53,000 on its flagship campus and more than 53,000 system-wide; and the University of Tennessee enrolls approximately 25,000 students. MSU’s fall enrollment is 14,620.

The award is both meaningful and significant, said MSU President Vidal Cruzeo.

“I am extremely proud of our students, who have shown tremendous dedication to their work in Kenya,” Cruzeo said. “Their efforts are an inspiring example of how outreach and service can impact the lives of others in a truly meaningful way.”

“Receiving the Magrath award indicates that Montana State University is fulfilling its land-grant mission,” Cruzeo continued. “It is a great privilege and responsibility to serve as Montana’s original land-grant university, and we will continue to work hard to honor this tradition.”

MSU plans to use the $50,000 that comes with the award to pilot new projects. Those programs will enable faculty teams from many different disciplines to develop outreach focused coursework and mentor students, according to the award application.

“EWB’s (Engineers Without Borders) primary mission accommodates a long-term commitment and cultural exchange between MSU students and the Kiwiiero region in Kenya,” said Doug Hyde, MSU vice president for external affairs and director of development. EWB’s work differs significantly from many development projects so that it is committed to working with a region in Africa for what could be decades.

MSU students and EWB members Katie Ritter and Kiera McNeil traveled to San Francisco to attend the awards ceremony. They said the award is a great vote of confidence and the accompanying funds will help further EWB’s work.

“The students in our group have such a passion for development work and for helping people,” Ritter said. “To be nationally recognized for what we do is amazing.”

McNeil explained that the $50,000 prize that will go to MSU may be used for a wider range of purposes than money EWB raises through fundraisers. Those funds are limited due to tax restrictions and other considerations.

“We view this as a really big step for our organization,” McNeil said. “The funds will allow us to develop new courses and expand opportunities here at MSU, which will further our work in Kenya. It will also provide a platform for more professors to get involved.”

EWB is recognized as being one of the most ambitious and most successful student-led organizations in the university’s history, with more than 60 active students representing every college within the university. To date, the group has raised nearly $400,000 to further its efforts — including more than $200,000 in grants, awards or donations this year alone.

EWB at MSU is committed to bringing clean drinking water to 61 schools in Kiwiiero, Kenya, a project that could take decades. Since 2004, more than 80 MSU students from many disciplines and majors have traveled to the region in western Kenya, where they have built seven deep-well water wells and 72 water catch basins in an effort to decrease the rate of waterborne illnesses. The students have designed a distribution pipeline to link one of the wells to additional schools, a health clinic and a market, and they have supplied thousands of individuals and families with their water habits and needs. EWB at MSU estimates that more than 3,900 students and teachers in Kenya have been impacted by the efforts.

The group’s work helps empower young students, especially girls, who are forced to spend hours each day collecting water for their families. As a result of the new wells, students spend less time walking to get water and more time in the classroom.
2.16 E³A Program
http://www.e3a4u.info/

E³A: Exploring Energy Efficiency & Alternatives

For Home, Farm & Ranch

E³A Programs
- Anaerobic Digesters
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Please select from the drop down to find more information on your topic of interest:

"Select your topic"
2.17 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Project
http://www.montana.edu/wwwhd/grg.html

Extension Family & Human Development

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Project

In Montana, and other areas around the country, there is a growing population of grandparents who are called upon to be the primary caregivers to their grandchildren. Today, more than 5,000 grandparents in Montana are raising their grandchildren. As a result of the increasing need, Montana State University Extension has teamed up with Montana DRHS, Montana AARP, and several other state agencies and organizations to provide services and support to grandparents who are faced with the challenges associated with raising their grandchildren.

GRG Project Initiatives

A State-Wide Task Force & Partnership
This partnership addresses the statewide needs of the GRG Project.

A Network of Support Groups
There are many existing support groups in Montana communities and still more forming. Click here for a list of Montana support contacts.

Facilitator Training
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Facilitator Training is a two-day workshop to train GRG’s and others to facilitate support groups in their communities. Please contact us if you are interested in becoming a facilitator.

Listserv
A Listserv is available for individuals interested in GRG issues when they arise. Please contact us to get on the Listserv.

Speakers
Upon request, speakers are available on topics related to GRG and the Montana Project.

