

BAKER RECEIVES AWARD FOR COMMITMENT TO ONLINE LEARNING

Dean of the College of EHHD, Larry J. Baker, was awarded the 2012 Friends of Great Plains IDEA Award for his significant contribution to the development and operation of the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (GP IDEA). Baker was nominated by former EHHD associate dean, Jill Thorngren, who said in her nomination, "While many of us were skeptical that distance education could be more than an adjunct to face-to-face education, Larry was busy contributing to the field of distance and online learning with the caveat that it be equal, or at a higher quality, than traditional methods of teaching and learning." Baker was a key originator of Great Plains IDEA, which began offering inter-institution online degrees in 2002.

MSU provides the family financial planning program and the agricultural education program for the 20 member alliance. Students can take courses from any of the participating universities, no matter where they reside.

Baker, who has been with MSU for almost 30 years, received the award at the annual meeting of the alliance in April in Kansas City. He will retire at the end of June.



Baker, along with former EHHD Associate Dean, Jill Thorngren, and Executive Director of GP IDEA, Carol Gould from Kansas State University

INDIAN ED FOR ALL HOSTS ACADEMY AWARD WINNER



L to R: Bill Yellowtail, Victoria Mudd, Jioanna Carjuzaa, and Dani Morrison

Jioanna Carjuzaa, associate professor and facilitator of Indian Education for All professional development opportunities at MSU, invited Oscar winner Victoria Mudd to be the featured speaker at this spring's workshop held in the Procrastinator Theater at MSU on Thursday, April 12th. Mudd's presentation, "Images of Indians from Reel to Real," traced the history of how Native Americans have been portrayed in Hollywood films from the early 1920s to today. Mudd said film has had "a tremendous effect on perceptions of Indians around the world." Early films catered to the American people's "perceptions of inferiority" and used white actors to play the parts of Indians for 50 years. "Little Big Man" was the first movie in the late 1960s that began changing perceptions.

Mudd said, "Today, Native young people are using technology to heal wounds of the past through film and You Tube."

A graduate of Stanford University and the American Film Institute, Mudd won an Academy Award with her partner Maria Florio for their 1985 documentary, "Broken Arrow," an exploration of the Hopi-Navajo land dispute.

The workshop was made possible with funding provided by MSU's Department of Native American Studies, the Department of Education, the Diversity Awareness Office, and the Teaching and Learning Committee.

ERICKSON RECOGNIZED AS MSU TOP FACULTY



Joanne Erickson, associate professor of educational leadership, was honored this semester with one of MSU's top awards. Erickson received the Cox Family Faculty Excellence Award for Creative Scholarship and Teaching.

Erickson is a recognized scholar, leader and mentor. She is the author of books, monographs and journal publications and is known as an educator who emphasizes hands-on learning and real-world applications. She has won more than \$3.6 million in competitive research funds, including more than \$2.2 million for the Indian Leadership Education and Development program, which Erickson helped design. Also known as I LEAD, the program has greatly increased the number of American Indian educators in administrative positions in schools with high populations of American Indian students.

Erickson received a \$2,000 honorarium and an \$800 stipend to buy books dedicated in her honor at MSU's Renne Library.

Erickson is retiring at the end of spring semester. (Excerpts taken from MSU News Service)

ANNUAL TEACH MONTANA CAREER FAIR



The 11th annual Teach Montana Educators' Fair was held at the end of April for education students interested in teaching in Montana's schools. Administrators from many rural districts across Montana were on hand to visit with students and encourage them to stay and teach in the state. One administrator told students not to overlook the small rural districts, as they offer great opportunities for beginning teachers. An informal reception was held the evening before the fair, so students could meet representatives from the school districts.

PHOTOS FROM THE TEACH MONTANA CAREER FAIR AND RECEPTION

EDUCATION STUDENT TO INTERN AT A CAMP FOR TALENTED YOUTH

An English education student from Kalispell, Mont., has landed a unique internship with Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY). Megan Leininger, an MSU junior, was looking for an internship for the summer, when she did a search on the internet, filled out an online application, and was hired for a summer position.

