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To: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for September 20-21, 2023, Board of Regents Meeting

- Montana Technological University welcomed new Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Dr. Nosa Egiebor on July 31st. Dr. Egiebor previously served as provost and executive vice president at the State University of New York – College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY_ESF) in Syracuse, NY, the executive director of global engagement at the University of Mississippi, and the vice president for international education and research at Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama. Dr. Egiebor, who is also a professor of environmental and metallurgical engineering, earned his Ph.D. in metallurgical engineering from Queen’s University in Ontario, Canada. He specializes in process engineering and environmental aspects of mineral processing and extractive metallurgy.
- Dr. Joe Cooper began his tenure as Vice Provost for Student Success and Dean of Students on July 1, 2023. He most recently served as the dean of students at Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin and previously had served as the interim vice president and dean of students, executive director of student financial services, interim senior director of housing, director of student activities, and associate director of housing and residential life at Michigan Technological University. Dr. Cooper holds a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Northern Michigan University, a master’s degree in Student Affairs Administration from South Dakota State University, and a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from Edgewood College.
- The Environmental Engineering Department of Montana Technological University presented its 50th-anniversary celebration: “Proud of the Past, Aware of the Present, and Striving for the Future,” September 14-16. The program has had nearly 1,000 graduates who have been engaged in meaningful ways to solve challenging problems, including Superfund cleanup, at global, national, regional, and local levels.
- Montana Tech Professor Roger Jensen received the American Society of Safety Professionals' highest honor of Fellow during its summer conference. Jensen, joined the Montana Tech faculty in 1999 where he helped form an ASSP student section that he guided for many years. He designed Montana Tech’s safety lab for fall protection and ladder-climbing, and he has made additional contributions to the occupational safety and health body of knowledge in heat stress, risk assessment, machine safeguarding, and back-stressing patient handling. “Throughout his career, Roger has tirelessly dedicated his work to advancing workplace safety and health,” said former ASSP President Mark Hansen. “He has mentored countless students and professionals while broadly contributing to our profession’s body of knowledge.”