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2/12: Restoration Seminar (4:00 pm, CBB 102 or Zoom)

2/13: Weights w/Blaine Berrington (12:00 pm, HPER 140)

Orediggers Overseas Faculty Session (12:00pm-2:00 pm, Kelley Steward Room or Zoom)

2/17: President's Day (Holiday)

2/18: Pilates w/Katie Hailer (12:00 pm, HPER 140)

2/19: Campus Facilities Master Plan Presentation and Open Forum (5:30 pm, Copper Lounge)

2/20:

Weights w/Blaine Berrington (12:00 pm, HPER 140)

Advancing Tech Forum (3:00 pm, Copper Lounge or [Zoom](#))

WBB/MBB v Western (5:00 pm/7:00 pm, HPER)

2/21: Singo (6:00 pm, KC)

2/22: WBB/MBB v Providence - Senior Day (2:00 pm/4:00 pm, HPER)

2/25: Pilates w/Katie Hailer (12:00 pm, HPER 140)

2/27: Weights w/Blaine Berrington (12:00 pm, HPER 140)



LEGISLATIVE WEEK IN REVIEW: WEEK 5

Legislative Week in Review from the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education.



RESTORATION SEMINAR

You are invited to attend the next Restoration Seminar on **Wednesday, February 12, 2025** at 4:00 pm in CBB 102 or via Zoom (Meeting ID: 820 6204 0688 Passcode: 876364).

Joe Griffin, DEQ Retired/Montana Tech, will present “A Tale of Two Creeks – The Environmental History of Silver Bow and Warm Springs Creeks.”

Abstract: These two streams, the primary headwater tributaries of the Clark Fork river, have suffered environmental damages from mining and smelting in Butte and smelting in Anaconda. This presentation will cover the varying sources of pollution to the upper Clark Fork in the context of a World Class cleanup under the enforcement authority of the EPA.

Geologist Joe Griffin spent the last 30 years of his professional career evaluating the upper Clark Fork Superfund complex, including the Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area Site, as a technical consultant to Atlantic Richfield and later as a project manager for Montana DEQ. Now retired, he busies himself as a board member and technical consultant to Citizens Technical Environmental Committee, as an affiliated faculty member of Dr. Robert Pal’s restoration ecology program at Montana Technological University, and as a Superfund gadfly.



OREDIGGERS OVERSEAS FACULTY SESSION

Orediggers Overseas invites all faculty interested in or considering someday starting their own study abroad program to our upcoming faculty session. Bring your lunch and hang out with us or just drop by when you can as we go over international and study abroad policies and procedures, as well as answer questions and open the floor for brainstorming future program ideas and possible collaboration opportunities with other interested faculty.

The session will be on **February 13** from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm in the Kelley Steward room or via Zoom. We hope to see you there!



BE OUR VALENTINE AT THE CAMPUS STORE

Be our Valentine special at the Campus Store. Enter to win a \$50 gift card each time you make a purchase through 3:00 pm on **Friday, February 14**.



CAMPUS FACILITIES MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION & OPEN FORUM

Come see the future Montana Tech! Join us for an updated Campus Facilities Master Plan presentation and open forum. See how we're envisioning a functional and beautiful campus for the future. The event will take place on **Wednesday, February 19** at 5:30 pm in the Copper Lounge. ThinkOne Architects, Anderson Mason Dale Architects, and Montana Tech will present. All faculty, staff, and students and Butte-Silver Bow community members are encouraged to attend.



UPCOMING CAREER WORKSHOPS

Career Services is working with employers to help find students jobs and want to give you the tools be successful. Go to DiggerRecruiting-DR 2.0 and register for any of the following upcoming events.

2/27: State of Montana Internship Awareness Event, 11:00 am-2:00 pm, Copper Lounge, recommended majors: All



ADVANCING TECH FORUM

Mark your calendars for the next Advancing Tech Forum on **Thursday, February 20** at 3:00 pm in the Copper Lounge or on Zoom.



SINGO

The 3rd annual SINGO Pam Hogart Memorial Fund Fundraiser will be on **Friday, February 21** at the Knights of Columbus located at 224 W. Park St. Butte, MT. Doors open at 6:00 pm and games begin at 7:00 pm. Music from all genres, \$10 entry fee which includes pizza while supplies last, 18+ event. Prizes for dressing in your favorite decade.



ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARD

Staff Senate announces the call for nominations for the **2025 Above and Beyond Award**. The Above and Beyond Award recognizes an individual staff member who consistently goes above and beyond to serve individuals and the campus community, making exceptional efforts toward achieving the mission of Montana Tech.

See https://www.mtech.edu/app/staff_senate/beyond.html or the Staff Senate webpage for guidelines and the nominations form. Nominations are due Friday, **March 7, 2025**.



SERVICES FOR LAUREN HUDSON

Services for Lauren Hudson will take place on **Saturday, March 15** at St. Ann's Church. Visitation will begin at 11:00 am with mass to follow at 12:00 pm. A luncheon will then be held at the McQueen Athletic Club located at 3250 Hecla.



SAVE THE DATE: RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) will hold a Research Symposium at the Helena MDT Headquarters on **May 20**, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. This will be an in-person only event and no virtual options will be provided.

If you attended the May 2024 TRB State visit held in Helena and virtually, this event aims to build off the momentum and interest from that event. We had great discussions centered around transportation research and many in attendance expressed interest in participating in another networking event.

Researchers: The format MDT is building towards would be a morning showcasing examples of research work that could relate to the work MDT does. After a lunch break, the day would transition to a networking event designed to

bring out MDT research needs and researcher topic interests. MDT plans to request abstracts from interested researchers for MDT to select for the morning presentations.

For more information, contact: Rebecca Ridenour, P.E., Research Section Supervisor | Highways and Engineering | 406-444-7203 | rridenour@mt.gov

The agenda will be designed to foster networking and collaboration. We will update as more details are established by MDT.

