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The Montana Tech Staff Senate is composed 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."

Career Services

Connecting Students, Alumni, and Employers

BY ANGELA STILLWAGON

Many students choose Montana Tech upon seeing the opportunities available after graduation. Career Services continues to build relationships between students, alumni, and employers by providing a variety of services to each, while supporting the mission of Montana Tech.



The Career Services team is led by **Sarah Raymond**, who has worked at Montana Tech for 10 years and not only oversees the daily office operations, but also develops programs to help students prepare for careers and builds lasting relationships with employers. Sarah manages the office marketing and presents to students, faculty, alumni, and affiliated boards to share all of the available services. In addition, she ensures that all employment data is accurately collected and reported.

Angela Stillwagon has assisted Montana Tech students through Career Services programs for nine years. Angela reviews and critiques resumes submitted to Career Services and provides additional guidance through individual appointments and workshops. In addition, Angela oversees and manages records for all experiential learning programs on campus (Internship, Practicum, Co-op, and Job Shadow).

Tristan Sewell joined the Career Services team in summer 2015 and has successfully organized several career fairs. In addition to career fair coordination, Tristan manages on-campus recruiting and building relationships with present and potential employers. She takes time to ensure that employers experience a flawless visit to Montana Tech and continue recruiting here.

In June 2016, **Drew Veitenheimer** became the newest member of the Career Services full-time team. Drew is the frontline contact for the office and assists people with various questions about Career Services. He manages DIGGERecruiting, the online career management system, including all incoming jobs, student and employer accounts, and uploaded resumes. Another project Drew oversees is connecting alumni with students for informational interviews.

Also on the Career Services team are three student employees, who each work a few hours per week to help fill the gaps in office coverage, data entry, marketing, and other miscellaneous projects. With the help from these students, **Sarah Lane**, **Terra Miller**, and **Natalie Weig**, Career Services has been able to improve services and reach more students.

Please refer students, alumni, and employers to the Career Services team in room 109 of the University Relations Center (URC) on Granite Street (behind ELC).

Temporary location SUB 106

(DATES AND TOPICS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Montana Tech’s Staff Senate along with the Chancellor’s office hosts a monthly Luncheon Learning Series highlighting different subjects of interest to the staff. Below you will find the **TENTATIVE** schedule for spring 2017. Please watch for e-mails from Peggy Delaney and calendar invitations from Carmen Nelson with more information.

Tuesday, February 14	Noon, Copper	457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan (Jenny Weigand, Education Supervisor, MPERA). Here is a link: http://mpera.mt.gov/457bdefComp.shtml .
Tuesday, March 14	Noon, Copper	HPER/Pool OR Excel tips!
Tuesday, April 11	Noon, Copper	Graphics Design (Lisa Sullivan, MT Tech Graphic Designer)
Tuesday, May 9	Noon, Copper	Effective electronic file management (instructor TBD)

If you have a topic that you would like discussed at the Luncheon Learning Series, we would like to hear from you. Please submit any topic ideas to: <http://www.mtech.edu/about/staffsenate>

****In addition, Rocky Mountain Credit Union (formerly Heritage Bank) in Butte would like to offer financial talks and free lunch to the campus at noon on a quarterly basis beginning in February, usually in the Copper. The schedule is below, and we will send a reminder to you via email.**

Thursday, February 23, 2017	“Everything You Need to Know about your Retirement”
Thursday, April 20, 2017	“Financial Jeopardy”
Thursday, September 21, 2017	“How Much Debt is Too Much?”
Thursday, November 16, 2017	“Holiday Budgeting”

Montana Tech Homecoming Parade

BY PEGGY DELANEY



The 2016 Homecoming Parade theme was the Diggers in the Olympics and was held on Saturday, October 8th. From Tools and Togas (Highlands College Trades float theme) which featured an acetylene Olympic torch to Crude Racing, featuring an oil rig mounted to a boat, the entries were creative, fun, and entertaining. The Staff Senate’s parade entry theme was “Champions for Staff”. Thank you to senators Frances Holmes,

Angela Stillwagon, Amanda Shroyer, Peggy Delaney and to Katelyn McNamee (MBMG Mining Archives) for their help with our entry and for being willing to judge the floats!



Purse Strings Event

BY ANGELA STILLWAGON

The Women of Montana Tech, led by Vicki Blacketter, hosted the 2nd annual Purse Strings purse auction and brunch on Saturday, October 1, 2016. The annual event benefits Safe Space of Butte, which provides domestic violence and sexual assault prevention and awareness services in our community. This year, many generous individuals and companies donated a variety of purses and gifts, as well as cash for the silent auction, live auction, and raffles. Approximately 250 women attended the event at the Montana Tech HPER to raise funds for Safe Space, eat great food, and enjoy great conversation. After this very successful event, Montana Tech presented a \$21,000 check to Safe Space. Participating in Women of Tech is a fun and rewarding way to give back to the community. Watch for emails to come out in the fall to see how you can be a part of the next event.



Staff Senate Volunteers in December

Holiday Care with Montana Tech's Circle K

BY AMANDA SHROYER and RUTHANNE SHOPE



Circle K held their annual Holiday Care fundraiser selling raffle tickets for locally donated items which were raffled on December 12, 2016 at Muddy Creek Brewery. The money raised went to purchasing gifts and dinner for families in need during the Holiday season.

Circle K is an international collegiate service organization that is sponsored leadership program of Kiwanis International. They promote service, leadership, and fellowship and have over 13,000 members. Through their Holiday Care program, Circle K helped 18 families including 33 children, all of which were Montana Tech students and/or employees. The families nominated give Circle K ideas for toys/clothes and/or items that are needed. The goal is to spend approximately \$70.00 per child, with \$40.00 of that going towards clothing and \$30.00 towards toys. Each family also received a \$25.00 gift card to help with food. This year Circle K

partnered with Warm Up Butte with KAAR and Sunrise Kiwanis, providing coats, hats, and mittens. Montana Tech's Library provided gifts for one family this year. Staff Senate Members Frances Holmes, Peggy Delaney, Kathy Stevens, Angela Stillwagon, and Taryn Quayle helped wrap gifts on December 7, 2017.



Montana Tech's December Graduation

BY AMANDA SHROYER and TARYN QUAYLE

Montana Tech held its December Graduate Recognition Ceremony on Friday, December 9, 2016. Kicking off the ceremony was Leslie Dickerson, Montana Tech's Registrar, followed by Chancellor Donald Blacketter with a few opening remarks. The Associated Students of Montana Tech President Jamie Nelson provided a few wise words of wisdom to the crowd of Graduates. Faculty member George Williams, Petroleum Engineering Lab Director, finished off by sharing his words of advice to the students. It was then time to Present the Graduates. Altogether, close to 100 students walked across the stage from several degree areas. After the ceremony, Staff Senate members Taryn Quayle, Scott Forthofer, Carmen Nelson, Frances Holmes, Amanda Shroyer, Peggy Delaney, and Peggy McCoy distributed tickets to Graduates and their family and friends as they entered the reception area to enjoy refreshments and beverages.



*Congratulations
Graduates*

Campus Technology Services (CTS) was nominated for a Pat on the Back!

"Unfortunately, this group often deals with problems and complaints. I applaud them! They solve our issues in a timely manner and they work hard at making things function better for this campus. Thank you!"

-Anonymous

CTS will be featured in the Spring Issues of the Staff Senate Newsletter. Be sure to check it out !