News and Events from Montana Western:

Faculty Awards & Honors

LYNN WELTZIEN recently received the Montana College Counseling Mike Franklin Memorial Award at the Montana College Counseling Association held in Helena for her distinguished counseling work at Montana Western.

UMW Enrollment Released

Based on official 15th day enrollment figures Montana Western has enrolled the HIGHEST ENTERING CLASS SINCE 1921 including 315 freshmen and 129 transfer students. New freshmen are up 71 students over the previous year. CHANCELLOR BETH WEATHERBY said the university also awarded the highest number of degrees in its 120-year history this year. "We have seen significant progress in a number of success factors at Montana Western including enrollment. Our innovative Experience One program and the diligent work of our faculty and staff is paying off for our students," Weatherby said.

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Montana Western has been ranked among the top five Regional Public Colleges in the West by the 2016 U.S. NEWS & WORLD BEST COLLEGES rankings released in September. The university is ranked 16th in the west in the Best Colleges for Veterans category. Montana Western also secured the 20th ranking for Best Regional Colleges in the West. Both rankings include public and private institutions. Montana Western inducted JASON DESJARLAIS, WALL FELDT, WEST HERNANDEZ, BOBBI SUHR KONEN, and the 1991-92 MEN'S RODEO TEAM into the Montana Western Athletic Hall of Fame during a ceremony on Sept. 26.

Inauguration Events

The INAUGURATION of Chancellor Beth Weatherby on Oct.3 was attended by many dignitaries and guests including UM President Royce Engstrom, former chancellors, provosts, faculty and many other guests.

In addition to Chancellor Weatherby's address a video produced in cooperation with KXLF television told the story of the development and implementation of the university's phenomenally successful Experience One.

Attendees were also treated to an EXPERIENCE ONE SHOWCASE, which highlighted outstanding examples of experiential learning in practice.

The evening's SCHOLARSHIP DINNER included guest speaker GODFREY SAUNDERS and drew attention to the importance and value that donor dollars bring to Montana Western.

Student Spotlight

Montana Western early childhood education major KRYSTAL MCDOUGALL traveled to Los Angeles to volunteer at the Special Olympics this summer. McDougall has volunteered with the Special Olympics organization for the past seven years and first became involved after her brother was diagnosed with autism.