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[Diesel Accreditation](#) - MSU-Northern's Diesel Technology program was reaccredited for another five years through the Associated Equipment Distributors (AED) Foundation. The MSU-Northern Diesel program is one of only 39 diesel technology/heavy equipment technology programs in the nation to receive the accreditation through the AEDF process.

[2024 Commencement](#) – Flint Rasmussen gave an entertaining and inspiring message to the MSU-Northern graduating class which consisted of 279 students who received 411 degrees. The numbers break down in the following ways: 115 women, 164 men, 64 certificates, 158 associate's, 174 bachelor's and 14 master's degrees.

[Online Education Degree](#) – MSU-Northern launched its fully online Elementary Education program, beginning in Fall 2024. It is designed to address the challenges faced by educators in obtaining certification while actively teaching, MSU-Northern is committed to providing a solution that empowers teachers to further their education without disrupting their current roles.

[Algal Blooms Research](#) - Dr. Terri Hildebrand, Professor of Biology at MSU-Northern shared the results of her two-year "Algal Blooms Community Health Literacy Program." She characterized the water conditions in Beaver Creek and its incoming tributaries as they exist in Beaver Creek Park in Hill County.

[Research Published](#) - MSU-Northern's Associate Professor of Biology, Dr. Giuseppe P. Cortese, is one of nine researchers that contributed to an article recently published in the Journal of Neuropathology Experimental Neurology titled: ZCCHC17 knockdown phenocopies Alzheimer's disease-related loss of synaptic proteins and hyperexcitability.

[Spring Fling](#) - The 19th annual Spring Fling fundraiser, hosted by the Northern Lights Athletic Scholarship Foundation (NLASF), This event serves as a fundraiser for the NLASF, with all proceeds going towards supporting athletics at MSU-Northern.

[Powwow](#) - The Sweetgrass Society hosted the 47th annual Sweetgrass Society Powwow. The Powwow featured over 100 dancers, registered in categories for males and females ages 18 to 54, and golden age dancers 55 and older. MSU-Northern's football team took part in festivities by joining in their own grand processional and sponsoring the Tiny Tots division while handing out Candy.

[Student Art Show](#) - The MSU-Northern Student Art Show showcased an array of artworks including painting, sculptures, digital art, photography, and everything in between.

[Retirees Honored](#) - On Tuesday, April 16, MSU-Northern honored the many years of hard work and dedication to MSU-Northern by Valerie Hickman (42 years), Suzanne Hunger (6 years), James Morrow (11 years), & Linda Osterman (20 years). Each of the retirees received a desktop clock.

[Founder's Excellence Awards](#) - The MSU-Northern Alumni Foundation honored Fran Baltrusch, Pam and Dave Wilson, and Vickie Clouse (posthumously) with a 2024 Founders' Excellence Award for their outstanding contributions to MSU-Northern and our community.