Undergraduate Scholars Program

Harvard graduate students Jordan Kennedy & Michael Ruiz made it clear that their opportunities multiplied by engaging in undergraduate research through MSU's Undergraduate Scholars Program (USP). USP promotes multidisciplinary undergraduate research helping undergraduates in all disciplines pursue research, scholarships, and creative projects. **And you get paid!** Research can be conducted with many of the professors you already know. Applications for research in spring semester are due Friday, December 2, summer grants are due on February 24.

The chance of your proposal being accepted is much greater than you think! Learn more [here](#).

If you need help developing your ideas or proposal, visit with Dr. Megkian Doyle.

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DeStress Fest & Live Champ Change Auction

The end of the semester is a stressful time for everybody, so here's a little break. Enjoy free food, free massages, an extreme gingerbread house building contest, games and study tips! Early arrivals will get free t-shirts. And great prizes will be raffled off!

The live and in-person Champ Change auctions give you a better sense of who's outbidding you that do the online auctions. Be sure to check this out. There's more information [here](#) including a list of where you can grab those points! If you miss the auction, you can use your points to "purchase" Champ Change items.

**Wednesday, November 30, 6-8 pm**

**SUB Ballroom**

**TRiO Champ Change Purchase Program**

TRiO SSS is working on allowing members of our cohort to exchange your Champ Change points for gift cards at the bookstore and other supplies. If you would prefer to have an MSU Bookstore credit, stay tuned for details on that program soon.

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**TRiO Peer Mentor Program**

Be a mentor or get a mentor! The TRiO Peer Mentor program gives other TRiO scholars the opportunity to mentor a fellow student new to MSU, or you can request
your very own mentor. Here’s a full explanation of the program.

TRIO Peer Mentor Patty Kem says, “I enjoy being a mentor because I feel I’m impacting someone’s life positively and giving them guidance when they’re new to school which sometimes can be stressful. It’s fun to connect with someone that’s different from me.”

Applications to be a mentor or mentee are available here.

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**Town Hall for Campus Unity**

We recognize that many members of our community are experiencing a heightened level of fear and uncertainty since the election, and an increase nationwide in expressions and acts of racism, anti-semitism, misogyny and homophobia and other forms of political intolerance that have followed it.

As a community, it is important that we work together to actively reject bigotry and build a climate of inclusion and respect at MSU. The Town Hall for Campus Unity is an opportunity for all students, staff and faculty to come together and be heard. We invite you to participate in this Town Hall to share your fears, and importantly, your hopes, about what can be done to ensure that our campus community is supportive and inclusive. Come to express your views and support each other as a community. Faculty and members of the administration will be present, and desire to listen first and learn from what members of our community have to share.

**December 5th, 4-5:30 pm**

SUB Ballroom A

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**Announcements**

**TRiO Breakfast on Wednesday, November 30**

Drop by between 8:30 and 11:30 am for a hot & nutritious breakfast.

**Having a Hard Time Getting Some of Your Classes? Some sections have just opened up!**

If you are waiting to get into a class, there might be hope. If you see your classes below, call or visit with Megkian Doyle and she will tell you more.

Here are some additional sections open for classes in the following:

- Chemistry 100 & 200 level courses
- Biology 260 lecture and lab sections
- Writing 101
- Math -- all math sections are being carefully monitored and room will be available for qualified students who need the course.
- University Seminar – US Core. If you need these, there will be space in CLS 101s, COMX 111, and for students with 30+ credits CLS 2091, EDU 101 and LS101.
ECNS 202 for those who need it this spring.

**Dismantling Hatred -- Skills & Strategies You Can Use**

The Montana Racial Equity Project and Hopa Mountain co-present this workshop which will enable you to develop skills and strategies to dismantle hatred towards disadvantaged and marginalized peoples. You will gain awareness of key definitions and history and also develop the ability and equanimity to recognize and deal with racism, bigotry and prejudice whenever you encounter it.

Class size limited to 20 people, and cost is $40 per person / $20 per student.

This workshop is presented on three different dates:
~Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 9 am - 3 pm
~Saturday, December 10, 2016, 9 am - 3 pm
~Monday, January 16, 2017 (Martin Luther King Day and a holiday from school and work for many.)

Cost is $40 per person or $20 per student

Pre-registration is required. More information is [here](#).

For TRIO students who would like to attend, please let Julian, Megkian or Elizabeth know, and we will arrange sponsorship or a scholarship.

**Non-Traditional Student Club Invites You!**

What's a non-traditional student? Most of us! Specifically, it's students who

- have been out of school (high school or college) for three or more years
- financially independent, or those with children
- under-represented minority students
- Veterans

TRIO Scholar Carter McIver and several other students invite you to a meeting to learn more and be a part of developing a group that serves non-trads. Your needs are different than traditional students.

Learn more about them

Wednesday, November 30th, 4:30- 5:30 pm
Blackstone LaunchPad (Union Market in the SUB)

**Help with Justin Odea's Neuroscience-Computer Research!**

TRIO SSS and McNair scholar Justin Odea is conducting research now. Sign up as a participant and see what research is like from that side. He is examining how brain waves change when participants are completing a shared activity. The study takes 15 to 20 minutes and can be done anywhere on campus.

Information will be used to further neuroscience research. Contact Justin at odeajustin@gmail.com

**Farm & Ranch Jobs and Training**

Spend your summer outdoors, get your hands dirty and experience the tough and rewarding work of farming or ranching in Montana. Amid the breathtaking views and endless wilderness recreation, Montana boasts an incredible range of agriculture. On Farm Link Montana, you can find jobs producing wheat and pulses, organic vegetables, cattle, dairy, hops and more.

This FREE web resource connects job and internship seekers with Montana farms and ranches. The site features a map displaying farms and ranches with open positions, which are searchable by type of production. Read information about each operation and fill out one common application form to apply for all the jobs that interest you.
Although each position is different, most jobs and internships run the whole season, April to November. Apply now as many farmers and ranchers do their hiring during the winter months.

For more information and to apply visit www.farmlinkmontana.org or contact dave@farmlinkmontana.org

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**Nutritious Food On A Budget**

Here's a [link to healthy eating](#) on a budget. It's got recipes, nutrition values, sample menus and costs associate with each recipe. Try some of these out.

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