# MONTANATECH WEEKLY UPDATE

**September 23, 2024**

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## UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

**9/23:**
Taiwan Study Abroad Info Session (5:00 pm, MG 203)
AISES Club Meeting (6:00 pm, Engineering Hall 101)

9**/24:**
Bear Awareness Training (10-2 pm, Courtyard)
Pilates w/ Katie Hailer (12-1 pm, HPER 140)

**9/25:**
Wellness Wednesday w/Cheyenne Crooker (2-3 pm, ccrooker1@mtech.edu for info)
Restoration Seminar (4:00 pm, CBB 101 or Zoom)

**9/26**:
Weights w/Blaine Berrington (12-1 pm, HPER 140)
Columbia River Canoe Project (6:00 pm, Library Auditorium)

9/28: Volleyball vs Western (2:00 pm, HPER)

9/30-10/5: Homecoming Week

10/1: Pilates w/ Katie Hailer (12-1 pm, HPER 140)

10/2:
Walk to School with the Orediggers
Trades & Technology Day (9:00 am-2:00 pm, Highlands)
Wellness Wednesday w/Cheyenne Crooker (2-3 pm, ccrooker1@mtech.edu for info)

10/3:
Weights w/Blaine Berrington (12-1 pm, HPER 140)
Volleyball vs Northern (7:00 pm, HPER)

10/5: Football vs Southern Oregon (1:00 pm, Bob Green Field)

## TAIWAN STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION SESSION

All faculty, staff, and students are invited to a study abroad information session on **September 23** at 5:00 pm in MG 203. A brief background of the study abroad from last year's trip to Taiwan will be presented. A committee of faculty and staff, who are committed to keeping study abroad alive and growing at Montana Tech, is interested in finding out who is interested in a future study abroad to Taiwan. The committee is working with administration to make sure the opportunity is safe, effective, and benefits the campus. Cookies and snacks will be provided.

## AISES CLUB MEETING

The American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) student chapter at Montana Tech invites you to the first meeting of the semester on **Monday, September 23** at 6:00 pm in Engineering Hall 101. The club is looking for new members, faculty presence, and leadership. The club hopes to offer resources to all people, creating a sense of belonging, and offering many STEM or indigenous-related activities. All people of all identities are welcome.

## RESTORATION SEMINAR

You are invited to attend the next Restoration Seminar on **Wednesday, September 25** from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in CBB 101 or via Zoom (Meeting ID: 844 6664 6479, Passcode: 270635). Dr. Robert Pal will discuss, "Rehabilitation of Mineral Sand Mines in Western Australia's Biodiversity Hotspot."

Rehabilitating mining-impacted landscapes is a significant challenge, particularly in environments characterized by aridity, high temperatures, poor soil structure, and extremely low nutrient availability. These challenges are further amplified when they occur in one of the most biodiverse regions on Earth. In this presentation, Dr. Pal will share insights from his recent work in Eneabba, Western Australia, where he participated in the rehabilitation of mineral sand mines. Remarkably, the rehabilitation techniques applied in these harsh conditions have consistently resulted in greater plant diversity compared to nearby control sites. This talk will explore the innovative approaches used and the impressive outcomes achieved in this unique ecological context.

## UPCOMING CAREER SERVICES EMPLOYER EVENTS

Career Services is working with employers to help find students jobs. We have arranged for several to come to campus. Go to DiggerRecruiting-DR 2.0 and register for any of the following upcoming events.

**9/25:** Musto Careers – Musto Connect Virtual Career Fair, **(**2:45 pm-9:45 pm, [Registration Link](#)) Recommended Majors: All

## OUTDOOR TECH EVENTS

Montana Tech's Outdoor Tech wants you to know about the following events coming up in September:

- Fish Wildlife & Parks will hold a Bear Awareness training on **September 24** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the courtyard. This event is open to all members of the community.
- Robert Lester's Columbia River Canoe Project will be shown on campus on **September 26** at 6:00 pm in the Library Auditorium. The event is open to all Montana Tech community members. A prize giveaway will also take place.
- The 3rd annual National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) Mountain Bike race will be held on the Big Butte Open Space on **September 28**. The event will be held from the morning to early afternoon. Come cheer on Butte's hometown team, the Copper Sprockets, as they compete against rival teams from Big Sky, Kalispell, Bozeman, and Three Forks.

## PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOTS

Are you in need of a professional headshot for the Montana Tech website or other professional uses? If so, please email Lou Mason at lmason@mtech.edu to schedule a time to have your headshot taken.

## ADOPT A GARDEN

We are looking for garden lovers that would like to take a break and get outside occasionally to maintain one of the garden areas on campus. It would entail weeding, deadheading, possibly planting, and basic upkeep of the flowers, bushes, etc. We also have flower pots that could be adopted, this would entail working with the grounds grew to choose plants and to plant the pots each spring. If you are interested in adopting one of the garden areas on campus, please contact Stephanie Cook at: scook@mtech.edu. Thank you!

## MONTANA TECH LOGIN CHANGES

In order to bring multi-factor authentication to all users in the most cost effective manner, Montana Tech will be transitioning from Shibboleth/DUO to Microsoft Authentication/MFA.

Both systems use the same backend so your password will carry with you throughout the process. This project is being done in phases, with this being the 'TRANSITIONAL' phase.

Once this phase is complete, we will provide further information on what to expect and when. See what you can expect the login screen to look like during the transition and learn more about this project at [Article - Authentication-Transition P... (teamdynamix.com)](#).

If you have questions after reviewing the article? please email IT Helpdesk at [ithelpdesk@mtech.edu](mailto:ithelpdesk@mtech.edu), or phone at 406-496-4244.

## HOMECOMING SWEATSHIRT HANDOUT

The Nucor homecoming sweatshirts will be handed out as follows:

- **Monday, September 30:** 10:00 am–1:00 pm (Courtyard)
- **Tuesday, October 1:** 9:00 am–11:00 am (Courtyard)
- **Wednesday, October 2:** 1:00 pm–3:00 pm (Courtyard)
- **Thursday, October 3:** 9:00 am–11:00 am (Highlands College Commons)
- **Friday, October 4:** All day (SUB main desk)

## FRIENDS OF THE MONTANA TECH LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Montana Tech Library Book Sale will be held on **October 2nd and 3rd** from 8:00 am-5:00 pm and on **October 4th** from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Montana Tech Library. Hardbacks are $1.00, paperbacks .50 cents, and other items will be priced as marked.

## LMS MIGRATION UPDATE

A quick update on the LMS migration, and first and foremost, so far, we are still on schedule! Woo Hoo to IT and everyone behind the scenes who have been working on this!

**Migration Run 1** is complete and went well. The next migration run will be complete by late December, so if you are interested in adding **a populated course** (no empty ones, please) to the list, please navigate to the LMS Master Migration List and do so. Select Run 2 (Ready Fall 25) so it won't get overlooked.

**Course Template:** In order to ensure that all courses include the elements required by law, accrediting agencies, and/or just best practice, the Center for Academic Innovation developed a basic template that can be customized to fit the needs of each faculty and discipline. Although you may choose not to use it, or you may want to revise it, I would argue its case by pointing out that this template serves a couple of purposes:

- It provides a consistent course format that meets internationally recognized standards of best practice in online course design.

- It provides information to students that is required, sometimes by law, sometimes by general best practices and standards of quality (including Quality Matter, OLC, and the MUS principles of Quality).

You can learn more about the templates on the CAI Template webpage.

**Canvas Course Access:** If you put your courses through for the first migration – and they had any content in them – you can access them at mtech.instructure.com. Logging in creates your account, and any courses you are in as an instructor will appear on the first landing page.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: The content of the courses was just migrated over. It did NOT overwrite anything or go into the sections that I created in the modules. I am working on trying to clean things up a bit, and I am creating some "how-to's" so faculty can work on their own as well. Please do not panic if it doesn't look right.**

- If you are concerned about something you see, please reach out to me using the Canvas Initial Course Revision Form, and I will respond directly to you.
- If you would like to edit/clean up your course yourself, please feel free! Please keep three pages – the Home page, the Start Here, and the Campus Resources that is part of the Start Here module (this is not the same as the Resources page on the Home Page).

**Training:** Training opportunities are still being scheduled and built and will be announced via the Weekly, the Tech calendar, and targeted emails. I am looking for alternatives as I work on getting ours going in-house. In the meantime, you can access our own CAI Faculty Training Course in Canvas. This is modified from the Instructure general training, so it is not exactly like our instance, but it is close enough to be usable to get started.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about this project, please contact Kat McCormick at #4189 or kmccormick@mtech.edu or reach out to IT via the Helpdesk. We will be happy to help in any way we can!