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UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

12/12: Holiday Brunch (9:00-11:00 am, Marcus Deli)
Pilates (12:00 pm, HPER)

12/14: Weights (12:00 pm, HPER)
Holiday Gathering (5:00-8:00 pm, Chancellor's Residence)

12/15: WBB vs Briercrest (12:00 pm, HPER)

12/16: WBB vs Grace College (2:00 pm, HPER)

12/19: Pilates (12:00 pm, HPER)

12/21: Weights (12:00 pm, HPER)

12/28: WBB vs Lakeland College (2:00 pm, HPER)
MBB vs Lakeland College (4:00 pm, HPER)

12/29: WBB vs Ambrose University (2:00 pm, HPER)
MBB vs Ambrose University (4:00 pm, HPER)

01/10: Turnitin Training (3:00-4:30 pm, Eng Hall 106)



2024 MBMG CALENDARS ARE HERE

The Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology's 2024 calendars are available for distribution from the Bureau Publication Office in the Natural Resources Building. Each campus employee can pick up a complimentary calendar; we ask that you sign for it so we can keep track of distribution. If a department or other group wants to have one person collect for everyone, just bring a list of names to be checked off. Additional copies can be purchased for \$5.00 each. Montana Geologic Map Jigsaw Puzzle – 1000 pieces (20 x 28 inches) or 504 pieces (16 x 20 inches) for \$30.00 each available through our publications office.

CALL FOR SPRING 2024 RAMP PROJECT PROPOSALS

The Undergraduate Research Committee is pleased to open the call for proposals for the Spring 2024 Session of the Research Assistant Mentorship Program (RAMP). This program is for freshman, sophomore, and junior-level researchers (less than 90 credits of completed coursework) that have not yet participated in formal URP funded research. Ideally, full-time faculty members will assemble teams of 3 undergraduate researchers for spring semester research projects. Proposals (3 pages max) should be drafted by faculty mentors and submitted to urp@mtech.edu no later than **12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 15, 2023**. Full details for proposal submission can be requested from urp@mtech.edu. No late proposals will be accepted. You can also find this information on the Research Office [website](#).

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FURRY FRIENDS

The Campus Store is accepting donations to benefit the Chelsea Bailey Animal Shelter. Donations include: new and used towels, non-clumping litter, treats, new and used blankets, dry or canned food, and toys. Drop donations to the Campus Store by **12/15**.

IT/PROCUREMENT CHANGES

Effective immediately, any technology-related purchase, including software, hardware and software subscriptions will be prohibited on the ProCard. Moving forward, any Procard [software](#) and [technology](#) purchase requests will be made through IT via GrizMart, the primary channel for procurement needs. Effective immediately, Accounts Payable will not reimburse for any technology-related purchase from out-of-pocket (personal) expenses. We encourage you to explore cost-effective options by leveraging existing University /State Term Contracts and procurement channels (Grizmart), thereby promoting a more sustainable approach to technology acquisitions.

FIRST-GENERATION SURVEY

Montana Tech and TRIO Student Support Services are asking all faculty, staff, and

students to complete this [short survey](#) to help us better serve the First-Generation population of Montana Tech.

SECURITY

Phishing, Malware, and Ransomware are all terms we covered during October as a part of cyber security awareness. Did you know storing your password in your web browser (Firefox, Chrome, Edge) is just as dangerous? Attackers are now trying to trick users into clicking links (often in an email) that will install software to steal those passwords saved in a web browser. The best practice is to use a different password for each site and store it in a password manager such as KeePass, BitWarden, etc. We highly recommend enabling multifactor authentication for all your accounts where available.



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