

Official Newsletter of GEAR UP MSU



CONQUERING COLLEGE

"Stepping out of your comfort zone can be one of the best things you can accomplish in college."

-Phillip P.
MSU Freshman

"Have study/homework parties with your friends or classmates. Bring snacks, drinks, and music."

-Hunter K.
MSU Fourth Year student

"Spring has sprung, let's get this done!"

-Mark B.
MSU Second Year student

PLANNING FOR FALL SEMESTER

By Brent Lloyd, GEAR UP Graduate Assistant

It's that time of year once again! Registration for summer (optional) and fall semester is open, and all of our current GEAR UP students should be registered for new classes by now. Summer courses are an excellent option for students to catch up or work ahead.

If students are ever curious about the courses they have ahead of them in their chosen major or the areas of their CORE requirements, using the DegreeWorks tool in MyInfo will allow students to see a clear picture of the path ahead. We encourage all of our students to use DegreeWorks regularly to check their progress! Planning ahead may also include housing if not already planned. Another Moving Off Campus Clinic will be offered on Tuesday, April 4th at noon in SUB 168. More details on page 3 of this newsletter.

FALL 2023 SMART START SIGN-UP IS OPEN!

Registration for the Fall 2023 Smart Start Welcome Program for incoming freshmen is now open! The program includes early move-in to assigned Residence Hall, community and connection with other GEAR UP and TRIO students, and fun activities! Sign up for the Smart Start Welcome Program in CatsConnect: <https://www.montana.edu/catsconnect/>



COMMUNITY REC NIGHT

Our final Community Rec Night of the semester will take place on Tuesday, April 18th. These Rec Nights have been an awesome way for students to get out and get to know each other, relax and enjoy some fun and games, and have dinner. GEAR UP students who attend these events, among many others, get entered into a ChampChange drawing to be held during Community Rec Night. Our final grand prize will be awarded during our Moving On and Moving Up event on May 2nd.

COMMUNITY REC NIGHTS

FEBRUARY 16, 2023

MARCH 29, 2023

APRIL 18, 2023

MEET A GEAR UP STUDENT

CAROLINE SPOTTED EAGLE

Caroline is a freshman from Browning, Montana currently studying pre-medicine at MSU with a goal of becoming a dental hygienist. Caroline was inspired to attend college by her father John, who always reminded her to put education first and sacrificed so Caroline and her siblings could thrive and shine. Caroline has also been inspired by her sister Nevaeh, who is preparing to graduate with a nursing degree and is a role model for her. Prior to attending MSU, Caroline participated in GEAR UP since she was a sophomore in high school, and was a member of the varsity cheer squad. At MSU, Caroline is involved with the American Indian Center, loves to craft and crochet, and enjoys taking mindful walks around campus and Bozeman!



Caroline Spotted Eagle, Browning, MT

COMING UP ON CAMPUS



Moving Off Campus Clinic

TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH, 12:00-1:00 PM, SUB 168

Join the Office of Financial Education and Off Campus Student Life to learn skills and information for moving off-campus; including budgeting skills, credit requirement information, housing resources, house-hunting tips, roommate considerations and unexpected costs of living off-campus. RSVP for the event on CatsConnect!



Paying for School Clinics

TUESDAY, APRIL 18TH, 12-1 PM & WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26TH, 4-5 PM, VIRTUAL

The Office of Financial Education is putting on clinics for incoming freshmen and families to help students learn how to budget for each semester, complete financial aid documents, manage refunds, discuss financial challenges, find scholarship opportunities and confirm student bills. If you are interested in attending, RSVP on CatsConnect!

Last Day to Withdraw from Courses

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH

If withdrawal from a course becomes necessary to avoid failing the course, the final day to drop with a W is Wednesday, April 19th. Students should contact their advisors for help with the withdrawal process. For more information see <https://www.montana.edu/registrar/adddropcourse.html>



GEAR UP & TRIO SSS Earth Day BBQ

*Earth Day BBQ
& Games*

April 22, 2023
11am - 2pm



SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Join TRIO SSS and GEAR UP for a day of pickleball, yard games, and BBQ for Earth Day! We will be gathering at Southside Park (within walking/biking distance of campus) at 11:00 am and will bring all of the yard games and food! All you need to do is show up! As always, friends and family are encouraged!

MARCH 2023

Highlights



On March 8th GEAR UP hosted a lunch for students from GEAR UP schools Libby, Thompson Falls, and Superior who were on campus to compete in the Montana Science Olympiad.

On March 21st, future GEAR UP MSU student Chesney Lowe from Thompson Falls visited the MSU campus with her grandfather.

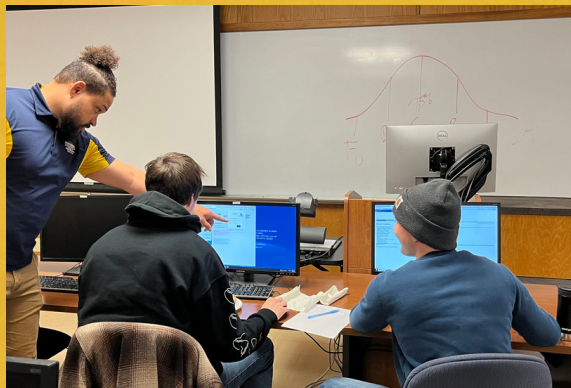


On March 22nd, GEAR UP MSU Director Judi Haskins traveled to Lodge Grass High School to meet with students, including incoming Fall 2023 MSU student Kaycei Hugs (on left).



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On March 30th, TRIO and GEAR UP held a registration breakfast to help students register for summer and fall 2023 classes. Staff from MSU's Registrar's Office was on hand to help.



On March 31st and April 1st, MSU hosted the 47th annual MSU Powwow with contestants from around the state participating, including from GEAR UP schools. Congratulations to the winners at this year's powwow!

Images courtesy of MSU American Indian Council

