

Official Newsletter of GEAR UP MSU**CONQUERING COLLEGE**

"College is like a factory, the more effort you put in, the better results you will see."
-Patrick G, MSU Sophomore

"Things that come easy isn't where growth comes from. Adversity pushes you to grow."
-Jacob E, MSU Sophomore

"Stay organized; it's easier to stay on top of your work when you know what's approaching."
-Carmen M, MSU Sophomore

WELCOME TO MSU BOBCATS!

By Jenalyn Slead, GEAR UP Program Assistant

Welcome to Montana State University GEAR UP students, and welcome back returning upperclassmen! We are so excited to have you all here and to be of assistance to you and your academic needs as you navigate your first year of college. GEAR UP MSU is a safe space for you to ask any and all questions regarding school and your needs when it comes to school supplies and textbooks. We are also here to lend a listening ear and to be somewhere to go to when you need a little break. Our office, located on the second floor of the MSU Library, is consistently stocked with snacks and drinks and a comfy place to sit. Feel free to stop in and say hello to our staff, and good luck on the first semester!

NATIVE STUDENT PREVIEW DAY

Montana State University is excited to offer Native Student Preview Day on Friday, October 6th, 2023. Native Student Preview Day gives prospective first-time and transfer students the opportunity to meet MSU faculty and staff, engage with current students, tour campus, connect with academic departments, and learn more about campus resources such as financial aid, Native student support services, and housing. Native Student Preview Day is free and open to individuals, school groups, and families. The registration form can be found at

https://www.montana.edu/aiansss/Native_Student_Preview_Day_Registration.html



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NATIVE STUDENT PREVIEW DAY
For prospective Native students to get an in-depth preview of life at Montana State University

GEAR UP MSU **MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY** Department of Native American Studies

PARENT FAMILY WEEKEND

On October 13th and 14th, MSU will be hosting the annual Parent Family Weekend. Come join your Bobcat and enjoy a weekend of fun events including hiking, visiting the Museum of the Rockies, and even attending a Montana State football game! For more information visit www.montana.edu/parents.

GEAR UP will pay for registration for first-year GEAR UP students' families! Registration funded by GEAR UP is different than for non-GEAR UP families. Contact our office today at (406) 994-1665 or email gearupmsu@montana.edu

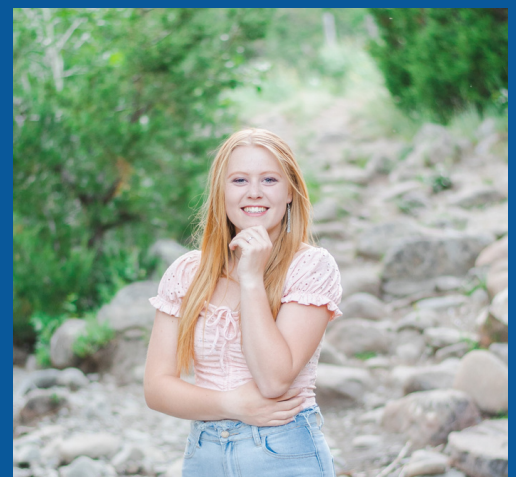
MEET A GEAR UP STUDENT

MACY HILL

Macy Hill is a freshman from St. Regis, MT.

She is currently studying biological sciences with a concentration in fish and wildlife ecology, however outside of class time she enjoys playing basketball, getting outdoors, and working with horses and cattle. After college, she hopes to work as a researcher and ecologist to provide data and new information for our education system.

Macy gets inspiration from her mother, who has taught her how to live efficiently, manage her time wisely, and above all treat others with the love and respect she treats Macy with. She has also instilled so much drive and motivation in Macy's personality that has been such an amazing asset to her college journey so far.



Macy Hill, St. Regis, MT

COMING UP ON CAMPUS



Student Employment Job Fair

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Need a job? Check out your options at the on-campus student employment job fair! Find options with competitive pay, on-campus convenience, and are flexible with class-schedules! The fair will be held at The Big Tent by Montana Hall. For more information visit the Allen Yarnell Center for Student Success.



MSU Debut

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

MSU Debut is a collection of events and activities to help you begin the semester by engaging with your new community. Check out all of the exciting MSU Debut activities and get involved!



BBQ Party

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Join the TRIO SSS, GEAR UP, EMPOWER, DISC, and Veteran Center Staff for an afternoon of BBQ food (veggie options available!), yard games, music, and fun! Friends and family are encouraged to attend. We will provide the food, music, and yard games. You provide the excitement! Please RSVP in CatsConnect.



Wellness Wonderland

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Join us to learn about all aspects of health and wellness! There will be campus resources, informational booths, games, raffle giveaways, drinks, music, and more! The health and wellness resource fair will be held in the Romney Oval.



SUMMER 2023

Highlights



GEAR UP and TRIO hosted their annual Smart Start Welcome Program on August 17th and 18th. Students were able to meet each other and participate in fun group activities outdoors.



GEAR UP middle and high school students were invited to attend summer programs to learn about Yellowstone National Park and explore earth and space science.

Parents and families were able to participate in the 2nd annual GEAR UP Parent Family Send-Off Dinner on August 16th, before their students began their journey here at Montana State University.

