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UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

3/11: Pilates w/Katie Hailer (12:00 pm, HPER 140)

3/13: Weights w/Blaine Berrington (12:00 pm, HPER 140)

3/13-15: Board of Regents (Helena)

3/17: St. Patrick's Day Parade (12:00 pm, Uptown Butte)

3/18 & 3/20: Pilates and Weights canceled

3/25: Pilates w/Katie Hailer (12:00 pm, HPER 140)

3/27: Weights w/Blaine Berrington (12:00 pm, HPER 140)

3/31-4/4: Chancellor Candidate Interviews



LEGISLATIVE WEEK IN REVIEW

[Legislative Week in Review](#) from the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education.



BASKETBALL WATCH PARTY

Join us for an **Oredigger Basketball Watch Party** sponsored by Steele's Furniture to cheer on our basketball teams in the NAIA National Tournament on **Friday, March 14, 2025** from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus (224 W Park Street). Metal's Sports Bar will provide food for those in

attendance. The women play Dakota State at 4:30 pm (MST) followed by the men's game vs Southern Oregon at 6:00 pm (MST). Secure your spot – RSVP [here!](#)



CENTER FOR ACADEMIC INNOVATION CANVAS ON DEMAND

Explore Canvas independently with our **Canvas On Demand** course made up of tutorials you can use as needed! Designed for all faculty, it helps you use Canvas efficiently, letting you focus on delivering content and student feedback. Can't make our **Zoom Office Hours**? Book a one-on-one **session** with Kat or Kristel!

If you encounter any issues, please email cai@mtech.edu.



CAMPUS HEATING SYSTEM UPGRADE (PHASE 3B) TO BEGIN MARCH 2025

Starting around March 17, 2025, Montana Tech will begin Phase 3B of its campus heating system upgrade, installing a tunnel system, new steam supply piping, and condensate return piping. This phase will require closing the road between the Steam Plant and the Facilities building, as well as the north side of the Mill Building, the raised mulch landscape area in the courtyard, and the area between the Mill Building's outside staircase to pedestrian traffic. A temporary fence will be erected around the work area on **approximately March 17**, with demolition and excavation beginning shortly thereafter. An ADA-accessible pedestrian path will be created through the construction zone to provide access to the Mill Building. This path, initially accessible from the west end near the Health Science Building, may be relocated as the project progresses.

Throughout this phase, pedestrian access to buildings on the upper quad will be limited. Access to the CBB, Museum, Main Hall, and Engineering Hall should be via their east and south-facing front entrances on Montrose Street. The paved areas between Main Hall and the Mill Building, Main and Engineering Hall, and the road between the Mill and Facilities buildings will be

closed to both pedestrian and vehicle traffic. This work will also impact vehicle access to the Mineral Museum and the west side of the Facilities building.

During this period, faculty, staff, students, and visitors accessing these buildings are encouraged to park in the tiers. The Mineral Museum visitor parking spots below the Facilities Building will be unavailable. However, the handicap accessible parking spaces outside the Museum Building will remain available for Mineral Museum visitors.

As new information becomes available or changes are being made, the Facilities website here will be updated and information will be posted in the Weekly Update.



SERVICES FOR LAUREN HUDSON - LUNCHEON LOCATION CHANGE

Services for Lauren Hudson will take place on **Saturday, March 15** at St. Ann's Church. Visitation will begin at 11:00 am with mass to follow at 12:00 pm. A luncheon will then be held at the Copper King Convention Center (4655 Harrison Avenue). View Lauren's obituary [here](#).



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Walk with the Montana Tech entry in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade on **Monday, March 17** at noon in Uptown Butte. Please meet by the Lexington Gardens on Granite Street about 11:30 am. Make sure to wear all your fun St. Patrick's Day accessories!



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.

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

