



## 2018 Student of Achievement Award Recipients

*The Women's Center is proud to highlight thirteen students who have enriched our campus through their hard work, team spirit, community activism, and leadership. We are honored to have an opportunity to recognize each of these students who have contributed much to Montana State University. The following is a very incomplete list of their activities, accomplishments, and the many ways they wish to make our world a better place.*

*Thanks to each one of you and the best of luck to you upon graduation!*

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**Terry Bradley** will complete his degree in Elementary Education with a Science Option in December. He is a McNair Scholar and a first generation college student. While at MSU, Terry has been a Sustained Dialogue moderator, LGBTQ mentor, Marketing Director of the American Indian Council of MSU, and Student Advisor for the Society of Indigenous Educators. He has worked at the Diversity and Inclusion Student Commons since 2014 and currently holds the inaugural position of the ASMSU Student Director of Diversity and Inclusion. Terry was also a summer school teacher at Huntley Project Migrant Summer School and a migrant tutor. He has attended and presented at a myriad of conferences and workshops and has organized the first Student Diversity Symposium at MSU (tomorrow!). Terry is headed to graduate school and has a clear view of his potential: "I do know that I want to change the world for the better."

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**Destiny Brugman** is graduating in May with a degree in English Writing Studies and a Psychology minor. She was a Pink Gloves Boxing instructor and a member of the History Club, Students Against Sexual Assault (SASA), and the Not in Our House (NIOH) campaign. Destiny has been volunteering as an advocate with the VOICE Center since 2015 and was also a peer educator. She was the recipient of a Burkean Parlor Travel Grant, the MSU Septemviri Award, MSU's Inklings Award, and a Horatio Alger Scholarship for four years of college. She worked at MSU's Writing Center focusing on tutor development and researched the importance of social justice and equality for Writing Center Spaces. Destiny says "I see the importance of nurturing student voices in places like writing centers where students and directors continue to learn by fostering spaces rooted in the need for student support and development."

**Gerrit Egnew** will graduate in May of this year with a degree in Biological Engineering. He has been an advocate at the Victim Options in a Campus Environment (VOICE) Center since 2014, was the President and cofounder of MSU's Science Policy Advocacy Network (SPAN) as well as the President of the Young Democratic Socialists at MSU. Gerrit has worked with the Not in Our House campaign, received an Undergraduate Scholars Program grant as well as a WUE scholarship, and volunteered at the Bozeman Bike Kitchen. Gerrit notes: "what is crystalline in my present and future is the knowledge that as I take steps away from Bozeman, I will seek to make the lives of those around me better, kinder, and happier."

**Laura Gilligan** will graduate in May with a Cell Biology and Neuroscience degree. She is an advocate with the VOICE Center, served as co-president of the Students for Choice club, is the co-president of Students Against Sexual Assault, and a Survivor Fund board member. Laura led groups of middle school girls through STEM-related workshops and worked at Reach where she advocated for adults with developmental disabilities so that they can live independent lives. She received the ASMSU Peer Service Award as well as the Outstanding Sophomore Service Award and an Award for Excellence. Laura says that the most important lessons she has learned are: "I am happiest when I can contribute to a cause I am passionate about and that we, as a society, need more people dedicated to the equality of all genders, sexual orientations, races, and abilities."

**Todd Jennings** will graduate in May with a degree in Philosophy and minors in Psychology and Political Science. He has been a member and Secretary for the Queer Straight Alliance student organization (QSA), and member and leader of the MSU Ethics Bowl team since 2015. Todd also recorded audio stories of queer individuals from rural Montana that can be found at <https://queerstoriesofmontana.tumblr.com/>. He was a resident advisor and promoted feminism and gender equality through bulletin boards featuring: Sustained Dialogue, the VOICE Center, and Bell Hook's conceptions of intersectionality. After graduation Todd plans to attend graduate school in clinical psychology and will focus his research on "mental health conditions among queer youth and adult populations." Ultimately, he wants to practice clinical psychology and notes: "I want to help struggling populations through research, practice, and advocacy for the rest of my life."

**Courtney Linder** is graduating in May with a degree in Computer Science and a minor in French Studies. She has been a Student Advisor for the Red Chair Movement since 2016, which raises awareness of women in computing. She has also served as both the President and Treasurer of the Association for Women in Computing. After graduation, Courtney plans to attend graduate school at Clemson University and pursue a doctoral degree in Industrial Engineering. She hopes to complete research with Human-Computer Interactions and "create inventions that benefit humankind." She also hopes that these inventions will help those struggling with mental health issues and can help break down the stigma surrounding these. Courtney explains, "...that is why I would like to study mental health in the context of virtual reality or augmented reality to better understand the issues, and maybe use these instruments as tools to be part of a solution to help people with mental health problems."

