



March 7, 2022



## **NORTHWESTERN ENERGY CAREER NIGHT AND INTERNSHIP FAIR**

Do you have students looking for a full-time job or an internship opportunity? Please encourage them to join Career Services and NorthWestern Energy for the NorthWestern Energy Career Night and Internship Fair on **March 8, 2022 from 5:30-7:00 pm** in the Copper Lounge! Tom Alexander and Michelle Black will give a presentation about NorthWestern Energy, then representatives will be available to discuss job and internship opportunities! Students should register for this event in DR2.0 today!

## **COFFEE TALK AT HIGHLANDS**

You are invited to attend an advising coffee talk with Sarah North Wolfe, Executive Director of Student Success, on **Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 8:30 am** in Room 112 at Highlands. This advising training will be split into two parts:

1. What is academic advising and how is it different than just putting students in classes?
2. How can we best utilize Navigate to support the academic advising process?

You will learn the difference between advising and registration, how to access and maneuver through your EAB Navigate home screen and tabs, and ways to document advising interactions in Navigate.

## **GRADUATE DEFENSE**

You are invited to a graduate defense by Forrest Green, petroleum engineering student, on **March 10, 2022 at 1:00 pm** in NRB 340. The title of his presentation is *In-Situ Generation of Hydrocarbons from Kerogen Using Electromagnetic Radiation*.

## TALEN ENERGY VIRTUAL MEET & GREET

Talen Energy is looking for new team members. Please encourage your students to attend a virtual meet & greet on **March 10, 2022 from 4:00-5:00 pm!** Please encourage your students in Electrical Engineering, IT, Computer Science, or Data Science to attend this meet and greet. Students should register for this event in DR2.0 today!

## SOFTWARE REQUESTS

Are you are teaching a class in Fall 2022 and using a campus classroom or computer lab on the North Campus or Highlands College? If so, and you need any software besides Microsoft Office, Adobe Reader, Firefox, Chrome, and VLC media player, please submit a TECH SUPPORT ticket here **BEFORE May 11th, 2022** to request your software.

**Computers are reimaged each summer, therefore just because the software was previously installed does not mean it will be there in the Fall – UNLESS you request it.** If your request is not submitted **BEFORE May 11th**, your software may not be installed when the semester begins.

### Why do you need to have your request in so early?

- The amount and type of software required may not run on the computer that is currently installed in the lab/classroom you are scheduled to use. If the lab/classroom you are intending to use does not have the specifications required, other arrangements need to be made.
- Podium computers in classrooms and computers in computer labs are re-imaged (re-built) every summer. This takes time and coordination. Not getting your software request in on time impacts our schedule significantly.
- Submitting a late software request may require computer support to put in overtime. This is not only expensive, but also does not guarantee that your software will be installed when you need it to be.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SCIENCE BOWL

Volunteers are needed for the virtual 2022 Big Sky Regional Science Bowl on **March 12, 2022**. The Science Bowl is a fast-paced competition in which students answer questions from a range of disciplines including biology, chemistry, Earth science, physics, energy and math. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Brianna Haug at [bhaug@wapa.gov](mailto:bhaug@wapa.gov).

## NETWORK SWITCH UPGRADES

Network Services is planning to do the Natural Resources Building Network Switch Upgrades the week of Spring Break, **March 14– 18**. There will be intermittent network outages affecting the whole building while the switches are replaced.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Montana Tech will be walking in the St. Patrick's Day parade on **March 17, 2022**. If you are

interested, please email Jodie DeLay at [jdelay@mtech.edu](mailto:jdelay@mtech.edu). We would love to have a large group of faculty, staff, and students walking.

## STAFF SENATE LUNCH & LEARN

Join the Montana Tech Staff Senate for a Lunch & Learn on **Monday, March 21, from 12:00-1:00 pm** in the Copper Lounge! Learn all about the Montana Tech Staff Senate and how they can serve you! Please email [staffsenate@mtech.edu](mailto:staffsenate@mtech.edu) if you plan to attend. We ask for your RSVP by March 18, 2022. We hope to see you there!

## RANSOMWARE

Ransomware is a type of malicious software, or malware, designed to infect computers and encrypt files until a sum of money or other form of ransom is paid. After the initial infection, ransomware will attempt to spread to connected systems, including shared storage drives and other accessible devices.

Malicious cyber actors commonly distribute ransomware through phishing emails or “drive-by downloads.” Phishing emails are messages that appear to be from a legitimate organization or a contact familiar to the victim, which can entice the user to click on a corrupt link or open an infected attachment. A “drive-by download” is a program that automatically downloads from the internet without the user’s consent and often without their knowledge. It is possible the corrupt code may run after download, without user interaction. After the code has run, the computer becomes infected with ransomware.

### Why Should You Care?

Consequences of a ransomware attack can be severe, and there is no guarantee a user will recover their data, even if they chose to pay the ransom money. On a personal level, an infection can result in financial damage or disclosure of sensitive information. On an organizational level, ransomware can cause business operation disruptions, financial damage from a payout or costly investigations, and reputational damage causing loss of current or potential customers.

Additionally, the goal of ransomware is not always to get money but potentially to serve as a distraction for other malicious purposes. These distractions could be hiding a traditional attack against the network, covering traces of an earlier attack, providing cover while data is stolen from the network, or even limiting or destroying productivity of the system while the IT team is busy dealing with a very visible ransomware infection.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**YOGA** Mondays & Fridays | 12:00 pm | HPER Dance Studio  
**PILATES** Tuesdays | 12:00 pm | HPER Dance Studio

**3/8**

Movie: *Encanto* | 6:30 pm | Library Auditorium

NorthWestern Energy Career Night and Internship Fair | 5:30 pm-7:00 pm | Copper Lounge

**3/9**

Coffee Talk with Sarah North Wolfe | 8:30 am | Highlands Room 112

Public Lecture: Dr. Robin Bullock | 4:00 pm | Kelley/Steward Room or ZOOM

**3/10-3/11** Board of Regents | Dillon

**3/10**

Graduate Defense by Forrest Green | 1:00 pm | NRB 340

Talen Energy Meet & Greet | 4:00-5:00 pm | ZOOM

**3/15** Movie: *Encanto* | 6:30 pm | Library Auditorium

**3/17** St. Patrick's Day Parade | 12:00 pm | Uptown Butte

**3/21** Staff Senate Lunch & Learn | 12:00 pm | Copper Lounge

**3/22** Movie: *Onward* | 6:30 pm | Library Auditorium

**3/24**

HOPES Mentor Session | 3:00 pm-4:30 pm | Register [HERE](#)

Scholars Reception | 5:00-7:00 pm | SSC

Movie: *Onward* | 6:30 pm | Library Auditorium

**3/25** Digger Con | 9:00 am-4:00 pm

**3/31** HOPES Mentor Session | 3:00-4:30 pm | Register [HERE](#)

**3/31** Spring Book Club (Chapter 6) | 3:00 pm | Copper Lounge

