Bobcat Athletics

Now is the time to invest in the extraordinary talent we are proud to call our Bobcat student-athletes.

WHAT IT TAKES
The Campaign for
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
WINNING DOESN’T JUST HAPPEN.

Championship programs are the fruition of years of consistent investment—investments in people, places and programs.

Bobcat intercollegiate athletics invests in people through student-athlete scholarships—our most competitive recruiting tool. The rewards of an academically strong, healthy and winning athletic program are felt by many—students, faculty and staff, alumni and friends, fans and community members.

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It takes $5.1 million in scholarships to support our Bobcat student-athletes.

Generous contributions from over 1,300 loyal Bobcat donors and numerous special events total $1.1 million. However, this falls short of our $1.91 million goal to cover the costs of every Bobcat student-athlete scholarship annually.

Gifts to Bobcat Athletics will help us meet our goal and strengthen our program.
Bobcat student-athletes excel in competition and in the classroom

81%
Bobcat graduation success rate (as assessed by the NCAA six-year graduation rate)

3.1
AVERAGE BOBCAT STUDENT-ATHLETE GPA FOR 2015-16

30%

35%
of Bobcat student-athletes pursuing STEM majors in fall 2016

3,751
Hours of community service Bobcat student-athletes provided in 2015–16 academic year

CHRISTIE SCHIEL
Industrial engineering major, Christie Schiel of Cheyenne, Wyoming holds the Big Sky Conference 2016 championship title for the outdoor 800-meter. Persevering through injuries, Christie shaved time off her 2015 performance earning back-to-back titles and a 2:09.95 personal best. A champion in the classroom too, Christie has made the President’s and Dean’s Honor Rolls every semester.

ANIKA MILLER
Last winter, Anika Miller of McCall, Idaho made history becoming Montana State’s first-ever female athlete to win an individual national championship in skiing. The exercise science major also became the first Bobcat to win a national title in skiing since Dan Brelsford won the slalom title in 1978. Anika captured the crown in the 5-kilometer freestyle in a time of 13:06.1. Her effort helped MSU to a fourth place team finish, the highest in school history.

MITCH HERBERT
Growing up with a father and grandfather who taught biology, you might say Mitch’s passion for the subject is in his genes. The Cell Biology & Neuroscience major from Eugene, Oregon has dreamed of becoming a doctor. He came to MSU to pursue that dream while living out another—playing Division I football for the Bobcats. Also one to give back, Mitch serves as the co-president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, addressing issues related to the wellbeing and academic success of student athletes.

Mitch is both grateful and proud to be a Bobcat. “Nothing beats the game day experience and running out of the tunnel to 20,000 cheering fans. The support we receive from the community and fans is unbelievable.”
Dear Bobcat fans and friends,

Every day, we witness how Bobcat supporters impact the lives of student-athletes that choose to be Bobcats. Private support provides the means for our student-athletes to live their dreams of competing in their sport at the Division I level while earning a degree from a world-class institution.

Each gift enables Bobcat Athletics to recruit and retain the best students and to develop these young athletes with the guidance and resources they need to be successful.

MSU Athletics is committed to the academic, athletic and social development of all students competing in their chosen sport. Your generous contributions further our ability to provide students with championship experiences in the classroom, competition and communities they serve. The end result is the development of champions now and in life after graduation.

Your support is vital to this effort. Make a gift today and support the mission of Bobcat Athletics. Every donation directly benefits Montana State’s student-athletes and the programs they represent.

Go ’Cats!

Leon Costello