• Parent/Family & MSUB Evening at the Zoo was a perfect conclusion to a very eventful fall day. The day began with a campus welcome/information, followed by Service Saturday participation, lunch, explore Billings, Men’s Soccer and concluded with a fun-filled event at the Zoo. The crowd was welcomed with live music from the MSUB students and staff and the MSUB student band DDX. After a visit through animal kingdom, dinner was provided by Sodexo and more entertainment by MSUB faculty and alumnus John Roberts Y Plan Blanco.

• “An Evening with Henry Winkler” and the 2016 Montana Business Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was an inspiring and uplifting event. Three awesome individuals were inducted into the Montana Business Hall of Fame: Karen Fagg, Terry Payne and Dr. Nick Wolter - each exemplify the entrepreneurial spirit of Montana. The great evening concluded with the very entertaining Henry Winkler. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the community for the tremendous support extended to MSUB!

• The first MSUB fall Library Lecture Series featured, “The 1880 Crow Delegation to D.C.: Cultural Identify, Representation, and Legacy,” hosted by the campus Library and Northcutt Steele Gallery. The free series are presentations and community conversations in conjunction with an art exhibition at the gallery and an exhibition of historical materials. Dr. Leanne Gilbertson, art history faculty and Gallery Director, curated and coordinated this first series, which featured local contemporary Crow artist, Wendy Red Star. Red Star’s ledger drawings were discussed as Dr. C. Adrian Heidenreich, MSUB Professor Emeritus of Native American Studies and Anthropology, opened the series.

• City College at MSUB opened their doors on Saturday for the community to get engaged with their future and explore what City College has to offer. The Grainger Foundation, an independent, private foundation located in Lake Forest, Illinois, showed their support for the Automotive Technology Program by presenting a $7,000.00 check to City College. The donation was recommended by Chris Marron, Billings Branch Manager of W. W. Grainger, Inc., which has been part of the Billings business community for more than 50 years as the leading broad line supplier of maintenance, repair and operating products.

• The Division of Student Affairs announced a professional development opportunity for MSUB to virtually attend the University of Vermont’s “Legal Issues in Higher Education Conference.”

• As part of the 15th Anniversary of the 9/11 Memorial, the Billings Breakfast Exchange Club erected the Healing Field at the City College memorial site, honoring the heroes and creating awareness.

• The MSUB Department of Art, and the faculty and staff mourn the loss of beloved Emeritus Art faculty, Ben Steele, for his amazing contributions to life, our community and to the arts. MSUB’s Northcutt Steele Gallery had been named honoring Helene Northcutt and Ben Steele.

• The Technology Enhanced Interactive Learning (TEIL) room, located in the College of Business, was made possible through the generous contribution from Western Security Bank. Bank President, Mike Seppala, said, “Isn’t it great that we’re involved with a university that wants to give their students the opportunities and tools they need to succeed.” “As I talk to people in the community, this is the kind of technology they use all the time. It took a community partnership for this technologically enhanced classroom to occur,” commented Chancellor Nook. The classroom design is very distinctive and has six pods, or work stations, and is loaded with Cisco Sx20 and WebEx Integration. The classroom’s idea is built around collaborative group problem solving, adding the notion of video connectedness between the student collaboration groups, faculty member, and off-campus students.

• “We’d like to raise awareness about this global issue of empowering girls and women through education,” said Dr. Jennifer Lynn, Women’s and Gender Studies Center Director. In honor of the United Nations International Day of the Girl, recognizing girls’ rights and unique challenges faced around the world, MSUB hosted a documentary file screening, discussion and reception of “He Named Me Malala: Day of the Girl Celebration.” The film is a portrait of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who at the age of 15 was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded, miraculously survived and is now a leading campaigner for girls’ education globally as co-founder of the Malala Fund.