Current Projects

Newsletter
This publication provides facilitators of support groups, grandparents and others interested individuals with information on topics of interest to grandparents raising grandchildren in Montana. Click here to access all newsletter back issues.

Research
The research team at Montana State University is currently studying grandparent wellbeing. Other topics studied in the past include GRG mental health, role conflict, ambiguity in relationships, child behavior problems, stress, and social support.

Information

Contact the Montana GRG Project at:
(406) 994-3395
grg@montana.edu

Support Group Facilitator Training
Keep checking this space for information on upcoming trainings.

Montana Support Groups
There are currently many support groups in the state. Click here for a list of contacts who can help you find a group in your area.

NEW support group beginning in BUTTE: October 26th. Click here for more information.

GRG Resources
• See all the newsletter back issues here.
• Print a copy of the GRG Project brochure.
• Print a copy of the GRG Project brochure for our Native American Grandparents.
• Print a copy of the GRG Project services guide.

Want more information on raising grandchildren and other kinship caregiving?
• AARP created a short 2 1/2 minute video on the Generations United GrandRally. This video features interviews with Grandfamilies, National Partnership members Pat Owens and Dianthi Olson, and includes footage of several speakers during the rally. See this video here: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXvoO3dJrPo&feature=related
• Extension Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
• Through the Eyes of a Child: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren test sheet series
• AARP
Office for Community Involvement

http://www.montana.edu/community/

The MSU Office for Community Involvement (OCI) works to better connect campus resources to meet community needs. Each year thousands of MSU students provide one-time or ongoing service to hundreds of Bozeman area non-profit, school and governmental organizations as volunteers, interns, or work-study staff. The Gallatin Valley pays host to over 400 not-for-profit organizations working to address human service, environmental, emergency service, justice and educational issues and challenges. As a land grant institution Montana State University has, from inception, been committed to giving back to the people of Montana. One way in which this is done is through the services provided by our students to those in need. Take some time and look around our website to find out about all the services we offer and the abundance of opportunities to get involved.

Mission

The mission of the MSU Office for Community Involvement is to encourage and support the development of an ethic of service and a sense of civic responsibility among MSU students and the campus community through meaningful service that addresses identified community needs.

Vision

The MSU Office for Community Involvement will be the primary campus-based resource to students, faculty, staff and the larger community for civic engagement and service leadership development opportunities. We will:

- build strong and reciprocal campus-community partnerships
- share campus human and intellectual assets
- support student success through active discovery and learning in the community setting
- promote and encourage a lifetime commitment to civic engagement

News

MSU Office for Community Involvement is honored with a Nourishing Community Award

On March 23, 2012, the MSU Office for Community Involvement (OCI) was honored by the Gallatin Valley Food Bank at their inaugural Nourishing Community Awards Ceremony. The OCI was recognized for their advocacy efforts, “mobilizing campus resources and raising public awareness in order to meet the immediate needs of the Gallatin Valley Food Bank.” This ceremony honored the “generosity, valuable time, effort, and resources that the recipients have shared with those in need.” Mentioned specifically at the ceremony was the annual Can the Grit Food Drive, which this year generated more than 50,000 pounds of food donations, the Campus Corps Program, through which MSU students have coordinate the Food Bank’s Summer Lunch Program, the hundreds of one-time and ongoing MSU student volunteers, and the valuable 18 year relationship the Food Bank has enjoyed with the OCI.

MSU Makes The President’s Honor Roll for Higher Education Community Service
The Early Childhood Education Distance Partnership Program (ECEDP) is a unique distance learning program that helps Head Start teachers and Early Childhood Educators complete bachelor’s degrees in Early Childhood Education from Montana State University in Bozeman. Online course delivery enables ECEDP students to live and work in their home communities while connecting with other Head Start teachers throughout reservations in the state of Montana.

About the program
Federally funded by the Office of Indian Education, the ECEDP covers tuition and fees, a laptop computer, and three years of home internet service for each student participant who has completed an associate’s degree in Early Childhood Education. Successful completion of two years of coursework through the ECEDP earns these students bachelor’s degrees at MSU.

See the 2008-10 Course Schedule.

