Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready for all the exciting things this academic year will bring. This newsletter was put together in an effort to keep you and your students up-to-date on all the information regarding MSU’s programs and recruiting efforts. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 1-888-MSU-CATS or admissions@montana.edu. Good luck and have a great year!

Representatives Are Headed Your Way!

MSU Reps will be traveling all over Montana and many other states to attend college fairs, visit high schools and hold pizza parties. Please be sure to encourage your juniors and seniors to attend any or all of these events. Your students will receive a letter telling them when we will be in their area. We want to ensure that all interested students receive the necessary information, so if a student is unable to attend our presentation or if they are not receiving the attention you believe they deserve, please let us know.

Admissions And Scholarships

Inside the MSU Viewbook, students will find an application for admission. The application form includes a checklist of “things to do” prior to enrollment at MSU. It also includes the Health History Form and a request form to send to Residence Life for information regarding on-campus housing. The Health History Form must be returned before students can register for classes.

New For Fall 2005:
MSU has a fantastic scholarship program. The majority of our scholarships are now automated. For general achievement scholarships, all students need to do is apply for admission and have their official ACT or SAT scores sent directly to MSU.

To find out more about these scholarships in addition to our departmental and Presidential scholarships where applications and deadlines apply, visit www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships.shtml.
New At MSU

- Outside Magazine recently named Bozeman the number five college town in the nation.
- Skiing Magazine choose Bozeman as the fourth best ski town in the country in September of 2004.
- MSU ranks among the top eleven schools in the country for the number of students who have received the nationally prestigious Goldwater Scholarship. Since the program began in 1996 MSU has had 44 students recognized for their excellence in math and science. Schools that are “trying to catch up” include Brown, MIT and Yale.
- With $88 million in research expenditures for fiscal year 2004, MSU is ranked by the National Science Foundation as one of the top 100 research universities in the country.
- The new University Core 2.0 curriculum is focused on inquiry-based learning. Through Core 2.0 all first year students will have the opportunity to take a University Seminar, which is a small class (less than 20 students) that focuses on strengthening the student’s critical thinking habits.
- MSU is home to a 2003 Truman Scholar.
- MSU welcomed seventeen National Merit Finalists in the fall of 2004.
- More than 300 students each year participate in cutting-edge research opportunities through the Undergraduate Scholars Program. Projects range from designing satellites that are being sent into outer space to original research on the history of Bozeman and Yellowstone National Park.
- MSU offers only two classes that have 300 or more students enrolled and only five percent of our lecture classes are taught by graduate teaching assistants.
- The Center for Biofilm Engineering is considered the world’s premier institute for the study of microbial biofilms, or slimy bacteria, which are a major source of chronic infections in humans. Interdisciplinary students study this sticky bacteria, which may also be harnessed to help fight bioterrorism.

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Campus Visitation Programs

A campus visit is a great opportunity to see first-hand what MSU is all about. We encourage every student to visit our campus and the campuses of any other college or university they are considering attending. These are the visit opportunities available to students this year at MSU:

MSU Friday

We will be offering three MSU Friday visit programs, which will take place on October 21, 2005; January 27, 2006; and March 10, 2006. MSU Friday is an all-day, on-campus program offering an in-depth preview of college life at MSU. Prospective students and their families will have the opportunity to meet with faculty and students, explore academic facilities, tour the campus and residence halls and investigate possibilities for financial aid and scholarships. The cost of the program is $15 per person and includes lunch and snacks.
Montana State University Is The Best...

- There were 89 valedictorians in the freshman class in the fall of 2004.
- MSU students pass the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam at a rate of over 92%. The national average is 78%.
- Over 90% of business grads receive job offers in their option areas.
- College of Nursing graduates have had over a 90% pass rate on the NCLEX-RN national registry exam for the past five years. The national average is 85%.
- 100% of music education graduates have jobs upon graduation.
- Small group freshman seminars help new students get off to a great start at MSU.
- Praveen Singh, a student in the graduate program in Science and Natural History Filmmaking, won a student Emmy for his film, “Indian Leopards-The Kill-}

ing Fields” a one-hour film about the man-eating leopards in India. The film is currently airing on the Discovery Channel.
- The Japan Studies minor, administered jointly by the Departments of Modern Languages and History, combines studies of Japanese language, literature, history and culture, providing students with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in Japanese environments.
- MSU’s Graphic Design program is the only professional graphic design program in the state.
- MSU students who complete the Teacher Preparation Program are highly competitive for job placement in the state, region and nation. In excess of 90% are placed in the location of their choosing.
- 15% of MSU’s education students complete their student teaching requirements abroad. Students have the option of going to Australia, New Zealand, or the United Kingdom.
- The MSU Honors Program gives participating students the opportunity to mentor gifted children in local schools.
- Students can choose to study at 220 study abroad locations in 50 countries or at hundreds of institutions across the U.S.
- MSU’s Museum of the Rockies includes a world-recognized dinosaur collection and is a leader in excavation of Lewis and Clark campsites.
- Students living on campus have access to the fastest residential internet connection in Montana.
- MSU is home to a world-class facility for Computational Biology Research that utilizes computer models to unlock the secrets of the brain.
- College of Engineering students fully utilize internship opportunities in all engineering fields. Students earn while they learn and add impressive real-world experience to their resumes.
- MSU’s Residence Hall Association was recently named the top program in the nation.

Campus Visits

MSU also offers personal visits, which provide prospective students the opportunity to meet faculty, staff and students and to explore campus life first-hand.

As part of a campus visit, the Admission’s staff can schedule any or all of the following: a campus tour, a residence hall tour, an appointment with an MSU Representative, a visit with a faculty member, and a classroom visit (available October through April). We encourage students and their families to take part in as many of these activities as possible in order to make the most out of their visit to MSU.

In order for Admissions to schedule personal visits and arrange necessary meetings, we encourage students to call at least two weeks in advance. Please contact us at 406-994-2452, toll free at 1-888-MSU-CATS or send an e-mail to admissions@montana.edu.
Host Program

The Residence Life Office invites your students to become acquainted with MSU as an overnight guest of a current MSU student. The students can eat all meals on campus and attend campus events. The program is available from October 1 through the end of April. There will be some black out dates for this program due to holidays, exams, special events, etc. The fee for the Host program is $50. For more information and/or to make arrangements, please contact the Residence Life office at 406-994-2661.

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