

JANUARY 2017

DIVISION OF STUDENT SUCCESS NEWSLETTER

Coming Up

Coffee Corners Spring 2017

Student Health & Counseling
February 8 9:30-10AM
Allen Yarnell CSS / TRIO
March 8 9:30-10AM
Student Engagement / ASMSU
April 19 9:30-10AM
Admissions
May 10 9:30-10AM

Professional Development

Dates have changed!

Gearing up for Challenging Conversations with your Boss
February 3, Betsy Webb
SUB 233
The ABCs of ADA
March 3, Brenda York
SUB 233

SAVE THE DATE

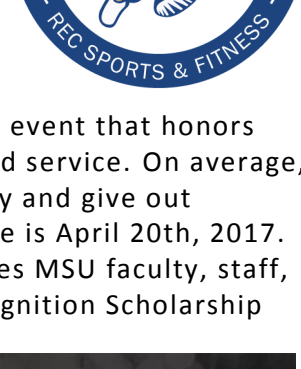
Our Division Wrap-up will be April 12th 10AM-12PM. Have ideas or suggestions on this event? [Submit here \(at the bottom of the page\).](#)

Dates & Deadlines for Our Students

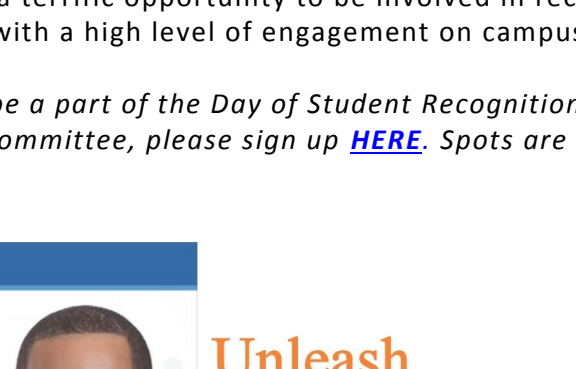
- **January 25, 2017** – Last day to receive a 75% refund for a university withdrawal
- **January 25, 2017** – Last day to add classes; Last day to drop courses using MyInfo
- **February 1, 2017** – Last day to drop classes without a grade
- **February 1, 2017** – Students who have not confirmed their attendance will be dropped from classes
- **February 1, 2017**—Last day to receive a 50% refund for a university withdrawal

Announcements

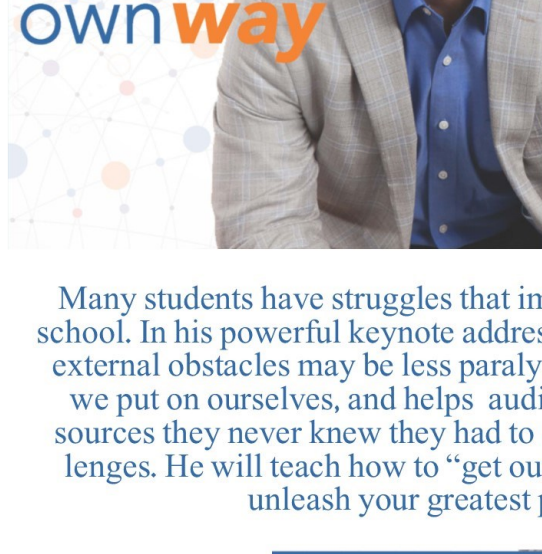
- **MSU will be closed on Monday, February 20.** [Go here for a full list of 2017 paid holidays.](#)
- Parent Family Association has posted the 2017 Weekend dates! Parent Family Weekend will be October 6 & 7, 2017—send excited and inquisitive parents to the Parent Family Hotline at 406-994-7359 or our [website](#).
- Read President Cruzado's note on the [Impact of the Executive Order on Montana State University](#).
- Rec Sports will be launching a summer youth camp for children in grades K-6. The camp begins on June 12th and will run one week sessions through August 11th. Each week will have a different theme and incorporate swimming, outdoor activities, crafts, sports, education and free play. Early bird registration opens March 1st. Check out [montana.edu/getfit](#) for up to date information.



- **The Day of Student Recognition** is an annual event that honors students who are exemplary in leadership and service. On average, we honor 60 students at this award ceremony and give out \$17,500 in scholarship money. The event date is April 20th, 2017. The MSU Office of Student Engagement invites MSU faculty, staff, and students to join the Day of Student Recognition Scholarship Selections Committee. The committee will consist of 30 faculty, staff, and students. Each committee member will be responsible for reviewing between 15-20 applications. The application consists of an activities resume and responses to 2-3 essay questions, totaling 3-5 pages. The review process will be done electronically between March 3rd-20th. This is a terrific opportunity to be involved in recognizing MSU students with a high level of engagement on campus and in the community.



