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UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

2/04: Pilates w/Katie Hailer (12:00 pm, HPER 140)

2/05:

Restoration Seminar (4:00 pm, CBB102 or [Zoom](#))
Career Fair Welcome Social (4:30-6:00 pm, SUB)

2/06:

Spring Career Fair (8:00 am, HPER)
Weights w/ Blaine Berrington (12:00 pm, HPER 140)
PPH Blood Drive (12:00 pm-4:00 pm, Big Butte)

2/11: Pilates w/ Katie Hailer (12:00 pm, HPER 140)

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

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)

Advancing Tech Forum

Research Symposium

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



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.



LEGISLATIVE WEEK IN REVIEW: WEEK 4

From the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education

Both the interminable month of January and Week 4 of the 69th Montana Legislature (Legislative Day 20) have drawn to a close. In the midst of many other less-important developments, the biennial Changing of the Legislative Calendar has taken place, resulting in a shift of the transmittal deadline and highly anticipated Transmittal Break to later in March.

The deadlines for requesting most types of bills have passed, so new requests are down to a trickle with 4,356 ideas in every stage of development from nascent to heavily amended to barely breathing to the law of the land.

Week 4 ushered in OCHE's first series of budget hearings, while numerous policy bills of interest to OCHE, the student lobbyists, and the system had hearings and key votes. *Read more*



DATA PRIVACY WEEK

Data Privacy Week 2025 takes place from January 27 to 31. This year's theme is "Put Privacy First."

Your online activity creates a treasure trove of data. This data ranges from your interests and purchases to your online behaviors, and it is collected by websites, apps, devices, services, and companies all around the globe. This

data can even include information about your physical self, like health data – think about how an app on your phone might count how many steps you take.

You cannot control how each little piece of data about you and your family is collected. However, you still have a right to data privacy. You can help manage your data with a few repeatable behaviors.

For more information, click [here](#).



RESTORATION SEMINAR

You are invited to attend the next Restoration Seminar on **Wednesday, February 05** at 4:00 pm. Robert Pal from Montana Tech will present, “Bauxite Mine Rehabilitation in Western Australia: A Model for Global Ecological Restoration.” The presentation will take place in CBB102 or Zoom (Meeting ID: 820 6204 0688 Passcode: 876364).

Dr. Robert Pal has explored cutting-edge ecological restoration techniques in the Jarrah forests of Western Australia, a globally unique ecosystem characterized by towering Jarrah (*Eucalyptus marginata*) trees, nutrient-poor lateritic soils, and an exceptionally diverse understory of endemic plants. These ancient forests support a highly specialized web of life, yet they also overlay some of the world's largest bauxite reserves, making them a focal point for resource extraction. Despite extensive mining, innovative restoration approaches—including topsoil management, native seed broadcasting, and assisted regeneration—have successfully reinstated much of the native plant diversity. In his seminar presentation, Dr. Pal will discuss these advanced restoration strategies, their successes, and the broader implications for ecological recovery in heavily disturbed landscapes.



PPH CLUB BLOOD DRIVE

Montana Tech Community Blood Drive hosted by the PPH Club on **Thursday, February 6** from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Big Butte room in the SUB. For an appointment, click [here](#) or reach out to Shawn Muffich at 406-498-1206 or smuffich@vitalant.org.



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.

02/5: Warrior Met Coal Info Session, 3:00 pm-4:00 pm, Big Butte/Highlands, recommended majors: All

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



CAREER FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Career Services is looking for volunteers for the Spring 2025 Career Fair on **February 5th, 6th, and 7th** in the HPER Complex. Please check out the [Career Fair Sign Up Sheet](#) to pick a slot that would work for you. We need most of our help during setup on the 5th around noon, and after 3:00 pm on the 6th for conversion of the space to 2nd day interviews or afternoon on the 7th for taking down the event. The Career Services team appreciates your help. All volunteers will get a t-shirt! Please email [Aaron Frale](#) with your shirt size.



CAREER FAIR WELCOME SOCIAL

Join Career Services and our employers who help give our students their great outcomes for hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and conversation. This year, we will be meeting in the SUB Lobby and Copper Lounge to kick off the career fair, the event is **Wednesday, February 5** from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm in the SUB.



REGISTER FOR CAREER FAIR

The Spring 2025 Career Fair is **Thursday, February 6** starting at 8:00 am. Students should register today and check out all the employers who are coming to campus like Enterprise Holdings, Freeport-McMoRan, and Montana Department of Transportation. Go to [DiggerRecruiting-DR 2.0](#) to sign up for the

event and all the other employer events on campus. Be sure to upload resumes early to ensure timely feedback in time for the career fair.



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 from today through 3:00 pm on **Friday, February 14**.



CAMPUS FACILITIES MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION

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



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](#).



RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) will hold a Research Symposium at the Helena MDT Headquarters on **May 20, 2025**, from 8:30 to 4:00 MT. 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.