The ECEDP program helps Montana tribal Head Start programs meet the National Head Start Association and Congressional mandates that demand that at least 50 percent of all Head Start teachers obtain a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education by 2010. Initiated by Dr. Laura Massey in 2000 following the 1998 Head Start Act, the ECEDP has already successfully graduated three Head Start teacher cohorts. More than thirty Native American ECEDP students have received bachelor’s degrees in Early Childhood Education from Montana State University since the program’s inception.

ECEDP contacts
Dr. Laura Massey is both ECEDP Project Director and an Associate Professor in MSU’s Health and Human Development Department. Dr. Massey provides online course delivery, administration, and support for the ECEDP program. To see the 2008-2010 Course Schedule, click here. Contact Dr. Massey at 406-994-3300.

Adjunct Instructor Christine Lux is the ECEDP Program Coordinator. Christine provides administrative support for the ECEDP program and can be reached at 406-994-5005.

ECEDP accomplishments
Bobcat Student-Athletes Honored at A.L.L. Banquet

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The 2010-11 Academic year brought many wins from the playing surface and even more from the classroom and the community. On Thursday, April 28, the 2011 A.L.L. (Academics, Leadership, Life Skills) Challenge Banquet honored several Montana State student-athletes for their impressive accomplishments from the previous year. From a share of the Big Sky Conference titles, to sub-four minute miles, to spending time with children at a local elementary school, the MSU student-athletes have made time for it all.

Six academic and community honors were doled out in the annual event. The MSU Women's Basketball team nearly swept the competition winning four awards. Their first honor of the evening came for their performance in the classroom. With three student-athletes on the President's List and eight of 13 above a 3.0 grade point average, the Women's Basketball team was named the Top Academic Performance team.

Women's Basketball also won the award for Most Community Service Points which is based on team size and hours of service. They participated in events such as Jump Rope for the Heart, Big Brothers Big Sisters and volunteer coaching opportunities. Overall, they amassed 296 hours and 2,456 total points.

The Al Beye Memorial Trophy was also awarded to Women's Basketball, their third of the night. The Beye Trophy is given to the team with the overall highest score in the A.L.L. Challenge. The Bobcat basketball team won the award in 2010, as well.

Women's Basketball's final award of the night went to senior Lyndli Seidensticker who was named the A.L.L. Star of 2010-11. The award is given to the student-athlete who puts in the most hours of community service. This past year, she served as a Big Sister, tutored school children and helped raise money for Parkinson's Disease research, just to name a few activities the Spokane, Wash. native participated in.

The Bobcat Football team earned honors for the most number of raw hours of community service. MSU Football finished with over 700 hours volunteering for a wide variety of activities including Big Brothers Big Sisters, working on a local ranch and speaking engagements. Most recently, the football program participated in the Chief Joseph Middle School Fun Night on April 25, where students and players enjoyed basketball, ping pong and other positive interactions.

The final award of the academic/community portion of the presentation was for Most Improved, both in the community and academically. The Men's Basketball team earned the honors after improving their community service by over 100 hours and posting one of their highest grade point averages of the decade.

In addition to community service awards, five athletic prizes were awarded. The 2010 football team was named Best Men's Team performance after earning a share of the Big Sky Championships. The Women's Basketball team won their fifth award of the evening for Best Women's Team Performance for their 10-game win streak. For Best Individual Female Performance, Track and Field's Camille Marchand earned the honors after finishing second in the 100 and 200 meter dashes at indoor Big Sky Championships. Denarius McGhee, the Big Sky Co-Offensive MVP for football took the award for Best Individual Male Performance. The final award of the night was for Most Inspirational which went to Mike Rider of the football team for his tremendous leadership.

The A.L.L. Challenge started at MSU in 2005. This team challenge was developed to give student-athletes the opportunity to develop life skills both on and off the competition field in the areas of academic achievement, community service and leadership. Over the five years of the program, the MSU student-athletes have volunteered more than 17,000 hours of their time to help others in the community. Teams are awarded points for academic achievement, community service and leadership opportunities.
2.21 Bridges and Dams Outreach

http://www.wti.montana.edu/education/k12outreach/

K12 Outreach

The Western Transportation Institute education program seeks to increase the number, quality, and diversity of undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees with a transportation emphasis. To meet this goal, WTI participates in a number of K-12 outreach activities designed to expose diverse groups of pre-college-age youth about engineering.

