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Ground Breaking for DTC – The Governor, Board of Regents participants, and several key donors were on hand to break ground for the new Diesel Technology Center. The plans are in the final stages of completion. Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall.

DTC Donation - Knife River Corporation Donated \$50,000 toward the MSUN Diesel Technology Center. The gift was presented during the 8th annual TekNoXpo. Dave Zinke, Region President for Knife River Corporation's Montana and Wyoming operations, and Gary Forrester, Montana government affairs lobbyist for MDU Resources Group, were on site for the presentation.

Retirement Reception - MSU-Northern hosted their annual retirement reception. John Brese, Denise Brewer, John Donaldson, Pam Hillery, and Mary Pappas received gifts and kinds words from various attendees. Each one of these people has played a dynamic role in the inner workings of Northern, and they will all be greatly missed.

Concert Violinist – Jack Glatzer presented a unique musical focus on wine and the cultural significances that wine has played on art, music, and culture.

MSU-Northern Graduation - 245 students received degrees. Our speaker this year was Verne Sedlacek. He did an outstanding job challenging the graduates to take risks and learn from their mistakes. His speech is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jz49RI3fn-w> Andrew Potter provided the special music during graduation.

Little River Institute Indigenous Education Conference - MSU-Northern was proud to host the First Annual Little River Institute Indigenous Education Conference. This was a chance for faculty, staff, and students from across Montana to come together for a conversation about the experiences, triumphs, and struggles of American Indian students in higher education. The conference featured presenters and keynote speakers such as: Denise Juneau, Dr. Cassandra Manuelito-Kerkvliet, Mike Jetty, Cheryl and Manuel Morales, Julie Brown, Greg Drummer, Mandy Smoker Broaddus, Dr. Pearl Yellowman, Allesandro Foursouls, Dr. Donna Miller, Brad Hall, Dan Kinsey, Dr. Sue King, Angela McLean and many more.

TekNoXpo - MSU-Northern's 8th annual Technology-Knowledge-Exposition (TekNoXpo) afforded high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to explore their educational and career opportunities through MSU-Northern's College of Technical Sciences.

Pow Wow – The MSUN Sweet Grass Society held its 40th annual Pow Wow. Dancers and drummers came from all across Montana and the region to enjoy the sights, sounds, and pageantry of Native American dance, dress, and drumming.

2015-2016 Student Excellence Award Winners - This year's Student Excellence Award winners were: Rachelle Bennett, Hunter Chandler, Garrett DeMers, Shana Henry, Matt McKeen, Kyla McNamara, Andrew Potter, Kilby "KJ" Rech, Lane Urick, and Phillip Quinn.

Student Senate Inauguration - Chancellor Kegel swore in the new Student Senate that will serve for the 2016-2017 school year. The senate lineup includes: President, Randy Roeber; Vice-President, Collin Miller; Business Manager, Tayla Farar; Administrative Assistant, Ethan Parch; Program Council, Trent Noel; Recreation Council, Alicia Mason; Sustainability Coordinator, Brendon Heims; and Senators at Large: Rachel Glavin, Eric Tibbetts, Christopher Brekke-George, Amber Greene, Connor Schnicke.