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Accreditation Visit - A team from Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) was on campus to conduct their year-seven review which is focused on assessment and mission fulfillment. During their visit they will meet with MSU-Northern's Core Executive team, most of the campus committees, and conduct forums with students, staff, and faculty.

Athletic Hall of Fame - MSU-Northern Athletics inducted five individuals and one team into their Athletic Hall of Fame. This year's inductees included the 1992 NAIA Division II National Champion women's basketball team as well as individuals Taylor Cummings, Walt Currie, Abby Nicholas, Jackie Murdock, and Kenny Rucker.

Articulation Agreement - MSU-Northern and Stone Child College entered into an Articulation Agreement, effective Fall 2023, whereby students completing their Associate Degree at Stone Child College can apply their credits earned toward a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice at MSU-Northern.

MPSEOC College Fairs - MSU-Northern hosted the first college fair of the Montana Post-Secondary Educational Opportunities Council (MPSEOC) and participated in the entire Montana three-week tour.

Aurora Borealis Festival – As part of the Welcome Weekend opening experience, students took part in the third Annual Aurora Borealis Festival. Students, staff, and faculty enjoyed an evening of live music, local food trucks, lawn games, and a chance to visit with campus clubs and organizations as well as local businesses and community organizations

Donation of Spirit Card Proceeds - Independence Bank donated \$6,627.10 to the Northern Alumni Foundation through their School Spirit Debit Card program. For each transaction the cardholder makes with their Northern debit card, Independence Bank donates 5¢ to the Northern Alumni Foundation.

Industry Scholarships – Last year, Wabtec created the "Women of Wabtec" scholarship for female MSU-Northern students who are currently enrolled in the diesel technology program. This year, the scholarship is being given to Grace Loose and Brailynn DeMers. They will each receive a full-ride \$15K/year for all four years.

Foundation Endowment - Randall Bryant and Anton (Tony) Bryant Jr. visited Northern on September 15th to present a \$25,000 check to add to their father's scholarship endowment. Anton (Tony) Bryant Sr. was a Northern alumnus (Class of 1941) who majored in elementary education, and was selected as a Founder's Excellence Award winner in 1984.

American Indian Heritage Week - MSU-Northern's Sweetgrass Society and Littler River Institute raised a tipi to honor the American Indian Nations and their cultures. Students demonstrated some native dances along with enjoying the Counting Coup concert.

Suicide Awareness Walk - MSU-Northern hosted the ninth annual Hill County Suicide Awareness. This event raises the awareness of suicide and decreases the stigma in the community. The group went on a gentle 1-mile, handicap accessible, walk on a path around the MSUN campus.