

## CAMPUS REPORT

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**RE:** Campus Report for the May 28-29, 2009 Board of Regents' Meeting

- The Denver Chapter of the American Association of Drilling Engineers (AADE) recently awarded two scholarships to Montana Tech students. John Evans, Montana Tech student chapter advisor, presented the scholarship awards to Justin Wolf and Zach Garrity, seniors in Petroleum Engineering. Each student was presented with a \$3,000 scholarship.
- Amerlyn Dean, a junior in the Mining Engineering program at Montana Tech, has been chosen as the Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute Scholarship Award winner for the State of Montana. Amerlyn attended Anaconda High School.
- Nicole Loehr, Metallurgy and Materials Science junior, has been awarded the prestigious Copper Club scholarship. She will receive \$10,000 for her senior year at Montana Tech.
- The Undergraduate Research Program Spring Fair was held April 18<sup>th</sup>. Forty-eight students presented the results of 45 National Science Foundation funded projects.
- Four students from Montana Tech presented their undergraduate research projects to the State Legislature April 7 in Helena. The trip included presentations and discussions with Gov. Schweitzer.
- Liberal Studies Professor Dr. John W. Ray's article entitled "Civic Engagement, Citizenship and Parliamentary Procedure" was accepted for publication in the *Parliamentary Journal*, the official publication of the American Institute of Parliamentarians. The paper examines how civic engagement depends on knowledge of parliamentary procedure.
- Dr. Ray was recently elected President of the Commission on American Parliamentary Practice and was a recent recipient of the Phifer Award for "Outstanding Scholarship in Parliamentary Procedure" given by the Commission. Dr. Ray has also recently participated in conferences in Egypt and China on national security and energy security issues.
- Dr. Pat Munday, Professor of Science & Technology Studies, peer-reviewed paper "The Role of Environmental Communication in Shaping Remedy at America's Largest Superfund Site" was accepted for the Conference on Communication and the Environment, June 2009, in Portland, Maine.
- Associate Professor of Biological Sciences Dr. Marisa Pedulla and Sandra Wardell, a Helena High School Biology teacher, have been selected to participate in the Summer 2009 American Society of Human Genetics **Geneticist - Educator Network of Alliances** (GENA) Workshop.
- Drs. Andrea and Don Stierle, Department of Chemistry and Geochemistry, were awarded an RO1 grant from the National Institutes of Health National Cancer Institute. The overall goal of this project is the discovery of new natural products with anticancer activity from the collection of extremophilic microbes that the Stierle lab has isolated from Berkeley Pit Lake and the surrounding landscapes.
- Dr. Andrea Stierle has received a Certificate of Merit Recognition from the Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation for the work she and Dr. Don Stierle have done with Berkeley Pit microbes as a source of anticancer agents. This year's award is for their work entitled "Using Enzyme Inhibition to Guide the Isolation of New Anticancer Agents from Microbes Found in Abandoned Montana Copper Mines."
- Liberal Studies Professor Robert Ziegler recently returned from Bristol (U.K.), where he presented his paper "The Grammar and the Key: Magic, Literature, and Faith in Joséphin Péladan" at the conference of the Société des Dix-Neufs, the British Association of Nineteenth-Century French Studies. Professor Ziegler's essay is being published in a collection of essays on magic and the occult, *Faszination des Okkulten*, Tübingen: Francke Verlag, 2009.
- Biology Professor Dr. Rick Douglass and two students from Montana Tech, one undergraduate and one graduate, presented their research to the Montana Academy of Sciences on April 10-11.