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1/16: Weights w/Blaine Berrington (12:00 pm, HPER 140)

1/20: Martin Luther King Day (Holiday)

1/21: Pilates w/Katie Hailer (12:00 pm, HPER 140)

1/23:

Club Rush (10:00 am-2:00 pm, SUB)

Weights w/Blaine Berrington (12:00 pm, HPER 140)

TRIO SSS Info Session (11:30 am, Copper Lounge)

WBB v Northern (5:00 pm) | MBB v Northern (7:00 pm)

1/25: WBB vs Rocky (2:00 pm) | MBB v Rocky (4:00 pm)

1/28:

Pilates w/ Katie Hailer (12:00 pm, HPER 140)

TRIO SSS Information Session (5:00 pm, [Zoom](#))

1/30: Weights w/Blaine Berrington (12:00 pm, HPER 140)



LEGISLATIVE WEEK IN REVIEW: WEEK 1

The below is provided by the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education and will come out weekly.

The 69th Montana Legislature convened in Helena on **Monday, January 6** for its biennial 90-day session. Helena has been shrouded in dense fog for much of the week, as is the outcome of a Senate Rules debate, stalling committee work in that chamber. In addition, new bill and amendment drafting, tracking, and scheduling systems have contributed to the session's wobbly launch and have presented a few challenges for drafters, lawmakers, agencies, the media, and the public. [Read more](#)



DONATE TO THE CASUAL CLOTHING CLOSET

Getting ready to clean out your closet for the New Year? Donate to Montana Tech's Casual Clothing Closet. Montana Tech is excited to launch this new student success service in January 2025. We're accepting new and gently used winter appropriate clothing. Donations can be dropped off at Engineering Hall Room 103, the Help Desk in the Student Union Building, or Cheyenne Crooker's office in the Academic Center for Excellence in the Student Success Center (SSC 3.142).

Needs include:

- Coats, jackets, sweaters
- Hats, gloves, warm socks
- Sweatpants and pants
- Work wear, including steel-toed boots

All donations are tax deductible. If you want a receipt, please reach out to Angela Grinolds at the Montana Tech Foundation at 406-496-4277.



TRIO SSS IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS & INFO SESSIONS

We offer holistic, individualized support to students who are first-generation (neither parent has received a bachelor's degree,) income-eligible, or who have a documented disability and are pursuing a four-year STEM degree. Students can [Visit **TRIO SSS STEM**](#) for more information, or [Apply to TRIO Student Support Services STEM Today!](#)

We welcome referrals from all staff and faculty as well and would be happy to come speak to your class! Please feel free to contact TRIO SSS Director Carissa Johnson at cjohnson25@mtech.edu or 406-496-4289 with any questions.

We offer:

- One-on-one individualized academic success coaching
- Orientation for incoming freshmen
- Guidance in academic, personal, and career goals
- Tutoring and study groups
- Assistance in graduate school applications
- Student Success Workshops
- STEM field trips and leadership conferences
- Scholarship assistance

Upcoming TRIO SSS information sessions:

- **January 23:** 11:30 am, Copper Lounge (meal included)
- **January 28:** 5:00 pm (Virtual Information Session: Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81138395482>, Meeting ID: 811 3839 5482)

** Due to federal guidelines, TRIO SSS cannot work with international or Post-Secondary Enrollment Option students.*



DRIVER SAFETY TRAINING FOR CAMPUS

This is an online/self-paced course, offered by Risk Management and Tort Defense (RMTD), full of information on driving a large vehicle with occupants or gear for the university system. The course is designed to educate drivers on operating a wide variety of vehicles for MUS campuses. It expands coverage of defensive driving tips applicable to all motor vehicles while retaining information about the special techniques needed to safely drive the full-size sport utility vehicles and small buses still used by campuses. It also explains Board of Regents' driving policies and the stricter policies set by some campuses. Finally, it teaches what a driver should do if they are involved in a crash while driving on MUS business. **The training is highly recommended if any MUS vehicle will be driven, and the training can be taken by any faculty, staff, or student of the university who can drive.** Register for the training [here](#).



CAREER FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Career Services is looking for volunteers for the Spring 2025 Career Fair on **February 5th, 6th, and 7th** in the HPER Complex. Please check out the [Career Fair Sign Up Sheet](#) to pick a slot that would work for you. We need most of our help during setup on the 5th around noon, and after 3:00 pm on the 6th

for conversion of the space to 2nd day interviews or afternoon on the 7th for taking down the event. The Career Services team appreciates your help. All volunteers will get a t-shirt! Please email [Aaron Frale](mailto:Aaron.Frale) with your shirt size.



CAREER FAIR WELCOME SOCIAL

Join Career Services and our employers who help give our students their great outcomes for hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and conversation. This year, we will be meeting in the SUB Lobby and Copper Lounge to kick off the career fair, the event is **Wednesday, February 5th** from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm in the SUB.



REGISTER FOR CAREER FAIR

The Spring 2025 Career Fair is **Thursday, February 6th** starting at 8:00 am. Students should register today and check out all the employers who are coming to campus like Enterprise Holdings, Freeport-McMoRan, and Montana Department of Transportation. Go to [DiggerRecruiting-DR 2.0](#) to sign up for the event and all the other employer events on campus. Be sure to upload resumes early to ensure timely feedback in time for the career fair.



SAVE THE DATE: RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) will hold a Research Symposium at the Helena MDT Headquarters on **May 20, 2025**, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. This will be an in-person only event and no virtual options will be provided.

If you attended the May 2024 TRB State visit held in Helena and virtually, this event aims to build off the momentum and interest from that event. We had great discussions centered around transportation research and many in attendance expressed interest in participating in another networking event.

Researchers: The format MDT is building towards would be a morning showcasing examples of research work that could relate to the work MDT does. After a lunch break, the day would transition to a networking event designed to

bring out MDT research needs and researcher topic interests. MDT plans to request abstracts from interested researchers for MDT to select for the morning presentations.

For more information, contact: Rebecca Ridenour, P.E., Research Section Supervisor | Highways and Engineering | 406-444-7203 | rridenour@mt.gov

The agenda will be designed to foster networking and collaboration. We will update as more details are established by MDT.