**Cori Manning** will graduate this May with a degree in Applied Psychology and a minor in Latin American and Latino Studies. Cori is a member of the Eastern Wind River Shoshone Tribe of Wyoming and has volunteered in a Psychology lab on campus focused on

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suicide, unhealthy behaviors, and micro-aggressions towards Native populations and students of color around Montana. She has also served as an advocate at the VOICE Center for all four years of college, and has held various leadership roles within Alpha Omicron Pi. She is currently taking a class about Salvadoran refugees and helped write a grant to bring a speaker to MSU on the topic. After graduation, Cori hopes to pursue a master's degree in family/marriage therapy and work for several years before perhaps pursuing a PhD. She explains, "I would love to research suicide in rural populations and under-represented populations to help with suicide prevention and education."

**Jennifer Mikkelson** is graduating in December of this year with a History degree. She has served as a VOICE Center peer advocate, an Eagle Mount Volunteer Ski Instructor, and Vice President of the Montana Wilderness Association at MSU. Jennifer has also served as a Food Security Educator and implemented a curriculum for a gardening program for at-risk youth for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank; as a result, she received a Montana INBRE Grant. Jennifer also was a member of the MSU Triathlon Club, and after graduation, hopes to work as an advocate and attend law school to obtain either a dual M.F.A/ JD degree in Women's History and Law from Sarah Lawrence, or a JD/ Masters of Arts in Restorative Justice from Vermont Law School. Jennifer notes: "I have always been interested in our collective societal narratives and how to effectively change them. The VOICE Center has opened my eyes not only to new narratives, but also to new ways of both challenge and compassion."

**McKayla Murphy** will graduate with a degree in Business Marketing with an Entrepreneurship minor and a Leadership Certificate. She is the Sustainability Now co-president, a VOICE Center Peer Advocate and Educator, and the captain of the co-ed hockey team. McKayla volunteers as a server at the Community Café and works with Miller Dining Hall to reduce food waste. She is a club member of Students for Choice, assisted the VOICE Center in launching the "Respect is Hot Campaign," and conducted surveys to learn about students' knowledge of the VOICE center and ways to improve visibility. McKayla plans to work somewhere that aligns with her beliefs and continue to question the status quo. She notes: "Without passion, I would not dive deeper into the conversations I have, nor would I do my own research to form opinions on pressing topics related to feminism, sexual assault, and sexual violence."

**Brenna Ostertag** is graduating this spring with a double major in Cell Biology and Neuroscience, and Exercise Science. Since 2013, she has been a member of the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) which she presently Co-Chairs, and she volunteers at both Compassus Hospice and Bridgercare. Brenna has received the Excellence in Tutoring Award, a Cameron Pioneer Memorial Scholarship and the Helyn McGowen Scholarship. She was a Smarty Cats Tutor and a Student Fellow for Honors 201. Brenna is applying to medical school with the goal of becoming a primary care doctor and eventually practicing in rural Montana. She notes: "I sincerely hope that when I become a physician, I am able to establish and support the types of resources that will promote the health and well-being of my patients and the community in a respectful and inclusive manner."

**Samantha Sandstrom** will graduate next December with a degree in Sociology, and a Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies minor. She is an advocate and peer educator with the VOICE Center, is Vice President of Recruitment for Alpha Gamma Delta, and a member of Students Against Sexual Assault and the Not in Our House campaign. Immediately upon graduation, Samantha plans to work at a university as an Education Specialist or Volunteer Coordinator for an organization similar to the VOICE Center so she can gain some experience. Then she plans to pursue work at a national organization or non-profit to focus on violence prevention. Sami notes: "Upon graduation, I plan to continue my work as a social justice warrior!"

**Eleanor Sawyer** is graduating in May with degrees in Sociology-Criminology and Political Science-International Relations with a Hispanic Studies minor. She is a founding member and the current President of the HEART Initiative which addresses the massive problem of human trafficking. Elly is also a VOICE Center Peer Advocate and Educator, and a volunteer at the Warming Center and local Food Bank. She has made the Dean's Honor Roll for seven semesters, and President's Honor Roll for five. She was nominated for the Dean's Award for Academic Excellence, and received an MSU Premier Scholarship. Upon graduation, she will apply for a

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commission in the United States Air Force to work in the intelligence field. Elly notes: "My education and experience at MSU helped me create a world view by introducing me to professors whose research is impacting the world, students who are always willing to lose sleep to help others, and an empowerment to work with them in fostering a stronger community of respect."

