

Official Newsletter of GEAR UP MSU



COMMENCEMENT

By Brent Lloyd, GEAR UP MSU Program Graduate Assistant

On Friday, May 13th, Montana State's Spring Commencement will take place, celebrating the success and achievements of the newest class of Bobcat graduates. The feeling of walking across the stage at commencement is unlike any other. It is a feeling of pride in what you have accomplished. A feeling of relief knowing that all of the hard work, all of the busy days and long nights have paid off as you are recognized and receive your diploma, making you an alumnus of a great university. And most of all it is a feeling of excitement as you move into a new phase of your life.



Brent Lloyd, May 2021 MSU graduate

COMING UP ON CAMPUS



GEAR UP ChampChange Drawing

TUESDAY MAY 10TH, AT 3PM

The GEAR UP ChampChange winners will be drawn on Tuesday, May 10th, at 3:00 pm. Up to \$1,000 in gift cards will be awarded to GEAR UP first-year students who have been collecting ChampChange points during Spring semester. The more ChampChange points collected, the better the chances of winning! See flyer at end of newsletter for more info.



MSU Bookstore Returns

MAY 5TH-13TH AT THE MSU BOOKSTORE

Want to return your textbooks or sell them back to the bookstore? The MSU Bookstore will be open to accept buybacks and rental returns that you bought at the beginning of the semester.

Commencement

FRIDAY, MAY 13TH AT THE BRICK BREEDEN FIELDHOUSE

The MSU class of 2022 will be celebrated on Friday, May 13th. There are two different ceremonies, the morning ceremony will be celebrating the students in the colleges of Arts & Architecture, Business, Letters & Science, and Nursing, and will start at 9 am. The afternoon ceremony starting at 1:30 pm, will be celebrating the students in the college of Agriculture, Education & HHD Engineering and Gallatin College.



Wrapping up and looking ahead



- Thursday, May 12th is the last day of finals
- Friday, May 13th: Residence Halls close at 3:00 pm for summer
- Still looking for off-campus housing? Visit MSU's Off-Campus Living program for resources and support: www.montana.edu/offcampusstudentlife/
- Have a restful summer! See you back at the beginning of Fall semester on Wednesday, August 24th.

DECISION DAY!

HELP US WELCOME THE INCOMING FALL 2022 CLASS FROM MONTANA'S GEAR UP SCHOOLS!

MSU is looking forward to welcoming the next incoming class to Bozeman. Montana GEAR UP high schools will be celebrating Decision Day May 2nd-6th! Check out mus.edu/college-access/decisionday for more information.



students at Thompson Falls High School with their Decision Day items from MSU

"Montana's Decision Day is based on the traditional signing day by athletes on May 1st. Decision Day events provide school communities a chance to celebrate the post-secondary plans for their graduating class, while simultaneously creating a college-going atmosphere for all grade levels by promoting college awareness, career, technical, and military opportunities. Using encouragement through recognition, this event provides an opportunity to support students in the transition after high school, and fosters inclusivity and community by recognizing each student's post-high school goals. Join us in celebrating the post-secondary decisions of Montana's seniors!"

MEET A GEAR UP STUDENT

VISARA WHITEMANRUNSHIM

Visara is a Freshmen at Montana State University studying Psychology. She is originally from Lodge Grass, MT where she was inspired to go to college to acquire success and inspire the youth in that community. She desires to show the younger generation there can be more to life. GEAR UP has helped Visara in her first year of college through encouraging mental health, helping register for classes, and encouraging success. She likes to go bowling, fishing, and explore the Bighorn Mountains with family in her free time.



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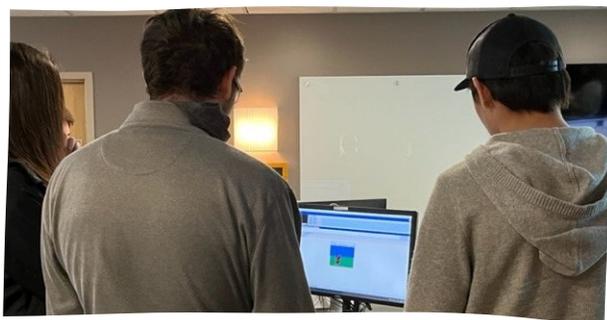
APRIL Highlights



Middle school girls from St. Regis and Rocky Boy (right), joined us for the MSU STEAM Day GEAR UP Meet & Greet on April 9th. They participated in some ice breakers, learned about life at MSU, and had a meal at Rendezvous Dining Hall. These young ladies are already demonstrating amazing Bobcat potential through their community-building and curiosity.



On April 15th, Montana Science Olympiad was held at MSU, with schools from across the state competing in STEM-based activities. GEAR UP MSU held a Meet & Greet (left) for competitors from GEAR UP schools Libby, Superior, and Thompson Falls.



On April 21st, a small group of Hardin High School students visited MSU (left) to explore engineering and computer science programs. They participated in many activities and learned about cybersecurity, robotics, and spent time in the MSU Makerspace. They also toured American Indian Hall, had a campus and residence hall tour, and had lunch with current MSU students from Hardin.





DRAWING

TUESDAY, MAY 10TH

3:00 PM

GEAR UP OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR OF THE MSU LIBRARY

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better chances of winning!

You still have time! Collect ChampChange points up until May 9th to be
entered to win!

Email gearupmsu@montana.edu for more info or visit www.montana.edu/gearup