

# October 2016

Division of Student Success  
Monthly newsletter

## Announcements

### Brian Kassar Awarded Mike Franklin Memorial Award

The Montana College Counseling Association presents an annual award for a Montana university based counselor and/or university-based mental health program that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of college mental health. This year's recipient was Dr. Brian Kassar from MSU Counseling and Psychological Services. Dr. Kassar was recognized for his relentless efforts to enhance suicide prevention throughout the state as well as at MSU. He is always humble in his pursuits and does not seek the spotlight or take credit for his efforts. We are excited for him to be publicly recognized for his outstanding service and commitment to mental wellness and suicide prevention. Congratulations Brian!



Brian with Mike Franklin Memorial Award

### ConnectionMSU!

Congratulations to Sam White from CPS, who won our mentoring program naming contest with her submission, **ConnectionMSU**. Training and kick-off of our first ever mentoring cycle will be by November 15th! Interested? Questions? Email [ear@montana.edu](mailto:ear@montana.edu).



Sam with her gift card—thanks for naming our mentoring program!

### Students should register for SP17 before going home for Thanksgiving!

One of the goals of the Registrar's Office is to educate and assist students registering for Spring 2017, especially freshmen and transfer students, and have registration complete for everyone by Thanksgiving. Information regarding Advising Week, when registration starts and the registration timetable, using templates to help plan, and the advantages of registering early will be communicated by the many facets of media. Contact Kandi with questions!

### FAFSA is open, and students can submit now!

FAFSA opened on October 1, 2016. Students can submit using 2015 tax information. Encourage students to apply ASAP!

## Reminders

### Winter Grippers

Safety & Risk Management provides employees with ice grippers to get through our long winters safely!

Order them here: <http://www.montana.edu/srm/programs/icegrippers.html>

### Pure Gold

Pure Gold is an MSU program that recognizes faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends for their contributions to the university. Let's recognize our fellow co-workers within the Division on the great work they do!

Nominate here: <http://www.montana.edu/puregold/>

### New Faces—Welcome to MSU!

- **Kayla Kröllpfeiffer**, Admissions
- **Patrick Collier**, Admissions
- **Cassie Lovejoy**, Admissions
- **Shelby Gruber**, Admissions

### Have a new employee in your office?

Hiring Managers: remember to fill out our Division new employee form! ?

<http://www.montana.edu/studentssuccess/newemployee.html> or email [ear@montana.edu](mailto:ear@montana.edu) - they'll be included in our monthly newsletter!

## Office Interview

### Disability, Re-entry and Veterans Services

#### What does your office do for students?

- We help keep people in school despite physical or mental difficulties they're having – we help them achieve.
- When would you say your office is busiest? First of each semester, then continuously – as long as students are in school. The couple weeks before school starts until midterms, and then around registration time. These days, it seems like “always” is the best answer!



#### What's the one thing the Division might not know about your office?

- **Vet Center** – We act as advocates and intermediaries on behalf of the veterans between the school and the VA and we have really good resources throughout the nation to assist them. Montana has one of the highest populations per capita of service members and post-service veterans making Montana State University a top choice.
- **DRV** – we deal with everything on campus ADA related, and we're not animal control. J We sometimes assist students after they have experienced a trauma or other significant event in their personal life and/or academic world.

#### Favorite office memory?

- They day we hired Joe – says Joe himself. Watching students graduate throughout their curriculum
- The Veteran's Day potluck which gave an opportunity to meet different students and people from the community.
- Cake pops!
- When Brenda brought Lucy in.
- When Jordan and Brittany thought they were in trouble for being kicked out of the office but it was a surprise party.

#### What gets you up in the morning?

- Coffee & a puppy.
- Being around other Veterans in the sense of community.
- Because it's such a “fun office environment”. J
- Granny's donuts w/ bacon on top!



## Shout-outs

Send us your quick Shout-Outs or Kudos to fellow staff for a job well done! They can be serious or silly, professional or personal achievements!

<http://www.montana.edu/studentssuccess/newsletter.html>

- **Laurynn Olson**: She did an amazing job creating the new OSE website and pulling together lots of ideas (aka strong opinions) into a beautiful site for our new office! - Mandy St. Aubyn
- **Betsy Asserson and the Counseling Center**: For working so hard to keep the waiting list down, and for working above and beyond. - Aaron Grusonik & Jen Joyce
- **Thank you to the Parent Family Association** who worked so hard to entertain and support over 1,000 family members over Parent Family Weekend on 10/21 and 10/22. Thank you especially to Erin Macdonald Peck for running the whole thing!
- **Heidi Dahn**: You're more awesome than Chuck Norris riding a unicorn. We heart you. - Marianne Brough
- **Eryn Hoellein**: Way to go earning your NASFAA credential in Student Eligibility!!!
- **Nicole Redding & Kate Cowart**: Thanks for putting the newsletter together and doing an awesome job!
- **Staff at ASMSU Daycare/Preschool**: Thanks for being the best staff at the University. You are all working extra because I have been out having brain surgery. Thank you for all the love and caring. -Jean Dunbar
- **Terry Bradley**: You make coming into work even more fun! I always look forward to seeing you and am proud to have you as a coworker and a friend. -Ryan Erickson
- **Jocelyn Larson**: With RSF Assistant Director Abbey Holm out on family leave, Jocelyn Larson has picked up the responsibility of managing ACT classes, Personal Fitness staff and programming, Massage Services and the Climbing Wall all on her own. She is juggling a million balls in the air yet still keeps a smile on her face and maintains a positive attitude that is contagious. How lucky we are to work with a real-life Wonder Woman!
- **Alice Brown**: Thank you for all your managerial guidance and supportive, encouraging ideas during fall start up
- **Robin Rasmussen**: Best communications manager ever! AYCSS is successful because of her hard work & creativity! - Keith Hamburg

## The Month in Photos

Send photos to [EAR@montana.edu](mailto:EAR@montana.edu) to get them featured in next month's newsletter!



Photo from Mt. Rushmore— Alice Brown from Financial Aid attended the Rocky Mountain Association of Financial Aid Administrators conference in Rapid City, SD.



Halloween Cookie Decorating party for the Rec Sports Office staff—these cookies go to the staff appreciation lunch for their student workers!