“Johns Hopkins has several summer camps on the East and West coasts for gifted students,” said Leininger. “I will be working as a resident assistant (RA) on the University of Seattle campus.”

Leininger, who has experience as an RA at the University of Montana, will be living in a dorm with 15 girls from seventh to tenth grade, providing enrichment activities to students from all over the world. She is in charge of the students when they are not in class and is responsible for planning four hours of education activities daily, as well as weekend activities. According to Leininger, the students are very gifted and take classes for a three-week session on specific topics in math and science.

“I am very excited to spend my summer learning with and from students, colleagues, and teachers from around the world,” said Leininger. “I am confident that this summer will be a cornerstone in my growth as a student and educator.”



RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION GIVES SCHOLARSHIP TO MSU STUDENT



Education student, Caitlyn Lower, with local sculptor, Jim Dolan. Dolan, a 1970 MSU Ag Ed alumnus, was the guest speaker at the spring lunch.

Education student Caitlyn Lower was awarded the Big Sky Retired Educators Association scholarship at the organization’s lunch meeting in late April. The Missoula native will be a senior majoring in elementary education and is a member of the MSU Bobcat Spirit Squad. She also is a member of MSU Mortar Board Senior Honors Society and volunteers with America Reads, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and Make-a-Wish Foundation.

In partnership with the Department of Education, the Big Sky Retired Educators Association has been awarding scholarships to MSU education students for the last five years. The Big Sky Unit, affiliated with the National and Montana Retired Educators Association, is made up of 92 retired educators residing in Gallatin, Park, Madison, and surrounding counties. Through individual member donations, the organization funds a scholarship to a junior in education.

For their volunteer service to youth, the Big Sky Unit is also the recent recipient of one of seven national With our Youth Excellence Awards presented to the group by America’s Promise Alliance.

EXERCISE SCIENCE STUDENTS ATTEND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A record number of MSU students attended the 2012 American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) Northwest annual meeting in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, at the end of March. Professor Dan Heil and Associate Professor John Seifert attended, along with over 45 undergraduate and graduate students. Students attended sessions on current research in exercise science, physical therapy, bio-mechanics, and sports medicine. MSU continued a winning trend with three of the nine MSU student presenters receiving awards for their presentations. Second year graduate student Jana Hollins and recent graduate Eddie Davila both won "Best Master's Research Abstracts," and first year graduate student Luke Patterson won "Best Master's Poster Presentation."

To increase MSU attendance at the conference, Exercise Science Club president Jamie Descheemaeker from Lewistown, Mont., said the club advertised early this year at the beginning-of-the-year Catapalooza festival and held an information fair to encourage students to attend.

"The ACSM conference represents the culmination of our educational experiences here at MSU," said Descheemaeker, who will be attending paramedic school in South Carolina next year. "It shows students that their knowledge from the classroom can be applicable in real life situations. The conference is a wonderful opportunity for students, and our attendance would not be possible without the support from the HHD department, the university, and the exercise science club members."



In April, the 6th annual Local Food Fair and Symposium was held in the SUB Ballrooms, offering a day of educational activities, food vendor booths, and speakers. Hosted by University Food Service, MSU's student organization Friends of Local Foods, Towne's Harvest Garden, and the Sustainable Food and Bioenergy Systems degree program, the event intended to create awareness of the importance of local foods. Keynote speaker, Melinda Hemmelgarn, MS, RD, LD, presented two sessions, "Growing Montana's Future: Cross-pollinating Campus, Community and Culture" and "Thinking Beyond Our Plates: Recipe for a Good Food Revolution." Hemmelgarn, also known as the "food sleuth," said the choices we make now in how food is produced and what foods we consume have long term effects on our health.

"People are hungry for honest, genuine relationships with the people who produce our food," said Hemmelgarn. "Local food systems are very important."

Alison Harmon, associate professor in food and nutrition, said over 45 food vendors were present displaying their Montana made products and networking with other producers and consumers.

