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- The Council of Rehabilitation Education (CORE) granted the MSUB Master of Science in Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling program full accreditation for a term of eight years. Effective 7/1/17, CACREP (Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs) assumed responsibility for continuing the mission and vision of CORE through its accreditation process. Because of the recognition by CORE as a fully accredited program, the MSU Billings CRMHC program has been accepted as a CACREP accredited program for the term of eight years. Dean Diane Duin said, "This is the result of very hard work by Dr.'s Blackwell and Dell, Karen Mickelson and the REHA Grad Assistant, Patti Mazukiewicz."
- The Office of International Studies is looking for participation in the Billings Friendship Families (BFF) program. This program is designed to encourage friendships between our international students and the local Billings community and to facilitate the exchange of ideas and culture. The goal is to befriend and support an international student through airport pickup, shopping, welcome dinner at the home of BFF members, an invitation to holiday dinner, etc.
- MSUB's Northcutt-Steele Gallery featured summer campers' art during *The Future Professional Artists' Show*. The camp was funded by GEAR UP Montana, allowing junior high students the opportunity to live on campus and eat at the MSUB dining hall for a week while learning about coding and robotics through LEGO MindStorms and stop motion movie making with LEGOs and iMovie in the campus' Mac lab.
- The custom brew scene in Billings, and throughout Montana, is growing as is the need for certified brewers with scientific knowledge of the fermentation process. MSUB Extended Campus is accepting applications for the upcoming certification program that covers biochemistry, microbiology and technology, and also covers the business of craft brewing industries. Director Kevin Nemeth said, "This is a unique opportunity to learn the brewing process by doing under the watchful guidance of an experienced brewer."
- In order to help local employers keep abreast of the ever-changing landscape of business laws and regulations, MSUB Extended Campus hosted the Montana Department of Labor and Industry Assistance for Business Clinic. Kay Strayer, State Coordinator for the Montana Department of Labor and Industry, taught the clinic which included presentations on the status of state and federal employment law ranging from wage and hour regulations to workers' compensation. The clinic was specially designed to assist new and established employers, accountants, bookkeepers, human resource professionals, and lawyers by providing a broader understanding of employment-related laws and how to implement the latest changes to various laws, rules, and regulations.
- Each evening The Salvation Army loads two buses full of sacked meals to serve the kids, families, and individuals within low-income neighborhoods throughout the Billings community. MSUB is one of the non-profit community partners that provides volunteer support for "Night on the Van", passing out up to 400 meals every Wednesday evening. Assistant Professor Melissa Boehm said, "It's important work. I feel that for people who work at MSUB there is a responsibility to make the community better. This is a meaningful and powerful way to do that."
- New Student Summer Orientation welcomed new groups of Yellowjackets for both the university campus and City College. MSUB has worked collaboratively to develop an orientation program to provide students with an engaging experience. The four on-campus, overnight orientation events were well attended.
- The Office of International Studies presented a lecture focusing on the current rise of authoritarianism in Europe, *Challenges to Democracy: The Rise of Authoritarianism in Europe*. Dr. Pavol Demes also highlighted challenges faced by post-socialist Central European states and established democracies in Western Europe. Dr. Paul Foster, Director, Center of International Studies said, "The lecture is important as it focuses on troubling global trends that are now being echoed in the United States."