



November 8, 2021

VICE CHANCELLOR FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS/DEAN OF STUDENTS FINALISTS

The finalists for the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs/Dean of Students will visit Montana Tech over the next few weeks. Each candidate will have an open campus forum in the Copper Lounge or via Zoom at 1:00 pm. The finalists are:

November 10, 2021 – Robin Gore, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Pepperdine University

November 12, 2021 – Scott Walter, Ph.D., Assistant Vice President for Student Life, Miami University

November 15, 2021 – Craig Elliott, Ph.D., Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Samuel Merritt University

November 16, 2021 – Chris Bridges, Ph.D., higher education strategic consultant with EAB, and Director for Moon Shot for Equity

Please send your feedback to provost@mtech.edu. Information for each candidate and interview schedules, can be found at www.mtech.edu/vcsads/.

PAM HOGART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Montana Tech Staff Senate is now accepting applications for the Pam Hogart Staff Senate Memorial Scholarship, which will benefit a Montana Tech Staff member or a dependent of a staff member this Spring 2022 semester. The scholarship name honors Pam Hogart, who was previously a Staff Senate member and dedicated to helping students, staff, faculty, and other customers through her work in the Business Office. Staff Senate raised funds this year and hopes to continue fundraising to support this scholarship with the goal to offer at least one scholarship per academic year. The intent is to help staff who wish to broaden their knowledge or skills and/or help a staff member's dependent full-time student defray costs of attendance. More information and the scholarship application are available [here](#). **The application deadline is 5:00 PM on December 15, 2021.**

QUARANTINE MESSAGE NOTIFICATIONS

Have you recently received email notifications from quarantine@messaging.microsoft.com? These alerts are a new feature from Montana Tech's Microsoft Office 365 service. Previously if you did not receive an expected email you had to contact the IT Helpdesk to see if the email had been blocked or quarantined. You now will receive notifications from Microsoft informing you that you have messages that are quarantined. Generally, quarantined messages are identified as SPAM, PHISH or MALWARE. Please use caution releasing quarantined messages. Do not release messages from unknown senders or for emails you weren't expecting. If you have questions regarding SPAM, PHISH, or MALWARE, contact the IT Helpdesk at ext. 4244.

DR. EMILY ROLAND SPEAKING ON CAMPUS

Montana Tech's Public Lecture Series will host Dr. Emily Roland from Western Washington University on **November 10, 2021** at 4:00 p.m. Her presentation is titled, "*Toques, Whales & Lots of Seismometers: Exploring North America's Fastest-slipping Fault System.*" Dr. Emily Roland is an Assistant Professor at Western Washington University. Her research is focused on exploring how the structure of the Earth influences earthquakes, and sometimes landslide and tsunami susceptibility. The ZOOM-only presentation can be accessed [here](#).

FOOD WARS

ASMT has partnered with Chancellor Cook and the Butte Emergency Food Bank to launch a "Food Wars" competition on campus from **November 15-19**. All clubs and employee teams are encouraged to participate. Food Wars is a campus-wide event that allows students, faculty, and staff to get involved in the community. The challenge is to have your team collect the most food by November 19. The food will be donated to our food pantry and the Butte Emergency Food Bank. To participate, sign up [here](#) before November 12. Your team can include colleagues from your department, fellow Digger friends from multidisciplinary areas, gym buddies, etc. All employees are encouraged to gather a team and participate. ASMT and Chancellor Cook will collect food donations from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on November 15 in the SUB to kick-off the event. When you drop off your donations, you will receive a Montana Tech sticker and cookies! All registered team boxes will be in the SUB from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on the 15th. After 1:00 pm, the boxes will be moved to the specified location noted in the Qualtrics survey. The top three clubs that collect the most food will win \$300, \$200, and \$100 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The top Faculty and Staff Team will win a "Food Wars Champion Trophy" and a party package supplied by Chancellor Cook. Winners will be announced on November 19.

STAFF SENATE UPDATE

The Staff Senate is holding a second Meet & Greet due to the fantastic feedback received from the Montana Tech community! The Meet & Greet will be held on **November 9** in the Copper Lounge from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Stop by for homemade cookies, treats, and coffee. Make sure to follow the Montana Tech Staff Senate Facebook page to stay up-to-date on what's happening with Staff Senate.

MENTOR WITH A SENATOR

Keep an eye out for the new Staff Senate program, Mentor with a Senator, which will begin

after the new year. The program's focus will be to introduce new employees to the Montana Tech environment in a smooth and informational way. Watch for more details soon!

STAFF SENATE PAT ON THE BACK

Pat on the Back recognizes individual staff members and/or teams who have performed beyond expectation, making exceptional efforts to achieve Montana Tech's mission. Submit a nomination [here](#).

ASK THE SENATE

As an advisory group to the Chancellor, the Staff Senate recommends policies or changes to policies for consideration by the Chancellor and facilitates effective communication between Montana Tech administration and staff. Please use this forum as a neutral conduit to share your ideas, concerns, and ask questions about Montana Tech issues. The Staff Senate will forward each submission to the appropriate department for response and share the information on the Staff Senate webpage. We hope to hear from you! Submit [here](#).

STAFF SENATE LUNCH WALKS

Due to the change in the weather, the Staff Senate will discontinue lunch walks until further notice.

NETWORK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Network Services is planning to replace the Network Switches at Highlands College on **November 11-12**. Network connectivity to Highlands computers will experience intermittent outages while the switches are being replaced.

JUDO WORKSHOP

Montana Tech-Butte Judo Club will hold a two-hour safety and self-defense workshop on **Wednesday, November 17, 2021** at 5:00 pm at the HPER. All Montana Tech faculty, staff, students, and community members are invited to attend. An informational and interactive session focusing on personal safety, active self-protection, basic grappling and striking. To register, email John Amtmann at jamtman@mtech.edu. The workshop is free to students and \$10 for non-students. Please wear appropriate workout clothing.



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 9: Staff Senate Meet & Greet | 9:00 am | Copper Lounge
Lunch & Learn (First-Generation Celebration) | 12:00 pm | Copper Lounge
Veteran's Banquet | 5:00 pm | Copper Lounge

November 10: COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic | 10:00 am-2:00 pm | Big Butte Room
Robin Gore forum (VC candidate) | 1:00 pm | Copper Lounge or Zoom

Dr. Emily Roland, Public Lecture Series | 4:00 pm | Zoom
Women's Basketball vs. Bushnell University | 5:00 pm | HPER

November 11: Veteran's Day holiday

November 12: Scott Walter forum (VC candidate) | 1:00 pm | Copper Lounge or Zoom
Men's Basketball vs. The College of Idaho | 7:00 pm | HPER

November 13: Football vs. MSU-Northern | 1:00 pm | Bob Green Field
Men's Basketball vs Oklahoma City University | 7:00 pm | HPER

November 15: Craig Elliott (VC candidate) | 1:00 pm | Copper Lounge or Zoom
Food Wars kick-off | 11:00 am-1:00 pm | SUB
Vaccination sweatshirt hand-out | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm | SUB

November 16: Chris Bridges forum (VC candidate) | 1:00 pm | Copper Lounge or Zoom

November 15-19: Food Wars Competition

November 17: Judo Club Workshop | 5:00 pm | HPER

November 18-19: Board of Regents | University of Montana

November 19: Tech Day | 9:00 am-3:00 pm | [Sign-up here](#)

Find events happening in Butte [here](#).

Do you have an event you want listed in the campus events calendar on mtech.edu and the campus app?
Find directions [here](#).

