

Staff Senators

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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."

A talk with Larry Surrisi, Dining Services Director

"Keep calm and focus on variety and freshness"

At the young age of 12 years, Larry Surrisi, the new Director of MT Tech Dining Services, started washing dishes at a Holiday Inn and thus began his food service career. Larry has held many positions in the industry, from owning a restaurant with his wife, Jo, to holding a contract with the Green Bay Packers and many areas in between. As part of his work he has met celebrities, including Bobby and Ethel Kennedy in the spring of 1968, one month before Bobby was assassinated. With a wide and varied background Larry came to MT Tech and wasted no time settling into his new job. He immediately brightened the dining room and piped in background music to allow for greater privacy. One of his first projects was the student 'Build your own pizza' event and the students loved it. Larry spent countless hours getting the lay of the land and gaining an understanding of the strengths and challenges of MT Tech Dining Services.

Larry enjoys a challenge and has plans for the future. The grill selection will be more contemporary with more vegetarian choices. He will promote new, fresher selections using the video menu boards. He

plans to feature plant based options in all day parts. Dining Services will offer a broader selection of healthy options during lunch with more cuisine choices. He will be working with Scott Juskiewicz to extend a Coffee Shop experience to the Library lobby. At Highlands College the menu, the beverage bar and condiment areas are all being replaced as well as a facelift with new paint and layout. In the upcoming year a nutrition facts link will be added to the MT Tech website. Larry believes that guest satisfaction is key for continued progress and MT Tech is appreciating the Larry touch.



"The plans we are making, the staff building and training, and the venue specific revisions and investments we are making are all focused on providing an improved guest experience and developing a more attuned, properly equipped and service oriented staff," Larry said.

I am nominating Ronda Coguill and Scott Forthofer for a Pat on the Back!

Both of these Montana Tech staff members went out of their way to help Kids' College for Art Attack's 3D day. Due to unforeseen events, the original presenter was unable to attend Kids' College last minute. In a panic, we called Ronda Coguill asking if she would mind sharing her 3D printers. Knowing that we would need 60 - 3D bridges printed within a matter of a couple days, Ronda reached out to Scott Forthofer who also has printers in the dorms. Between the two of them and a couple Tech students, they didn't disappoint! By Tuesday, we had 60 bridges for our kids. Not only that, they provided a printer for the day so the Kids' College kids could see how the printers worked! Without the help of Ronda and Scott the 3D day wouldn't have happened. Thank you so much!

Amanda Shroyer from the Institute for Educational Opportunities at Montana Tech

STAFF SENATE VOLUNTEERS



Staff Senate Adopts the Big M Hill

The Montana Tech Staff Senate is participating in this summer's Adopt the Street program. We adopted the Big M Hill (north and west sides) and held our first "clean-up" day on July 7th. A BIG thank you to everyone who participated: Teresa Rader, Bernie Phelps, Annette Kankelborg (all from TRIO), Tristan Sewell (Career Services), Don and Vicki Blacketter and Senators Joyce O'Neill, Kathy Stevens, Scott Forthofer, Peggy Delaney, Peggy McCoy, Taryn Quayle and Angela Stillwagon.

All Montana Tech employees are welcome to participate. Gloves and garbage bags will be available.

SAVE THE DATE!

PURSE STRINGS

A purse auction and champagne brunch hosted by the
Women of Montana Tech.
No Host Bar

Saturday, October 1, 2016
Montana Tech HPER Complex
Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Auction begins at 10:15 a.m.
Valet parking available

Tickets are \$25 each or \$10 for students. Day of event tickets are \$30. A light brunch will be served.

**Proceeds to benefit
Safe Space in Butte.**

Reservations are required. For more information or to RSVP, please call 406-496-4720 or kdellen@mtech.edu.