**Callie Steffan** is graduating in May with an Applied Psychology degree and a Religious Studies minor. She was a research assistant for the Health and Human Development Research Lab and volunteers as a peer advocate for the VOICE Center. She received extensive training as a Safe Zone Trainer, and a Violence Prevention Workshop Advocate. She completed the CITI Human Subjects Research Certification, and completed her senior capstone research on the use of Spiritually Integrated Therapy. Callie received the Bonhomme Scholarship and Montana Access Challenge Grant. She hopes to work for MSU after graduation and notes: "I've decided that I want to go on advocating for other people, either as an advisor or a counselor."

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**FYI!! We have rescheduled Professor Sarah Deer, author of *The Beginning and End of Rape: Confronting Sexual Assault in Native America* who will present the Shannon Weatherly Lecture on Indigenous People's Day, October 8, 2018!**

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## Feminist Podcasts

By: Michelle Lopez & Andrea Lawrence

*Greetings all Womanifesto Readers! Thank you so much for your support and love during this school year. We'd like to end this year with some podcasts to keep your feminist ears happy all summer long.*

**Bitter Brown Femmes** is a bi-weekly podcast hosted by Cassandra and Ruben, also known on other social media platforms as Xicanisma and Queer Chicano Chisme. The hosts discuss topics such as activism, representation, and anti-blackness in the greater Latinx community. The podcast also features guests such as poet Yesika Salgado, and activist/writer Daniel Alvarenga. Whether you are a bitter brown femme or just an ally looking to understand more of the brown experience this podcast is a must! Check it out this summer.

**Stuff Mom Never Told You** is a great launching point for anyone who's starting off on their feminist adventure, or simply trying to learn more. SMNTY has been running for nearly nine years-- there are hundreds of episodes to tune in to – topics covered include marriage, gun control and the simpler questions like: why aren't there more pockets in women's clothing? Hosts Bridget Todd and Emilie Aries are both relatively new hosts to this long-running podcast but are making their predecessors proud. Their focus on intersectional feminist topics will keep you motivated to fight the patriarchy all summer long!

**Sooo many white guys** is a podcast hosted by Phoebe Robinson who has had enough with being the only black female comedian in a “sea of white dudes.” She expresses her own sense of humor and finds comradery through her interviews with various actors,

comedians, and musicians—all of whom are *not* white!

**Guys we F\*\*\*\*d** is a sex positive, “anti-slut shaming” podcast hosted by Corinne Fisher and Krystyna Hutchison. The two New York based women discuss anything and everything having to do with sex, including, but definitely not limited to, one-night stands, dirty talk, and “shame free sex.”

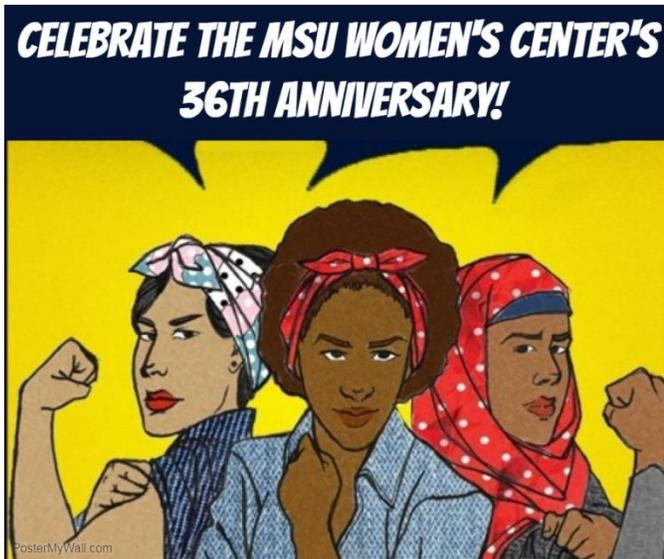
**2 Dope Queens** is hosted by Phoebe Robinson and Jessica Williams, who discuss everything from race and “natural” hair, to romance. The two also frequently interview hilarious guests to spice up their own commentary. Most listeners would warn you not to listen in public as you will most likely die of laughter.



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## Thirty-six Dollars for Thirty-six Years!

The MSU Women's Center is celebrating our 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year! We continue to provide quality programming and offer resources to MSU students, faculty, staff, and Bozeman community members.

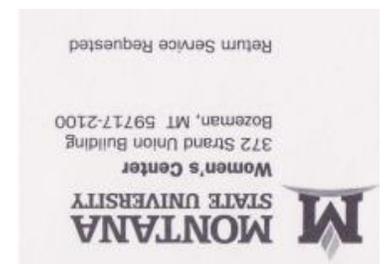
With your help we can continue to expand our resources and sponsor more exciting and relevant speakers, workshops, and events on campus! Celebrate 36 great years of the MSU Women's Center!

Yes! I'd like to be a part of the \$36 for 36 Years Campaign!

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