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- **MSU Billings herbarium reached a new milestone in 2021.** MSUB's digital herbarium data, available on the Global Biodiversity Information Facility database since 2019, has been cited over 100 times, with 71 citations in peer-reviewed literature from across the globe. MSUB's data was recently used in various species distribution maps for articles in Nature (nature.com).
- **MSU Billings alumna's book accepted into Montana Indian Education for All curriculum.** A children's book written by MSUB alumna Sabrena Half and professor of marketing A.J. Otjen, has been adopted into Montana public school curriculum and is approved for the Indian Education for All curriculum. The book is called Elk Morning Counts His First Coup, which is about a young Crow man becoming a warrior and the obstacles he must overcome.
- **MSU Billings professor Melanie Reaves named MUS Teaching Scholar.** Professor of Literacy Education, Melanie Reaves, Ph.D., has been named one of the 11 faculty members and instructors to be honored as an MUS Teaching Scholar. This year the MUS Teaching Scholars program recognizes those faculty whose teaching shares a commitment to rethinking, imagining anew, creating, implementing, iterating, and assessing transformational solutions to the most pressing challenges in teaching and learning.
- **City College students refinish van for local church.** Automobile collision repair and refinishing students were able to gain additional hands-on experience and give back to the local Billings community by painting and refinishing a van for a local Billings church. The van was presented to the members of the congregation December 2021.
- **New faculty-driven Center for Teaching and Learning launches.** MSUB's new Center for Teaching and Learning recently launched, which will provide support for the full spectrum of faculty professional development, including pedagogical innovation, curriculum design, assessment efforts, instructional design, and onboarding for new faculty. The Center will also be key in providing training for student success initiatives and will offer programming related to inclusive, equity-minded, and growth mindset pedagogy.
- **Students work with award-winning photojournalist.** Students taking a journalism class in fall 2021 learned from the award-winning photojournalist Kenneth Jarecke about the importance photos hold in storytelling. Students received first-hand accounts of Jarecke's experiences and were given advice on starting photojournalism careers.
- **MSUB Foundation & Alumni hire interim President.** Krista Montague, MSUB's former Director of Athletics was recently hired as the Interim President of the MSUB Foundation & Alumni. Bill Kennedy, former President and CEO announced his retirement in November 2021 after serving in the role since August 2016.
- **Education students introduce genetics to teens.** MSUB's College of Education secondary science pre-service teachers offered a workshop in partnership with Billings Library to youth ages 11-17. Students were able to practice their teaching skills and design their own workshop curriculum. The workshop provided an introduction to genetics through building individual dragons.
- **Business students offer free strategic planning to local businesses.** Business students and professors are offering local businesses and nonprofit organizations the opportunity to participate in their "Boost Your Business" program. Students will work with clients for 15 weeks to develop comprehensive and strategic business plans. At the end of the semester, students will present their comprehensive strategic business plans to clients.
- **MSUB employee and nursing student completes RN to BSN program.** Emilie Kidd has worked in MSUB's Student Health Services since 2018 as an RN. She recently completed MSUB's Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Nursing in Science program and is now a Family Nurse Practitioner. She will continue to serve students with additional skills such as diagnosis, treatment, and prescribing. Kidd is a shining example of what is possible with education.