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R&R Campaign – Last fall, Northern started a campus-wide campaign to involve everyone in recruiting and retention (R&R). On August 3, Northern’s Strategic Advancement Team had a half-day retreat to discuss everyone’s plans to improve recruiting and retention. It was exciting to see everyone taking pride in making Northern the best campus possible for our students.

Auto/Diesel Building Update – Fundraising and planning for the new Auto/Diesel Technology Building are moving forward nicely. The architect and state A&E project manager have met several times this summer to discuss the new plans for the building. The new plans allow for a larger building by using some of the existing building and joining with other buildings in the area. The new design also improves the parking and road systems around that part of campus.

Northern Ag Research Center Celebrated 100 years – In early July the Northern Ag Research Center celebrated their 100 year anniversary, and Northern was pleased to be able to be part of their achievement. Over the years, the Northern Ag Research Center has hired our students and graduates, giving them a richly satisfying agricultural experience. We were thrilled to celebrate their success and longevity with hopes for many more years of collaboration in the future.

SSS Grant Renewed - The U.S. Department of Education awarded Montana State University Northern a new five-year Student Support Services Grant. The Northern Student Support Services Program has been in existence since 1979. The program will continue to serve disadvantaged students at Northern with the following services: personal and career counseling, tutoring, and social and cultural enrichment activities. The main goal of the Student Support Services Program is to retain students and eventually see them graduate.

Summer Co-ops/Internships - Seventy Northern students in diesel, nursing, and business programs spent their summers broadening their horizons by joining professional companies as interns in order to continue learning throughout the summer months. One brave biology student ventured out to a research center to analyze mosquitos!

Website Running on Omni Update – Northern, with the help of the Bozeman IT department, was able to migrate its website to Omni Update. This Content Management Software (CMS) will make it easier for campus departments to update their program and department information.

Campus Improvements – Ten classrooms were renovated this summer with updates such as new carpet and paint. The campus also added new desks, chairs, and video projection systems to several rooms. The McKenzie Hall courtyard received a lot of attention and improvements, and many little landscaping updates all over campus were tended to by our grounds crew. Equipment was moved out of the Davey Pioneer Lab to make way for the demolition and start of construction on the new Auto/Diesel Technology Center.

New Printer in Reprographics - Media Reprographics Center purchased a Sharp MX6500. It has more capabilities including making pamphlets, full bleed printing, and folding. It is also capable of printing on a few more types of paper including the ever popular glossy option. We have also purchased some super smooth paper which is easier on the machine but still has a beautiful quality.