LOCAL FOOD FAIR



Above: Alison Harmon with keynote speaker, Melinda Hemmelgarn.
Below: Local food vendors visit with fair attendees.

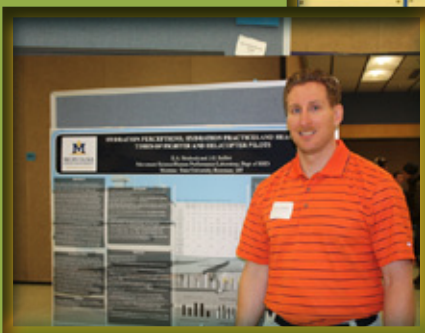


FUNDRAISER RAISES AWARENESS FOR TOWNE'S HARVEST GARDEN AND MOBILE FARM STAND

Over 250 people attended the Chili-Off/Seed Luck awareness raiser for Friends of Local Foods, Towne's Harvest Garden, and the new mobile farm stand. The chili contest, which was held at Bozeman's Senior Center in late March, awarded a CSA summertime vegetable membership to the winning chili. Alison Harmon, associate professor of food and nutrition, said there were 25 crock pots of chili and 20 pans of cornbread to sample. Many participants brought garden seeds to exchange for the upcoming growing season. The chili-off event also recognized the first nine graduates from the sustainable food and bioenergy systems degree program at MSU. The event was sponsored by the MSU student organization, Friends of Local Foods, and Bozeman's 1000 New Gardens.



Alison Harmon introduces the first graduates of the SFBS program.



Above, adult & higher ed grad student Betsy Webb, and left, exercise science grad student Eric Strubeck display posters at the Research Celebration.

EHHD STUDENTS PART OF MSU RESEARCH CELEBRATION

A number of EHHD students were part of the 250 MSU students who shared their research at the annual Research Celebration held in April. Both graduates and undergraduates displayed posters and exhibits highlighting research conducted this past year. The following are EHHD students, their mentor, and the name of their research project:

EDUCATION

Betsy Webb (Art Bangert): "What is Good and What is Right: Ethics in Montana Municipal Government"

Ryan Hannahoe (Gus Nollmeyer) "Turning Eyes to the Big Sky Project" presented at Montana Space Grant Consortium Research Symposium

HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Amy Bloemendal (John Seifert): "Blood Glucose/lactate Responses from Ingesting High Fructose Corn Syrup and Sucrose Beverages"

David Connor, Kendra McGahan (John Seifert): "The Influence of Pre-Exercise Solid and Liquid Caloric Ingestion on Blood Glucose and Lactate"

Eric Strubeck (John Seifert) "Hydration Perceptions, Hydration Practices and Reaction Times of Fighter and Helicopter Pilots"

Anna Bartkowiak (Adina Smith): "Graduate Counseling Students' Growth"

Yanet Eudave (Bethany Letiecq): "Coping and Mental Health among Documented and Undocumented Mexican Migrants in a New Frontier Settlement"

Kala Jauquet (Mary Miles): "Cultural and Economic Factors Affecting Diet and Nutrition in Children in Khwisero, Kenya"

Kara Landolfi (Alison Harmon): "Evaluation of the Impact of Food Insecurity Education"

Hamilton Lynn, Liz Hummelt (Catherine Zabinski-LRES): "Determining Nutrient Availability in Gallatin Valley Organic Systems Through Comprehensive Soil Testing"

Sarah Novotney (Wade Hill-Nursing): "A Cross-Cultural Comparison of Standards of Care for Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) Injury"

Erin Rinehart (Ann Bertagnolli, INBRE; Lynn Hellenga-Montana NAPA): "Montana Public Worksites Breastfeeding Support"

Greg Rueggeger (Mary Miles): "Effects of Eccentric Muscle Contraction and a High- or Low-glycemic Diet on Inflammation"

Natasha Cronsell (Amy Cory): "Parent Perspectives on Opportunities for Healthy Physical Activity and Recreation for Young Children in Bozeman"