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- **MSU Billings' spring 2019 semester enrollment data demonstrated student retention improvements, reversing a downward trend.** From fall 2018 to spring 2019 semesters, student headcount decreased by only 27 students (.6%), compared to the last four years where headcount decreased on average by 270 students.
- MSU Billings' Strategic Planning committees comprised of students, faculty, staff, and community members are hard at work **developing action plans and meaningful indicators for the university's new Strategic Plan**, supporting MSU Billings' new mission and vision.
- **In April, the Academic Senate at MSU Billings approved 37 program cuts as part of the Phase 1 of Strategic Program Alignment (SPA).** These programs had little or no enrollment. Current students in these programs will have the opportunity to complete. SPA Phase 2, focused on integrating and invigorating programs, will be complete in May. Phase 3 will commence in fall 2019, looking at new programs based on student needs and market demand.
- **City College's Associate of Science degree in Registered Nursing earned its accreditation** in February by the National League for Nursing's Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA). City College is the first college in Montana granted accreditation by NLN CNEA.
- **Billings Public Schools fifth grade students visited MSU Billings for the annual Atomic Circus Experience** in April. Students spent a ½ day on campus attending the multimedia science show, interacting with STEM faculty and learning more about higher education and career possibilities.
- **Kimberly Hayworth, Ph.D. was selected as MSU Billings' Vice Chancellor for Student Access and Success.** She assumes her new role in June. Hayworth is currently Vice President for Student Development and Success and Executive Director for University Retention and Persistence at Spring Arbor University in Michigan.
- **MSU Billings named Kurt Toenjes, Ph.D., as Acting Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions,** effective in May. Toenjes currently serves as Chair of the Department of Biological and Physical Sciences and is a Professor of Cellular and Molecular Biology at MSU Billings.
- **MSU Billings, in partnership with 16 agencies and organizations, conducted an Active Shooter Response drill** in April. The drill focused on the university's and community's response to an active shooter incident. Four key areas were evaluated including On-Scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement; Operational Coordination; Public Health, Healthcare and Emergency Medical Service; and Operational Communication.
- **The Native American Achievement Center at MSU Billings hosted its 51st Powwow** on April 5- 6. This year's event included a Powwow Basketball Tournament as well as a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women March in partnership with the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders.
- **The sixth annual Research, Creativity, and Community Involvement Conference was held** in April. Over 140 MSU Billings students showcased their accomplishments including music performances, a juried student exhibition, and oral presentations. The keynote speaker was Gary Ferguson, a noted nature and ecology writer.
- **The Office of International Studies at MSU Billings hosted the 16th Annual International Food Fair** in March. Students from Mexico, Japan, Germany, China, India, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Xinjiang China, South Korea, Kenya, and Bulgaria, helped prepare culinary selections.
- **MSU Billings and Billings Clinic hosted the 31st Science Expo** on March 23. Approximately 300 students, grades 1-12 from a 24-county region in eastern Montana, competed in various categories, from plant and animal science to robotics and intelligent machines.
- **MSU Billings student Brenna Beckett received a Newman Civic Fellowship from Campus Compact** in March. Beckett is a junior at MSUB, double majoring in Broadfield Science Education and Biology. She is actively involved on campus as an ASMSUB senator, student track athlete, Center for Engagement employee, and member of the Jacket Student Ambassadors.
- **The Prefectural University of Kumamoto (PUK), Japan and MSU Billings renewed their partnership agreement.** Each year, PUK students spend four weeks at MSU Billings studying the English language, organized by the Office of International Studies' Intensive English Language Program. The new agreement opens the opportunity for MSU Billings students to study full time at PUK during the fall and spring semesters of 2019-2020.