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SCHOOL OF MINES & ENGINEERING DEAN SEARCH

Montana Tech has launched the search for its next dean of the School of Mines & Engineering. Do you know someone who would be great to join our team? Encourage them to apply and learn more about the position [here](#).

HOLIDAY BRUNCH

The Chancellor's Office is hosting a Holiday Brunch for faculty and staff on **Tuesday, December 14, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am** in the Dining Hall. Please stop by anytime convenient for you to enjoy a wonderful meal with your co-workers. We know how hard everyone has been working and are grateful for your energy and passion for serving our students and community. Please RSVP via your calendar invite or by contacting Jodie at jdelay@mtech.edu or 406-496-4129.

LOOKING FOR A SOFTWARE PROJECT

Celia Schahczenski is looking for a software project to serve as the class project for the spring semester offering of ESOF 328, "Software Requirements and Specification." In this class, software engineering juniors spend the semester writing requirements for a software project. This is not a software development class. Therefore, the software is not developed by the students. In some cases, another class may develop the project or a portion of the project, in most cases they don't. This is a chance to have talented software engineers look closely at a software project in which you are interested. You will learn a lot about the project, what is and isn't feasible, the size and challenges, its risks, and a possible user interface. You will end up with a requirements document, or a portion of a requirements document, detailing the project. Please contact Celia at 406-496-4383 or cschahczenski@mtech.edu if you have questions or might have a project.

VACCINE CLINIC & TRAVEL ADVICE

Thank you all for your dedication to keeping our campus safe and healthy by masking up, distancing, and getting vaccinated. We had a great turnout for our last vaccine clinic on campus. If you need your first, second, or third shot, you can find a vaccination clinic [here](#) or you can attend the vaccination clinic on Saturday, December 18 at the Butte Plaza Mall from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you are traveling over the break, please take a minute to review this COVID-19 travel

advice from the Mayo Clinic. You will find details about what to do before, during, and after your travel [here](#).

4-C's CHRISTMAS ON CAMPUS

The Butte 4-C's, a non-profit regional child care resource and referral agency, will be on campus **Friday, December 17th, from 1:00- 3:00 pm** to distribute Christmas goody bags to local children. Visitors will be instructed to stay inside their vehicles, enter campus on Park Street and exit via Granite Street. Santa and Charlie Oredigger will be joining the Butte 4-Cs team in welcoming our guests to Montana Tech. If you are out and about that afternoon, please take a few minutes to share in the magic of the season!

UPDATE FROM THE CENTER FOR ACADEMIC INNOVATION

If you haven't already taken advantage, we have obtained two new professional development tools that you can take advantage of immediately!

Quality Matters® is a nationally recognized quality assurance program for online and hybrid course design. This membership allows anyone with a Montana Tech email to access professional development, request formal course reviews through the Center for Academic Innovation, use the QM self-review tool, and share in the research and collaborative efforts provided by the organization. Because we are members, we can use their rubric and standards for our own institutional trainings and internal reviews.

The Center for Academic Innovation will cover the cost for faculty who would like to complete the Applying the QM Rubric course (APPQMR) and will accept requests for funding for other trainings on a limited basis. If you are interested, please use the official Request for Quality Matters Training form.

To access Quality Matters:

1. Navigate to org
2. Hover over Membership, and Select "MyQM Login" on the dropdown menu
3. Input your mtech.edu email
4. Select "No, I am new here" and create a password.

Academic Impression (AI): In addition, we have purchased a limited number of all-inclusive seats with AI, a professional development provider for faculty, staff, and administrators in higher education. This membership includes live webinars, on-demand recorded trainings, and significant discounts to multi-week boot camps and in-person conferences. Because the seats are so limited, please navigate to Academic Impressions to explore this resource and then contact the Center for Academic Innovation for more information about membership.

Of course, we still have access to LinkedIn's inLearning, EAB, and EDUCAUSE. You can access these by visiting the CAI website and navigating to the Educational Development page.

Thank you for supporting the Center for Academic Innovation – we hope you have the happiest of holidays!!

4+1 PROGRAM

Do you know a student who would be interested in an accelerated master's program? Montana

Tech's 4+1 program is a good option for them. Qualified Montana Tech undergraduates have the opportunity to receive an accelerated master of science degree by getting a jump start on required graduate coursework. Careful design to include qualifying graduate-level coursework into the undergraduate curriculum will lead to an accelerated master's degree, as there is the opportunity to count up to nine credit hours toward the graduate degree. Undergraduates are also encouraged to begin a research project to get a head start on the thesis requirements.

Participating master's degree programs include:

- Electrical Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- General Engineering
- Geosciences with options in:
 - Geochemistry
 - Geological Engineering
 - Geology
 - Geophysical Engineering
 - Hydrogeological Engineering
 - Hydrogeology
- Industrial Hygiene
- Metallurgical/Mineral Processing Engineering
- Mining Engineering

Learn more about the 4+1 opportunity [here](#).

SPEECH AND DEBATE JUDGES NEEDED

Butte High School is looking for judges for the Richest Hill on Earth AA Speech and Debate Tournament on **January 14-15, 2022**. If you are available, please contact Roger McCullough at 406-533-2173 or mcculloughrb@bsd1.org or bulldogs4n6@gmail.com.