If you would like to be a part of the Day of Student Recognition Scholarship Selections Committee, please sign up [HERE](#). Spots are limited!



DR. JOEL NUÑEZ
(is helping college students)
GET OUT of their OWN way

Unleash Your Greatest Potential with Joel Nunez!

Many students have struggles that impact their well-being at school. In his powerful keynote address, Dr. Nunez reveals how external obstacles may be less paralyzing than the hindrances we put on ourselves, and helps audiences unearth inner resources they never knew they had to overcome external challenges. He will teach how to "get out of your own way" and unleash your greatest potential!

Coming to MSU! FREE!

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

7:00pm in SUB Ballroom A

Sponsored by Counseling & Psychological Services and Active Minds



CAMPUSPEAK
CAMPUSPEAK.COM/NUÑEZ

Welcome to our team!

Join the Division in welcoming our new team-members!

- **Paige Culver**, Academic Advisor in the Allen Yarnell Center for Student Success
- **Phil Rogers**, Academic Advisor in the Allen Yarnell Center for Student Success
- **Kristen Westesen**, Admissions Specialist in Admissions
- **Claire Knaeble**, Admissions Specialist in Admissions
- **Kristie Hess**, Admissions Evaluator in Admissions
- **Dean Williamson**, Financial Aid Specialist in the Financial Aid Office
- **Leslie Trumble**, Psychologist in Counseling & Psychological Services

That Time in the Semester

Student withdrawals—it's the time in the semester where some students may be frantic about their semester, and may need to look at their options of either withdrawing, or reducing their course load.

Do you want to withdraw from classes you are currently taking?

Yes, I am currently enrolled in the semester I want to withdraw from. Do you want to withdraw from **all** of your classes?

Yes, I'd like to drop down to zero credits

No, I want to drop a few, but not down to zero credits

No, I am looking to withdraw from a **previous semester** due to an **extenuating circumstance** (medical, family emergency, etc)

Schedule an appointment for a University Withdrawal at the Allen Yarnell Center for Student Success

Talk to your faculty members about dropping classes, or taking incompletes

Contact the Dean of Students' Office about a **Retroactive University Withdrawal**

Another helpful online resource for staff, faculty and students: <http://www.montana.edu/deanofstudents/withdraw.html>

Employee Engagement Corner

The Division is critically looking at our role in engaging our employees. This year marked our second annual distribution of the Gallup Q12 survey. We'll be involving the whole Division in efforts to improve engagement starting in the Spring of 2017, including workshops, interviews, and debriefing on Gallup surveys and other data collected.

What is Employee Engagement? Why should we care?

Engagement is multi-faceted, but can generally be defined by a positive attitude around your work and impact, and a solid belief in your organization's mission. **We care about engagement because research shows that engaged employees are happier with their work, feel a connection with their organization, feel supported by their team, and exhibit less stress at work.** We want to improve employee engagement because it benefits our whole Division.

Have ideas, suggestions, or would you like to give feedback? Email ear@montana.edu!

Shout-outs

Send us your Shout-Outs! They can be serious or silly, professional or personal achievements!
<http://www.montana.edu/studentssuccess/newsletter.html>

Ryan Diehl

"For those of you who don't know, Ryan Diehl will be leaving MSU for the next great adventure in his life. Many thanks for his hard work and vision. His investment in Outdoor Rec and the staff there has benefited us all. He will be greatly missed."

Paige Culver and Phil Rogers

Welcome Phil Rogers and Paige Culver to the Allen Yarnell Center for Student Success team!
- Erin McCormick

Nick in Financial Aid

We would like to give a shout-out to Nick because he has been working very hard to help students receive the funding they need to attend classes at MSU this spring. He has shown excellent customer service and students have felt well taken care of.
- Aaron Grusonik and Ed McKenna

