

# NOVEMBER 2016

DIVISION OF STUDENT SUCCESS NEWSLETTER

## Announcements

### HR Sick Leave Pool

The Office of Human Resources is calling for sick leave donations in their annual Fall Sick Leave Drive. As we approach the holiday season, please consider a donation of sick hours to the [Montana State University Donated Sick Leave Pool \(DSLPL\)](#). This program provides a central reserve of sick leave hours, sustained entirely by voluntary employee donation, and makes those hours available to eligible applicants. Through DSLP, MSU offers you an opportunity to assist eligible colleagues in need.

The concept for the DSLP originated with the ADVANCE Project TRACS grant and was developed with input from University stakeholders. This program operates in tandem with, and is permitted under, the existing Sick Leave Donation [policy 1045.00](#). The original program remains available for donations direct to specific individuals.

### Can the Griz!

Montana State University and the Bozeman community rallied for a win in the 17th annual [Can the Griz](#) drive, with supporters donating a record of the equivalent of more than of 327,150 pounds of food to the [Gallatin Valley Food Bank](#).

This year, MSU and the Bozeman community donated 234,486 pounds of food and \$92,688 to the Gallatin Valley Food Bank, according to Laurynn Olson of the [MSU Office of Student Engagement](#), which coordinates Can the Griz. The Can the Griz food drive in Missoula brought in 177,876 pounds of food and \$139,606 for the [Missoula Food Bank](#), Olson said. She added that both communities surpassed last year's totals, which were also record amounts: Last year, MSU and the Bozeman community donated 194,750 pounds of food plus approximately \$65,500 to the Gallatin Valley Food Bank, while donations from UM and the Missoula community in 2015 totaled 196,406 pounds of food plus approximately \$85,227. **Congrats Laurynn and Office of Student Engagement!**

### FAFSA is open, and students can submit now!

FAFSA opened on October 1, 2016. Students can submit using 2015 tax information. Encourage students to apply ASAP!

### Winter Grippers

Safety & Risk Management provides employees with ice grippers to get through our long winters safely!

Order them here: <http://www.montana.edu/srm/programs/icegrippers.html>

### Pure Gold

Pure Gold is an MSU program that recognizes faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends for their contributions to the university. Let's recognize our fellow co-workers within the Division on the great work they do!

Nominate here: <http://www.montana.edu/puregold/>

### New Faces—Welcome!

- Amber King, VOICE Center
- Kaitlyn Wernik, Counseling & Psychological Services
- Annaleisa Carter, Counseling & Psychological Services

**Have a new employee in your office?**

**Hiring Managers: remember to fill out our Division new employee form!**

**<http://www.montana.edu/studentssuccess/newemployee.html> or email [ear@montana.edu](mailto:ear@montana.edu) - they'll be included in our monthly newsletter!**



## Shout-outs

**Send us your quick Shout-Outs or Kudos to fellow staff for a job well done!**

**They can be serious or silly, professional or personal achievements!**

**<http://www.montana.edu/studentssuccess/newsletter.html>**

**James Tobin and Res. Life Leadership:** Great work in responding to critical incidents in the halls in November - *Matthew Caires*

**Erin Macdonald Peck and PFA student workers:** A major thank you to Erin Macdonald Peck, Kate Cowart, Rachel Gunnink, Erin Murdock and many others for coordinating nearly 1300 parent and family members during PFA weekend in October. - *Matthew Caires*

**Bri Cronin and Laurynn Olson:** Their coordination of another record-breaking year for Can the Griz! 327,174 pounds! Their efforts will help many families in need in our community. - *Mandy St. Aubyn*

**Tori Wood:** Tori recently returned from chaperoning 5 MSU students as they attended the Agriculture Future of America Leaders Conference. Attendees participated in career development and leadership workshops honing the skills and abilities needed to set themselves apart as future leaders in the Agriculture industry of Montana and beyond. - *Erin McCormick*

**Kaidan McNamee:** I am constantly impressed with the work and dedication that he puts into not only his own endeavors, but into always aiming to improve the way he respects people. I learn from him with every interaction and his kindness and generosity is something I cherish dearly

**Kate Cowart and DOS staff:** Thanks to Kate for helping us out at the CPS front desk and for her warmth and care with students. And to the DOS staff for sharing her with us! - *CPS Staff*

**Ashlee Dyk and team:** Ashlee, thank you so much for organizing our coffee corner!!! And thanks to everyone else who helped put it on. - *Alice Brown*

**Spencer Sorensen:** It's amazing how much Spencer can get done in a day. As the fearless leader of Intramurals, Aquatics, Club Sports and Rec Sports upcoming youth summer camps, the man is a house on fire (in a good way)! And the fact that he carries it all off while keeping a smile on his face, amazing! I would like to thank the **Registrar's office** for their support during a difficult time for me and my family. You are all diamonds in the rough! - *Jerri Weston*

### The Month in Photos

Send photos to [EAR@montana.edu](mailto:EAR@montana.edu) to get them featured in next month's newsletter!



Admissions getting spooky for Halloween!



The MSU climbing wall team put together a 50 participant competition all on their own. Andrew Benov, MSU CW employee came up with the idea to run a fun competition for students last spring that involved using partner problems, climbing problems that took two people to finish. He was able to gather up his five co-workers to execute a competition like never before with the organization and leadership of lead setter Noah Bosworth and setters Noah Ullman, Ryan Anderson, Sophia Winfrey and Megan Fink. This fun competition gave points for style and challenged a new domain for this group and its participants. Way to go!



It was a full house at the

Group Exercise (GX)

Glow Ride on November

15! Thanks to Whitney

Hinshaw's innovative

programming ideas,

Group Exercise (GX) at

the Hosaeus Fitness Center

continues to

grow. Join us sometime.



The Registrar's Office

celebrating Boss' Day by

dressing like their Boss

the Registrar, Tony

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