

Timeline of Kennedy-Stark Athletic Center proposed naming public comment:

- Aug. 19 – news release published by MSU News Service (attached)
- Aug. 19 – appeared in MSU Today email sent to all faculty, staff and subscribers (example below)
- Aug. 21 – Link to news release published in Blue & Gold News, a newsletter sent by President Cruzado to the MSU community
- Aug. 23 – Mention published in Bobcat Bulletin, a newsletter sent to Bozeman community subscribers
- Aug. 26 – appeared in MSU Today email
- Aug. 28 – appeared in MSU Today email
- Aug. 29 – public listening session in Strand Union Building, Room 232, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (one person attended)

Comments received as of 9/3/24: 2 (both attached)

MSU to hold in-person listening session Aug. 29 on proposal to name new indoor athletic facility as the Kennedy-Stark Athletic Center

msunews@montana.edu (From the MSU News Service. Contact: Michael Becker, MSU News Service director, 406-994-4565 or michael.becker@montana.edu) - Aug 19, 2024 at 8:00:00 AM

BOZEMAN - Montana State University will ask the state's Board of Regents in September to approve naming a new indoor practice facility on campus in Bozeman as the Kennedy-Stark Athletic Center.

The 112,000-square-foot facility will provide access to year-round training for all MSU student-athletes, improve safety and streamline the continuity of operations for MSU's athletic programs.

It will be located on MSU property adjacent to Bobcat Stadium and the Bobcat Track and Field Complex. A groundbreaking celebration was held July 16 for the \$26.5 million project, which will be entirely funded by private donations.

The naming honors two past coaches at MSU, Rob Stark and Dale Kennedy, who developed MSU into one of the top track and cross-country programs in the Mountain region.

The regents will consider the naming request at their Sept. 18-19 meeting at MSU Billings. A full agenda for the two-day meeting will be available online here: mus.edu/board/meetings/agendas-and-minutes.html.

An in-person listening session on the proposed naming will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 29, in Room 232 of the Strand Union Building at MSU.

Public comments on the naming request can also be submitted by letter to University Communications, c/o Name Change Comments, P.O. Box 172220, Bozeman, MT 59717-2220 or by email to msunews@montana.edu. Written comments are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 5.

Montana University System and MSU policies permit buildings to be named in honor of individuals. The MUS naming policy can be found here: <https://mus.edu/borpol/bor1000/1004-1.pdf>.

Subject: Kennedy-Stark athletic center

Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 9:42:33 AM Mountain Daylight Time

From: Creel, Scott <screel@montana.edu>

To: MSU News <msunews@montana.edu>

Dear Regents,

I am writing to strongly support naming the new indoor track building at MSU for Dale Kennedy and Rob Stark. In my 28 years as a professor at MSU, Dale Kennedy was one of the colleagues that I admired most. While I worked for Dale as a volunteer assistant coach of the cross country team for seven years, every day I saw a man who did everything he could, without exception, to help students succeed in the areas he affected. Dale had an unflaggingly positive (but realistic) attitude that taught his students to do their best. It was truly a pleasure to be part of the environment that Dale created, both because it was effective and because it was fun.

Rob had been forced to retire before I arrived in 1997, but remained active with the program and I also gained great respect for him. Truly an example of persistence and dignity.

These two have earned this privilege through years and years of quiet excellence and effort to improve the university. Several building names have recently been bought with dollars, and this is an opportunity to demonstrate that money is not the only thing that talks.

Sincerely,

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Kennedy-Stark Athletic Center Listening Session Public Comment Sign In
Aug. 29, 2024

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- Moved to Bozeman in 2002 and since that time I have been a student, staff member, and for the past 15 years a faculty member.
- I bleed blue and gold and take Presidents Cruzados Blue and Gold Friday's seriously.
- Saturday afternoons at Bobcat stadiums are my happy place. As much as I love watching Bobcat football one of the highlights of my summer was when the name of the new indoor facility was revealed.
 - I first met coach K in 2002. Although I wasn't fast enough to run for him I saw him daily running along Kagy street in the mornings. He was always so kind to me and affectionately called me "kiddo" a tradition I continued when I had student athletes in class. I enjoyed almost every interaction with him except for the time I had shin splints, and he told me I should probably stay off it for 6-8 weeks...because no distance runner wants to hear that.
 - Mr. Start has been a staple both at the church across from campus and every athletic event I have attended in the past 15 years. He is always such a wonderful and kind man.
- Once the name was announced this summer I shared this news with my 11 year old daughter who started running track for the first time this year. I was able to share with her that coach Kennedy had been coaching at MSU since 1981, almost but not quite, as long as I have been alive. The next day I took a picture of the two of them together as he volunteered at the weekly allcomers meet that takes place during Wednesdays in July.
- All this to that there are no two people who are more deserving to have this building named after them and as a former track and field athlete it makes me smile to know that football players will be warmer in a building named after two amazing track coaches.
- This is hands down MSU' athletics best decision in a long time. Go Cats!

Subject: Information for Faculty and Staff
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 at 9:00:33 AM Mountain Daylight Time
From: MSUToday <MSUToday@montana.edu>
BCC: msutoday@sympa.montana.edu <msutoday@sympa.montana.edu>, msu-faculty-staff@sympa.montana.edu <msu-faculty-staff@sympa.montana.edu>
Attachments: image001.jpg, image002.jpg, image003.jpg, image004.jpg, image005.jpg



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Good Morning, MSU. It's Monday, Aug. 19.

Announcements

Pure Gold is accepting nominations for the fall semester. [View](#)

The Mindful Mentor Program is looking for applicants. [View](#)

MSU's free CatTracks shuttle service will begin operating Wednesday, Aug. 21, and will run 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays. [View](#)

MSU will hold an in-person listening session on the proposal to name the new indoor athletic facility as the Kennedy-Stark Athletic Center. [View](#)

The Student Wellness Center is opening with memberships available. [View](#)

Today

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| 9:00 -
10:00 a.m. | Jackson Strand will present their thesis titled "The Role of Chemical Ecology and the Agroecological Importance of Smooth Brome in Biological Control of Wheat Stem Sawfly by Native Parasitoids" in PBB 108. View |
| 9:00 a.m. -
12:00 p.m. | A CPR/AED/first aid course for adult patients will occur in the Safety and Risk Management building second floor. View |

- 9:00 - Academic Technology and Outreach will host a
10:00 a.m. webinar on iClicker basics online via Zoom. [View](#)
- 3:00 p.m. The Student Wellness Center Grand Opening
Celebration will occur at the Student Wellness
Center Commons. [View](#)
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Tuesday, August 20

- 4:00 p.m. MSU will host the 2024 First Year Student
Convocation at the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse. [View](#)
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Wednesday, August 21

- The first day of the fall semester will occur. [View](#)
- 11:00 a.m. - SmartBuyMSU will host virtual office hours online
12:00 p.m. via Teams. [View](#)
- 4:00 - The Office of Research Development will host the
5:00 p.m. Research Fellowship Program proposal workshop
through starting in the Renne Library 324. [View](#)
Wed, Oct 9
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