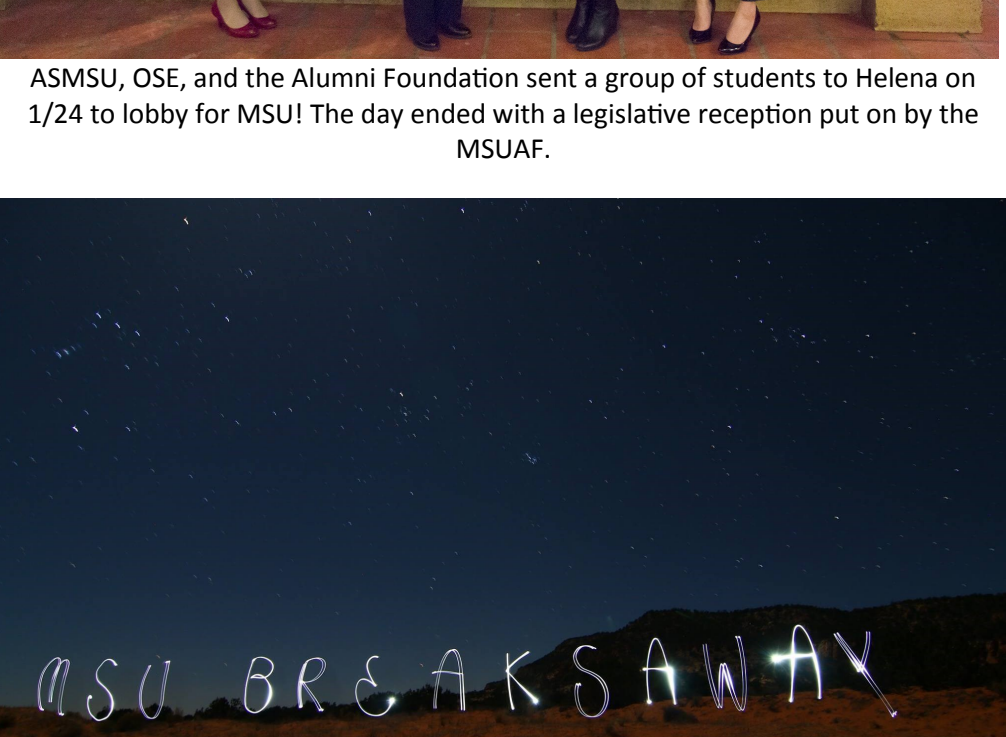
Liz Walsh

Thanks for leading another fantastic MSU 101!
- Co-workers at AYCSS

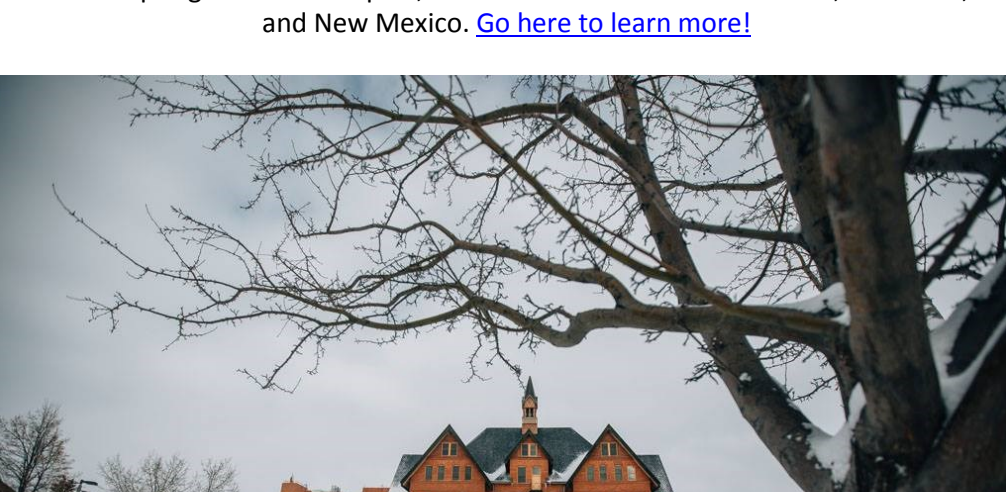
MONTH IN PHOTOS



The Registrar's office celebrating Tony's birthday at a staff meeting, after the team decorated his office in a soccer theme & surprised him with a performance from the MSU marching band!



ASMSU, OSE, and the Alumni Foundation sent a group of students to Helena on 1/24 to lobby for MSU! The day ended with a legislative reception put on by the MSUAF.



OSE is starting informational sessions on MSU BreaksAway, an opportunity for students to travel and do good works over MSU's spring break. In the past, students have traveled to Arizona, California, and New Mexico. [Go here to learn more!](#)



First day of spring semester, as part of MSU's Facebook project on [A Slice of #MontanaState\) Life](#). MSU Photo by Adrian Sanchez-Gonzalez