Summer Transportation Institute

The Summer Transportation Institute (STI) is an opportunity for high school students to learn about transportation and transportation careers. STI participants live on the Montana State University campus for four weeks during this unique summer program. This is an excellent opportunity for high school students to experience and prepare for college life.

During the STI, students have the opportunity to explore all areas of transportation from driving simulators to airplane design. They learn about different transportation fields, including air, land, water, and safety, through fun hands-on activities, field trips, group and individual projects, and professional guest speakers. The STI program includes college and career preparatory activities and a recreational component.

Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must be either 10th, 11th or 12th graders, must have completed high school algebra and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a four-point scale.

Sponsorship

Program funding is provided by the National Summer Transportation Institute (NSTI) through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). All housing, meal, and program expenses are covered by the sponsor for students accepted into the program.

Interested students should visit the Summer Transportation Institute page for information and application materials.

Bridges and Dams Outreach

A continuing challenge in increasing the diversity of students pursuing degrees and careers in transportation engineering is the significant under-representation of women and minorities in all engineering fields. With funding from the Engineering Information Foundation, WTI has implemented an outreach program aimed at increased recruitment and retention of women and minorities in engineering.

The Bridges and Dams outreach program is a collaborative effort between WTI and the MSU Civil Engineering Department (CE). Utilizing the MSU student base, WTI and CE recruit and train female engineering students to conduct two-hour workshops for second and third graders. The workshops cover basic engineering concepts and incorporate a variety of hands-on activities designed to increase children’s interest in math, science, and engineering. Local girls clubs are invited to participate as well as Native American schools in more remote tribal regions across Montana.
MSU Science Saturdays

Check back here for updates on future Science Saturdays at MSU!

MSU Science Saturdays are sponsored by CBIN, MSU’s Center for Bio-Inspired Nanomaterials, Montana EPSCoR, and Extended University’s Burns Technology Center with support from the Undergraduate Chemistry Society. CBIN is funded by the National Science Foundation and the Office of Naval Research.
Upcoming Events

04/28 - 04/29  NFA Decision Making; Butte

05/05 - 05/06  Training Officers Forum; Great Falls

05/12 - 05/13  NFA Command and Control WUI Fire Ops, Helena

05/16 - 05/20  Advanced Fire Investigation; Columbia Falls

05/19 - 05/20  NFA Building Construction 1 & 2; Livingston

Full Calendar

FSTS Director search extended until April 13

The search for the Director of FSTS has been extended until April 13. The position announcement is below; if you are interested in applying, please do so. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Clark, search committee chair (Daniel.clark@montana.edu), or Mary Fran San Soucie, search support (maryfran@montana.edu).

Director Announcement
Agricultural Marketing Policy Center (AMPC)

The purpose of the Agricultural Marketing Policy Center is to provide applied research and education, including extension education on agricultural marketing and related policy issues for informed decision-making by farm and ranch managers, public decision makers in rural communities and in local and state agencies, state legislators, and congressional delegations in Montana and the Northern Plains and Rockies Region.

Programs:

The Agricultural Marketing Policy Center was created at Montana State University-Bozeman in early 2001 by the Regents of the Montana University System. The purpose of the Agricultural Marketing Policy Center, an integral part of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics, is to provide applied research and education, including extension education, on agricultural marketing and related policy issues for informed decision-making by farm and ranch managers, public decision makers in rural communities and in local and state agencies, state legislators, and congressional delegations in Montana and the Northern Plains and Rockies Region.

The management philosophy is to maximize the return on the resources at the Center's disposal by maintaining a minimal staff and leveraging the resources through collaboration with faculty at Montana State University - Bozeman and other universities in the Northern Plains and Rockies region.

The Center's programs are organized around two major areas related to the general theme of agricultural markets and policy:

- Research and Education on Markets for Agricultural Products
  Most agricultural products produced in Montana and the Northern Plains region have a global market. The Center conducts research and integrates market information to inform decision makers of demand conditions and the supply situations, both domestically and internationally, for the primary agricultural products in the region.
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