



One of President Waded Cruzado's main goals at MSU is open lines of communication. With that in mind, she has been holding lunch sessions with students from each college this past fall. She recently met with a dozen students from the College of EHHD "to have a conversation."

"I want to remove barriers for me to get to know you better," Cruzado told students at the pizza lunch.

When she asked for students to share their thoughts with her, several students representing the sustainable foods program said they would like to brainstorm ways to utilize Towne's Harvest Garden, perhaps by having a campus restaurant that serves produce from the garden. Other students asked about more online classes. Cruzado responded by telling students she had set aside some funds to give faculty the tools and motivation to teach more online. She said online course offerings can increase graduation rates.

To keep conversation going, she encouraged students to read her "Monday Morning Memos" and e-mail back with ideas and suggestions.

### HHD RESEARCH SEMINAR FOCUSES ON GRANTS



Joanne Erickson, director of the Office of Funded Research, and Elizabeth Bird, project development and grants specialist, were the presenters at the monthly research seminar in the Department of Health and Human Development. The presentation entitled "Interdisciplinary Research" focused on providing faculty with information on how the newly created office can help them in securing grants. Larry Baker, dean of the College of EHHD, has set a goal of doubling college-wide funded grants from \$5 million to \$10 million and increasing the number of proposals from 25 a year to 50. Bird knows of four proposals submitted in January, and currently another 15 in various stages of preparation.

Working as a team, Erickson and Bird have been holding workshops in both departments to help faculty find funding sources and write fundable proposals. They strongly encourage faculty to look for ways to collaborate with others within our college, as well as across the university.

"The president's charge is to increase interdisciplinary research and also increase the number of graduate students," said Erickson, who serves on the university's Research Council. "Twice a year, there is \$7500 in seed money available on a competitive basis to interdisciplinary research teams."

The college has a website with information and required forms at [www.montana.edu/wwwed/html/grantproductivity.html](http://www.montana.edu/wwwed/html/grantproductivity.html)

## “TOWNE’S HARVEST GARDEN: A FARM CLASSROOM”

Chaz Holt, production manager for Towne’s Harvest Garden, was the guest speaker at the last Sustainable Food and Bioenergy Systems (SFBS) seminar of 2010. Holt gave a brief history of the garden from how it started with interested students to how it developed into a new degree at MSU in three years. Originally, the SFBS program set as an enrollment goal 50 students in five years, but within two years, that goal was met.

Holt says Towne’s Harvest serves as a strong education tool and a rich outdoor classroom. Besides logging 135 hours of labor on the farm, practicum students also have independent projects such as beekeeping and raising chickens. During the summer, students receive weekly farming instructions.

Despite numerous hailstorms this past summer, the garden still produced 29,000 pounds of produce on three acres.

The mission of Towne’s Harvest is closely related to the university’s land grant mission in several ways, says Holt. In the area of education, the farm serves as an experiential and interdisciplinary model for MSU students; in research, many students do their capstone projects with Towne’s Harvest; and in outreach, students are sent to Montana farms and to the Gallatin Valley Food Bank to work. In the future, Holt plans to continue to expand the outdoor classroom, increase opportunities for interdisciplinary projects, and find ways to maximize production while minimizing the impact on natural resources.



MARY STEIN AND CHAZ HOLT  
AT TOWNE’S HARVEST

## OPEN HOUSE FOR REMODELED CDC

On January 18, the Child Development Center on the first floor of Herrick Hall held an open house to show off their newly remodeled space. The children made treats for visitors and gave them personal tours of the center. So far, the center has new flooring, new window shades, new paint, and new lighting. The old observation booth was removed to expand the space within the center, and a more compact booth was created for MSU students to use to view children at work and play. By the time renovations are completed, the center will also have a new restroom, resurfaced cabinets, and a new food prep kitchen. Ceiling fans will also be installed to help keep the center cool in the summer.

“The renovated space has dramatically improved the way children, parents, and Child Development Center staff play and learn,” said director Christine Lux. “Finally, the physical environment reflects the value we place on early childhood education.”



TEACHER KORRI MILLER PLAYS A GAME WITH A CDC CHILD.



MSU STUDENT ABBY ROBERTS, A JUNIOR FROM BOZEMAN, WORKS WITH CHILDREN IN THE DRAMATIC PLAY AREA.

## **KING RECEIVES PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION**

Sara King, HR operations manager for the College of EHHD for the past two years, recently earned certification as a Professional in Human Resources (PHR). The certification, awarded by the HR Certification Institute, signifies that King possesses the theoretical knowledge and practical experience in human resource management necessary to pass a rigorous examination demonstrating a mastery of the field. King, who has been with MSU for 19 years, traveled to Helena to take the exam in December. To become certified, King passed a comprehensive exam and also had to demonstrate a strong background of professional human resource experience. The HR Certification Institute is the credentialing body for human resource professionals and is affiliated with the Society for Human Resource Management.



SARA KING IN HER OFFICE IN REID

## **HHD STUDENT SERVES ON STATE BOARD**

Dana Labuda, a junior double majoring in health enhancement and elementary education from Whitefish, Mont., was appointed to the board of the Montana Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance organization (MTAHPERD). Labuda serves as the student representative from MSU and is serving a two-year term. As one of only two student board members, her responsibilities include promoting health enhancement, fitness, and a healthy life-style, as well as helping to organize the annual state conference. She also will work with other board members on projects that are important to health enhancement teachers across Montana and will attend the national conference in San Diego.

"This is a great opportunity to get to know many educators from Montana," said Labuda. "I look forward to the doors this will open for me and learning about the future of my field."



HEALTH ENHANCEMENT STUDENT DANA LABUDA

# HOLIDAY CELEBRATION 2010



MARY LEONARD, SARAH SCHMITT-WILSON, BETSY PALMER, AND JOYCE HERBECK FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



STUDENT RYAN HANNAHOE, ANN DEONIS, AND KIM KARSTED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

In December, faculty and staff in the college gathered in Reid Hall to enjoy a holiday reception hosted by the Dean's Office.



EHHD DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR STACY STANISLAO & TESTING CENTER COORDINATOR CARLA MCLAUGHLIN



MARY STEIN (L) AND COLEEN KAISER (R) FROM DEPARTMENT OF HHD