



ACCESS SUCCESS

Access: (n.) a means of approaching

Success: (n.) the accomplishment of an aim or purpose

April 1, 2024

Welcome to **AccessSuccess**,
the official newsletter of the
Montana's Own, 1893, and *Return-to-Learn*
Scholars Programs.

This is YOUR newsletter so [email Deb](#) if you have ideas for future issues.



[Read about
the mentors
HERE!](#)

Happening TUESDAY at 5pm!

Bobcat Mentoring Networking Panel

Meet the mentors before dinner on the 23rd!
Ask questions and gain industry insights!
Network with area professionals and fellow Scholars!
Drawing for two \$20 gift cards for the MSU Bookstore!
Snacks and earn a punch on your punch card!

Get - and USE - Your Workshop Punch Card!

Get a free \$20 gift card for attending 3 of 5 events!

-  Know Your NACE...And Be Career Ready
-  Personal Values and Principles: An Exploration
-  CliftonStrengths Employer Debrief & Industry Insights
-  Bobcat Mentoring Q&A Panel: Learn, Develop, Engage
-  2nd Annual Bobcat Mentoring Dinner

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To register go to: <https://www.montana.edu/aycss/scholarnetworkingevents.html>

When you attend the ***Know Your NACE, Personal Values & Principles Exploration***, and ***Bobcat Mentoring*** events in April, not only do you get the invaluable information and networking, you get the opportunity to earn a \$20 gift card! **Get your card at your first workshop and mix and match three or more events - see you all at the workshops soon!**

See more workshop descriptions and [register for them at the Online Calendar](#).



Above: Scholars participate in the interactive *Know Your NACE* workshop

UPDATE: What You Need to Know About Your FAFSA



- Awards for the 2024-25 school year should be sent to students between April 15-30.
- The Department of Education is currently sending FAFSA applications to colleges for processing.
- If you know you made a mistake on your application, don't stress! The opportunity to make corrections will be available in the next two weeks.
- If you want Work-Study next year, you will need to talk directly with the Financial Aid Office as all Work-Study is being run through the colleges this year.
- If you need help doing the FAFSA, the [Office of Financial Education is happy to assist](#). It is not too late to do the application! OFE is also happy to help you start budgeting for next year.
- Cat Scholarships are being processed. Scholarships which require a FAFSA application may be delayed, but others are being awarded. Scholarship renewals in College of Engineering and College of Agriculture are being processed.

Thinking About Going to Grad School? Get a Headstart at GradCat Spring Summit



The GradCat Spring Summit is a conference-style, half-day event with several presentations and workshops geared specifically toward Grad Students. Students may choose to attend any or all sessions.

[Learn More and RSVP](#)

8:00am Breakfast, Ballroom A

8:30am Keynote Address with Dr. Tricia Seifert, Professor of Education and Dean of the College of Education, Health & Human Development

9:00-10:00am Concurrent Session I

The Hidden Curriculum: Navigating Hidden Expectations for Graduate Success with Brian Bothner, Jennifer Thomson, & Sweeney Windchief

Sustainable Lab Practices with Kirk Lubick & Kristin Blackletter

10:15-11:15am Concurrent Session II

Giving Effective Presentations with Leila Sterman

Networking and Next Steps in your Career with Joan Lorraine

11:30am-12:30pm Concurrent Session III

Writing Your Literature Review with Erin Strickland

Creating an Inclusive Classroom with Myleen Leery & Kayte Kaminski

The Questionnaire

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We want to feature YOU in upcoming newsletters!

Answer the Questionnaire

Allison Eastman

Nursing

1893 Scholar



What is the most important reason you decided to attend MSU? The most important reason why I decided to attend MSU is because of their phenomenal BSN program. The academic and clinical course load may be a bit on the heavy side, but the professors are compassionate, understanding, and driven to help me succeed. I don't think I'd be where I am now without them, and I'll always be grateful for it.

What is your most treasured possession? For me, my most treasured possession is my video game collection. Though it may look like a bunch of old CDs to most people, it's something that I keep close to my heart and will always bring me joy when I need it most.

If time and money were not a consideration, what hobby would you take up? If I didn't have to worry about time or money, I'd be crocheting to my heart's content. I'd be making a little bit of everything: From hats and cardigans, to socks, scarves, blankets, and stuffed animals. Who knows, I may even consider opening a crochet shop on the side.

What Montanan do you most identify with or admire? One Montanan in particular I admire is Dr. Sadie Lindeberg, one of the few female doctors in the state of Montana that specialized in obstetrics and women's healthcare from the early to the mid 1900s. During her time in Miles City, MT, she helped deliver a number of babies and provided abortion services to women in need when abortion was deemed illegal.

What is your current state of mind? Though I can be a bit on the gloomy side, I'm optimistic, motivated, empathetic, and anxious.

If you had one piece of advice for MSU students, what would it be? My primary piece of advice for MSU students is to be flexible with whatever path they're pursuing, regardless of their major or minor. Nothing in life is guaranteed, but that doesn't mean you don't have the

power to change that.

What is your motto? Don't let your past define your future. In the end, it's you who chooses the path you pursue in life.

What is the most important reason you decided to attend MSU? This is one of the best Family Consumer Sciences schools.

What is your most treasured possession? My nice looking rock.

If time and money were not a consideration, what hobby would you take up? Magnet fishing.

What Montanan do you most identify with or admire?

J.K. Simmons.

What is your current state of mind? Stressed and tired.

If you had one piece of advice for MSU students, what would it be? Reach out to EVERY resource you qualify for. They'll help you succeed.

What is your motto? I carry on, both for those I've lost and for those I can yet save.

Patrick Olsen

**Human Development and
Family Science**
Return-to-Learn Scholar



Kyrah Kirchner

**Food and Nutrition -
Dietetics Option**
Montana's Own Scholar



What is the most important reason you decided to attend MSU? It was close to home and had the program I was interested in.

What is your most treasured possession? My time.

If time and money were not a consideration, what hobby would you take up? Flying little trick airplanes like the old guys in Secondhand Lions.

What Montanan do you most identify with or admire? Jeanette Rankin. The only woman to have ever represented Montana in congress. And the first woman ever elected to the position in the US.

What is your current state of mind? Grateful, tired.

If you had one piece of advice for MSU students, what would it be? Take advantage of the unique resources available to you. The Office of Health Advancement is an awesome one!

What is your motto? You only get one life, live a story you would read.

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