

## CAMPUS REPORT

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**TO:** Board of Regents

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**RE:** Campus Report for the November 20-21, 2008, Board of Regents' Meeting

- U.S. News & World Report ranked Montana Tech of the University of Montana as the 3rd Top Public Baccalaureate College in the West in the 2009 edition of "America's Best Colleges." Montana Tech also ranked 7th Best Baccalaureate College in the West in the same report.
- Montana Tech is one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education, according to The Princeton Review, as listed in the just-published 2009 edition of its annual book, "The Best 368 Colleges."
- Nine Environmental Engineering students and Department Head Kumar Ganesan participated in the 48<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the Air & Waste Management Association's PNWIS conference held in Anchorage, Alaska. Divided into two teams, the students competed for honors in the Environmental Challenge and took first and third.
- On Thursday, September 11, Montana Tech hosted its 9th Annual Career Fair. This year's fair was the largest to date and included 115 companies and 900 students. Career Services hosted employers who conducted almost 300 interviews.
- Montana Tech of the University of Montana's Software Engineering program was recently accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission, and the Computer Science program received re-accreditation by the Computing Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), Inc.
- Marathon Oil Corporation (NYSE: MRO), an integrated international energy company, provided Montana Tech of the University of Montana a leadership gift in the amount of \$100,000 in support of Montana Tech's comprehensive campaign, *Strengthening Foundations...Ensuring the Future*. The gift is directed to the Natural Resources Building scheduled to be open early 2010.
- Montana Tech 2008 accomplishments include:
  - 6.7% increase in new students in 2008
  - 2,402 students in 2008, which is the highest enrollment since 1983
  - Average ACT score of 24 in 2008 up from 23
  - 164 International students enrolled at Montana Tech (highest number ever)
  - Residence halls are at full capacity
  - Natural Resources Building is the first new academic building built in twenty years
- Dr. Larry Smith, Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology Research Professor, led the geologic field trip and presented an abstract and poster ([Altitude of the top of the Madison Group, Cascade County, Montana](#)) at the Montana Section American Water Resources Association meeting in Big Sky, Montana (October 2-3, 2008). Dr. Smith also presented a talk and abstract at the Geological Society of America Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas (October 5-9, 2008): [Glacial Lake Missoula: The Montana sedimentary record of multiple drainings.](#)