



ACCESS SUCCESS

Access: (n.) a means of approaching

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

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

Though you all come from diverse backgrounds, generations, and experiences, you have many things in common - you are dedicated to making the most of your time at MSU; you are searching for meaning and purpose, both during and after of your time at MSU; and you aim to become an MSU graduate and make YOUR mark on Montana - and the world!

Every two weeks **AccessSuccess** will feature:

UPCOMING events and opportunities just for scholars.

THINKING CAP where we look at issues affecting us in Bozeman and Montana and unique ways others in the world are addressing them (coming next issue).

THE QUESTIONNAIRE where you can learn more about your fellow scholars.

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



RSVP by 9/17!

Meet & Mingle With Your Fellow Scholars!

Meet new friends and reunite with returning scholars!

Scholar Meet & Greet
Wednesday, September 20th | 4pm-6pm
Big White Tent (next to Montana Hall)

Networking! Snacks! Games! Prizes! Goodie Bags!

If you can't make it to the Meet & Greet, you can join us at one of the drop-in's the next week.

[Check out days and times.](#)

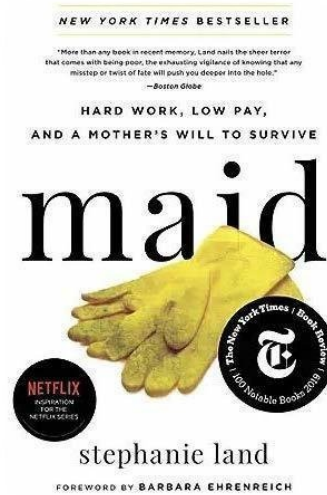


Registration Coming Soon

An Evening of Networking and Great Food! Plan to Attend the Etiquette Dinner

Tuesday, September 26th | 6pm | SUB Ballrooms

Dress in your best career duds and join your fellow students for an evening of great food and even better company. You'll learn dinner etiquette from your Table Captain (a host from the professional world) and learn tips and tricks on how to wow at an interview and other networking events. **The fee for dinner is waived for scholars!**



Did You Miss Convocation? You Can Still Read the Inspirational Book!

*"We need more books like Maid, with the view from behind the fridge and under the couch. Stephanie Land has something to teach us about both sides of the inequality divide. Neither is what you are expecting."
-Barbara Ehrenreich*

Every scholar who attends the September 20th Meet & Greet will receive a free copy of *Maid* and, this semester, you'll participate in events and opportunities that will explore Stephanie's convocation message of *get to know others - and begin to get to know yourself and create your own story.*



[Check Out the Student Schedule](#)

Plan NOW for the Upcoming Career Fair!

Career Fair is October 4th and 5th, in the Fieldhouse, with almost 300 employers already signed up! New this year are more diverse networking events, panel discussions, and employer info sessions.

To make you as prepared as possible, [Prep-the-Student events](#) are scheduled starting September 20th, including resume reviews, mock interviews, salary negotiation tips, and the popular Bobcat Career Closet. Make a plan TODAY to attend these life-and career-changing events.



Always Be In-The-Know

New events and opportunities are always being added to the **calendar** - check it often!

[See the Calendar](#)

Coming next issue - [Discord channels](#) for even more opportunities to network!



COMING NEXT ISSUE!

What issues do you want to explore? [Email Deb your ideas.](#)

The Questionnaire

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We want to feature YOU in upcoming newsletters!

Answer the Questionnaire



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What is the most important reason you decided to attend MSU? I started working at MSU 4 1/2 years ago after our family moved to Bozeman from Connecticut. I chose to work in AYCSS because it allowed me to use my museum education background in new ways.

What is your most treasured possession? I have a lot of art and furniture from my Grandma's house. They all have family connections and have been a part of my family and its history for a very long time. I don't know which I would pick as most treasured.

If time and money were not a consideration, what hobby would you take up? I would travel. I love to travel and my family has had a lot of fun on our "family adventures." But, working full time and raising two kids makes it hard. If I could take my family on adventures and explorations around the world that would be amazing.

What Montanan do you most identify with? Not having grown up in Montana and not currently working in the MT history field I don't have a lot of information to pull from for this question.

What is your current state of mind? I am excited for the new semester and looking forward to meeting our scholars.

If you had one piece of advice for MSU students, what would it be.

Don't be afraid to challenge your comfort zone. Take a class in a subject you aren't familiar with, join a club even if you don't know anyone, and most important -don't be afraid to ask for help!

What is your motto? Celebrate small successes and try to find something good in every day.

What is the most important reason you decided to attend MSU? I wanted to be the first person in my family to graduate from college.

What is your most treasured possession? Tie between my wedding ring and my grandma's turquoise ring.

If time and money were not a consideration, what hobby would you take up? I would be a world traveler.

What Montanan do you most identify with? [D.G. House](#)

What is your current state of mind? I feel hopeful for new opportunities and adventures.

If you had one piece of advice for MSU students, what would it be? Stay the course, be all in.

What is your motto? Dress up, show up, and do your best.

What is the most important reason you decided to attend MSU? I was working at MSU and decided to take some classes with my fee waiver. Fast-forward many years and I now have both a bachelors and masters degree from MSU and \$0 student debt!

What is your most treasured possession? My tiny, 18'x18' fenced backyard. In summer it fills with flowers, birds, butterflies, and bumblebees. And BB the Cat (pictured above) has her very own catnip patch.

If time and money were not a consideration, what hobby would you take up? I'd live in the south of France and learn to paint in the style of Vincent Van Gogh.

What Montanan do you most identify with? I'm not sure I identify with them because they are far more impressive and inspirational than I can ever hope to be, but I am in awe of [the group of young people who sued the State of Montana](#) over its lack of attention to our climate crisis - and won!

What is your current state of mind? Trying to focus my brain that's going in a million different directions.

If you had one piece of advice for MSU students, what would it be? Don't be just a student of your courses, be a student of the many worlds around you.

What is your motto? Cultivate Serendipity.

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