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<u>Cross-Country Student Heads to Nationals</u> – James Stensland-Plymale, a freshman student-athlete in the Automotive Technology program, has qualified for the NAIA Cross Country National Championship in Columbia, Missouri.

<u>Career Fair</u> – The annual MSU-Northern Fall Career Fair, brought together 57 companies and numerous students in the Armory Gymnasium, offering opportunities for networking, internships, and potential careers.

**Tenure and promotion** – The faculty who were promoted or received tenure were: Dr. Randy Bachmeier, Mr. Keith Jensen, Mr. Grant Bowker, Ms. Laura Gomez, Dr. Gwendolyn Hart, and Dr. Joyce Mphande-Finn.

<u>Advisory Boards</u> – MSU-Northern recently hosted its annual fall Automotive and Diesel advisory board meetings where industry professionals reviewed curriculum, media promotion, and recruiting strategies to ensure programs align with industry needs, marking the first of seven advisory board meetings for the College of Technical Sciences this semester.

<u>MPSEOC Counselor Update</u> - MSU-Northern hosted the Montana Post-Secondary Educational Opportunities Council (MPSEOC) Counselor Update, where 10 local high school counselors joined a statewide Zoom session featuring updates from 26 colleges to highlight recent developments in Montana's higher education.

<u>Education Course Receives Quality Matters Certification</u> - Dr. Amy L. Smith's Introduction to Education course earned the prestigious Quality Matters (QM) Certification, reflecting her and Brittany Garden's dedication to high-quality online and blended course design that supports student success.

<u>Native American and Indigenous People Month</u> - MSU-Northern is celebrating National Native American Heritage Month in November with workshops, cultural events, and leadership sessions, including beadwork classes, Indigenous mentorship talks, and a "Rock Your Mocs" Week to honor and share Native traditions.

<u>MSU-Northern Honors Veterans</u> - In observance of Veterans Day, MSU-Northern hosted a special Veterans Lunch and acknowledged our veterans during the half-time ceremonies at our last home football game.

<u>SSS Celebrates National First-Generation Day</u> - MSU-Northern celebrated National First-Generation Day on November 7-8 with events hosted by Student Support Services (SSS), recognizing the resilience of first-generation students who make up 41.5% of Northern's degree-seekers, while also providing academic support, tutoring, and resources to help them succeed.

**Homecoming** - MSU-Northern's Homecoming week culminated in a football game against UM-Western, with the halftime highlight being the announcement of the 2024 Homecoming "Royal Lights," celebrating students for their leadership, campus involvement, and dedication.

<u>Trauma Nursing Certification</u> - Dr. Jaime Duke earned her Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC) certification and was invited to the prestigious "Train-the-Trainer" program, enhancing MSU-Northern's nursing program by equipping students with advanced trauma care skills and reinforcing the university's commitment to excellence in healthcare education.