

Staff Senators

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Introducing Your Staff Senate

The Montana Tech Staff Senate is comprised of representatives for classified staff, the crafts, professional, and union-exempt staff. The purpose of the Staff Senate is to “promote continued improvement of higher education at Montana Tech and in the state of Montana; promote stability and professional growth of the Montana Tech staff; and promote service to students by improving morale and working conditions of the Montana Tech staff.” The Senate will pursue its purpose through productive communication with staff and administration identifying and addressing staff-related issues, cultivating a positive and productive campus atmosphere and being exemplary campus representatives in the communities Montana Tech serves. We encourage you to visit the Staff Senate webpage, learn about your senators, and share your ideas, suggestions, and concerns with them.

MUSSA (Montana University System Staff Associations)

Staff Senate representatives from UM-Missoula, UM-Helena College, UM-Montana Tech (Theresa Froehlich-O'Leary and Peggy Delaney), UM-Western, MSU-Bozeman, MSU-Billings, MSU-Great Falls, and MSU-Northern met with the Montana University System Board of Regents on Tuesday, January 19th. Representatives from UM-Missoula, UM-Helena College and MSU-Northern shared student testimonials about MUS Staff promoting student success through mentoring. Two academic advisors and a student accounts representative were featured. Each testimonial clearly communicated the dedication and concern that MUS staff extend regularly to our students.

Ideas for improving staff access to MUS system-wide communication tools to collaborate on student mentoring, retention and long-term academic success were also discussed.

Staff DO make a huge difference in the educational experience of our students.

Physical Facilities Grounds Crew—Making Our Campus The Best It Can Be

By Connie Daugherty and Marcia Lubick

Long before most of us arrive on campus, the Physical Facilities Grounds Crew is busy plowing, shoveling, chopping and removing snow and ice. They clear parking lots, sidewalks and stairs on campus and at the *Greens*. Keeping the campus clear of snow and ice is often a six-day-week job for Roger St. Aubin and Scott Schendel. They sometimes come in as early as 4:00 a.m. if we have a big snow storm. They also help out the crew at Highlands College when needed.



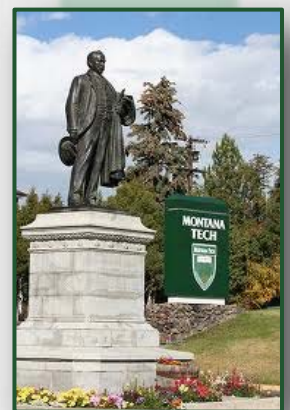
Roger in the Kubota RTV.

“It works,” said Roger, “it’s good to have a good crew,” Roger’s crew is currently made of Scott Schendel and Clint Henderson as well as students, Craig LaDouceur, Jake Perusich and Colton Bull. It works because they all work. They work hard.

When they are not clearing snow, mowing and watering lawns, trimming trees or improving and maintain landscapes, they are busy moving furniture and heavy equipment.

One of Roger’s goals is to redesign some of the steep hillsides on campus—along Park Street and behind the dorms. “These are dangerous spots for mowing,” Roger explains. “The mower can easily get away from you.” Employee safety is always on his mind.

The Grounds Crew is one of several Physical Facilities departments including carpenters, painters, electricians, boiler men, security, custodians and maintenance engineers, all of which contribute their part to make our campus the best it can be.



Craig chipping ice.

STAFF SENATE VOLUNTEERS

Wrap It Up



Circle K held a fundraiser selling locally donated items that were raffled off on Monday, December 7th at Muddy Creek Brewery. The money raised went to purchasing gifts and dinner for families in need. Circle K was able to help 20 families this year and 40 kids. The families nominated tell Circle K ideas for toys/clothes, etc. and items needed. The goal is to spend approximately \$50.00 on each family. They are also given a \$50.00 gift card to Wal-Mart to help with food for the holidays. This year they partnered with Head Start, Coats for Kids, Jobs Daughters, KAAR and Montana Tech Library. Staff Senate members Peggy McCoy, Frances Holmes, Annalee Werkmeister, Joyce O'Neill, Kathy Stevens, Amanda Shroyer, and Peggy Delaney helped wrap presents on December 15th.



Montana Tech Announces Regional Science Fair

The annual Montana Tech Regional Division II Science Fair was held Tuesday February 23rd. The Tech campus played host to over 425 students from 21 schools across southwest Montana. The fair stimulates an active student interest in science and engineering, provides an exceptional learning experience for students through exposure to professionals, publicly recognizes talented students for their independent research efforts, and an increases public awareness of the importance of science education in our society. "We had such an amazing day – the students' hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm is not only contagious but shows through their projects! I am extremely proud of each and every student who came to the fair and presented their work. They are what makes the science fair! We hope to see all the students return to the Tech fair again next year," said Amanda Shroyer, Science Fair Director.

Montana Tech's fair is one of the five regional fairs in Montana, but is known as the stand out fair because of its high quality judges and the enormous volume of community sponsored prizes awarded to young researchers. "A significant amount of money, time, and expertise is invested in administering the science fair. From early outreach, to day-of operations, to bringing the winning students to other fairs and competitions, the work is taken seriously. Montana Tech is proud to live up to its obligation of fostering and advancing the scientific interests of area youth," said Amy Verlanic, Executive Director, Institute for Educational Opportunities.

The top six projects receive an all-expense paid six-day trip with Montana Learning Center. The winners are Adel Bigart (Montana City); Allison Miller (Whitefish Christian Academy); Hannah Amick (Whitefish Christian Academy); Sam Gregoire (Chief Joseph Middle School); Sydney Doyle (East Middle School); and Will Lane (Townsend Middle School).

The list of Staff Sentate Members who judged is as follows: Amanda Shroyer—Director of Science Fair, Taryn Quayle—Head of Judges, Annalee Werkmeister, Carmen Nelson, Melissa Kump and Peggy Delaney.

