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- **MSU Billings renames two colleges following board of regents approval.** The College of Allied Health Professions' new name is the College of Health Professions & Science, and the College of Arts & Sciences new name is the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences. The name changes were voted on by students, faculty, and staff. These changes will assist with the development of pathways to more effectively serve students interested in health professions and sciences.
- **MSU Billings dedicated first on-campus sweat lodge in Montana.** This is the first on-campus sweat lodge on a non-native university in Montana. Adding a sweat lodge to campus is yet another service MSUB can provide to its students and broader community. The sweat lodge will be operational early spring.
- **MSU Billings administration visited Northwest College to discuss partnership.** The visit's purpose was to meet with counterparts to discuss pathways between each institution. Less than two hours away, MSUB is the closest four-year institution to Northwest College in Powell, WY, making it a solid and attractive option for northwest Wyoming residents who might find it difficult to relocate farther distances to earn four-year or graduate degrees.
- **MSU Billings celebrated first-generation college students** during the national First-Generation College Student Day, with cake and visits from Chancellor Edelman and other administrators.
- **City College at MSU Billings partnered with Billings Career Center** to present at a national conference to over 1,000 attendees in Salt Lake City, UT. Presentation included information on dual-enrollment opportunities for high school students and explored how academic institution collaboration is strengthened by partnerships for alignment with community needs, while preparing students for successful progress toward career goals.
- **MSU Billings hosted Veterans Day Celebration for community.** Senator Steve Daines and Army veteran and Superintendent of Huntley Project Schools Mark Huntley served as keynote speakers. Two World War II veterans and the university's designation as a Purple Heart University were also recognized at the celebration.
- **College of Business students create MSU Billings marketing campaign.** Students developed the "I Can" marketing campaign (videos, radio spots, and print materials) from research they conducted focusing on who students can become at MSUB. The campaign emphasizes that students graduating from MSUB will be confident, competent, and focused on success in their careers.
- **Billings elementary students cheered Lady Yellowjacket basketball to victory.** MSU Billings hosted over 600 elementary school students from three local schools to campus for the first-ever elementary school game day.
- **MSU Billings Student Health Services earns re-accreditation** through Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care. This accreditation distinguishes the department from many other outpatient facilities through its adherence to rigorous standards of care and safety.
- **MSU Billings Military and Veteran Success Center connects businesses to veterans** through hosting a workshop for HR professionals. The workshop included education on the valuable experience and skills veterans bring to workplaces and additional benefits hiring veterans have for businesses.
- **City College at MSU Billings' Construction Management program builds storage sheds.** Students learned valuable construction, project management, and business skills in the program. The shed project follows the modular home construction and sale completed earlier this year. A tiny house will be the next construction project.
- **MSU Billings staff member selected as Campus Compact Engaged Scholar.** Pete Buchanan, Civic Engagement Coordinator with MSUB Center for Engagement, was one of 13 scholars chosen for this prestigious opportunity with the Engaged Scholars Initiative. As part of this program, Buchanan will commit to an ongoing learning and leadership experience through virtual and in-person meetings, mentoring sessions, and scholarly projects and reports throughout this year.
- **Three Montana Poet Laureates Melissa Kwasny, Mandy Smoker, and Tami Haaland hosted an evening of poetry at MSU Billings.** They shared their poetry, creative processes and how poetry can provide a source of understanding and hope. Through their presentations, they collaboratively demonstrated how poetry can speak to issues of diversity and inclusion, landscape, environment, culture, and history.