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## Welcome New Staff Senators



**Trisha Southergill** has worked in the Research Office and Graduate School as the Grant Support and E-Thesis Manager since August 2014. In this role, Trisha assists faculty apply for external grant funding and graduate students complete his/her graduate product degree requirements. She is a certified research administrator (CRA) and holds an undergraduate degree from Converse College and a Master of Public Administration from the University of South Carolina. Trisha joined Staff Senate in 2020 and looks forward to being a friendly face for all staff at Montana Tech.

**Kramer Ungaretti** began working at Montana Tech in 2017. In his current position, Kramer primarily reconciles Montana Tech's bank statements and works with students that have questions about their bills. Kramer really enjoys working on this campus and the people he gets to interact with. He is excited to join staff senate so he can help make a difference on campus.



**Sean Ryan**, a two-time Montana Tech graduate, earned a BS in Professional & Technical Communication in 2016 and an MS in Technical Communication in 2019.

Sean works in the Athletic Department as the Asst HPER Director/Pool & Recreation Manager. In addition to coaching the Oredigger Men's & Women's Golf, Sean oversees season ticketing for Montana Tech sporting events and assists with Digger Athletic Association's fundraising events.

Sean loves the fast-paced and ever-changing nature of his job and the opportunity to build relationships with students, faculty, staff, administration, alumni, and the community.

## Pat On the Back

**Pat on the Back** recognizes individual staff members and/or teams who have performed beyond expectation, making exceptional efforts toward achieving the mission of Montana Tech.

**Submit here:**

[https://www.mtech.edu/app/staff\\_senate/Nominate.aspx](https://www.mtech.edu/app/staff_senate/Nominate.aspx)

Staff Senate congratulates Shauna Savage, a recent Pat on the Back recipient, Director of Financial Aid, and Montana Tech Alumna. Shauna is a first-generation college graduate and graduated as part of the last class under Montana College of Mineral Science & Technology, earning her B.S. in Applied Mathematics and a Minor in Business Administration/Accounting. Shortly after graduation, she took a staff position with the Montana Tech Financial Aid Department. She has now worked at Montana Tech for over 25 years; spending all but three years of her career in the financial aid office at Montana Tech. During the three-year hiatus, she was the Outreach Manager for Student Assistance Foundation on Montana Tech's Campus.

Students adore Shauna, and she is devoted to them. They are why she pores her heart and soul into her work. The Students elected her as their Homecoming Grand Marshal Fall 2019; writing: *"Shauna Savage works hard for each and every student no matter the problem, organization, or student background. She is always available for help and always replies in a timely manner. She is great!"*

The student nomination reflects what Shauna has said is the favorite part of her job, the students, getting to work with them and see them succeed.

Shauna's peers, who nominated her for the Pat on the Back, wrote: "Shauna is a



dedicated, experienced and awesome Tech employee. She puts in countless hours and is a great source of knowledge on campus.

"She rocks!"

In her spare time, Shauna enjoys traveling, nature walks, concerts, and spending time with her husband, Randall, and daughters, McKenna and Megan.

# OREDIGGER Rx



**Staff Senate—Distancing**

**FACE COVERING  
REQUIRED**

**WEARING A MASK PROTECTS  
YOU AND OTHERS**



Thank you for supporting  
**OREDIGGER<sup>Rx</sup>**  
- our prescription for  
a healthy campus.

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Take the OrediggerRX pledge to keep our campus healthy!.

Visit <https://www.mtech.edu/orediggerrx/index.html> for more information about Montana Tech's response to covid-19. For Montana Tech's official face coverings statement, please see the email from Human Resource Director, Vanessa Van Dyk, or contact her for a copy.

Departments with public-facing office spaces **must** post signage indicating that individuals aged five and over must wear a face covering while inside the office space. It is recommended that those departments provide disposable face masks for visitors that don't have one. Signage can be downloaded at

<https://www.mtech.edu/orediggerrx/signage.html>.



## Wellness Kits



Stephanie and Chancellor Cook's new puppy, Waylon, helped attract students and "wash" hands.

Staff senator Kinsley Rafish and Stephanie Cook helped distribute wellness kits during the first week of classes.



## REMINDERS

**Ask the Senate** As an advisory group to the Chancellor, the Staff Senate recommends policies or changes to policies for consideration by the Chancellor and facilitates effective communication between Montana Tech administration and staff. Please use this forum as a neutral conduit to share your ideas, concerns, and ask questions about Montana Tech issues. The Staff Senate will forward each submission to the appropriate department for response and share the information on the Staff Senate webpage. We hope to hear from you!

**Submit here:**

[https://www.mtech.edu/app/staff\\_senate/AskSenate.aspx](https://www.mtech.edu/app/staff_senate/AskSenate.aspx)

### **Staff Senators 2019/2020**

President – Casey Vanatta  
Vice President Kinsley Rafish  
Secretary – Denise Herman  
Treasurer – Peggy McCoy  
Debbie Luft  
Sean Ryan  
Tristan Sewell  
Trisha Southergill  
Kathy Stevens  
Angela Stillwagon  
Kramer Ungaretti

Montana Tech's Staff Senate along with the Chancellor's office hosts a Luncheon Learning Series highlighting different subjects of interest to the staff.

**MontanaTech**  
STAFF SENATE

LUNCHEON  
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# Pam Hogart Staff Senate Memorial Scholarship

The **Pam Hogart Staff Senate Memorial Scholarship** benefits a Montana Tech Staff or a dependent of a staff member. The scholarship name honors Pam Hogart, who was previously a Staff Senate member and dedicated to helping students, staff, faculty, and other customers through her work at the Business Office.

Staff Senate raised funds this year and hopes to continue fundraising to support this scholarship with the goal to offer at

least one scholarship per academic year. The intent is to help staff who wish to broaden their knowledge or skills and/or help a staff member's dependent full-time student defray costs of attendance.

We will be accepting applications in October 2020 for the Spring 2021 semester.

Watch for the upcoming email announcement!

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## Tuesday Tips

Marsha Goetting, one of our most popular Lunch and Learn presenters and MSU Extension Family Economics Specialist, organized a series of estate and legacy planning programs.

**Tuesday Tips: A series of 30-minute Estate and Legacy Planning Webinars** were recorded this spring and are available to view at: <https://www.montana.edu/estateplanning/tuesdaytips/index.html>

The page includes links to YouTube recordings, downloadable brochures, and downloadable mp4s.

Staff Senate will resume Lunch and Learn sessions this fall on a digital platform.

Current available topics:

- Important Decisions and Tough Conversations (estate planning, succession planning, transition, and legacy planning)
- Montana Medical Care Savings Accounts
- Financial Power of Attorney and Health Care Power of Attorney
- To Gift or Not to Gift?
- Trusts 101
- Equal vs. Equitable in Estate Planning
- The Ins and Outs of Joint Tenancy
- Distributing Personal Property
- Beneficiaries 101
- Dying Without a Will

# MONTANA

## TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

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### Montana True

Montana Technological University is excited to launch our new brand, Montana True. Banners have gone up across campus, and you will see more changes over the next few months. We hope you will embrace the brand and serve as brand ambassadors helping us extend its reach. Montana True showcases the strength of the university's home in Montana, a special setting for a special institution. From the physical and sensory aspects like big skies, mountain views, and fresh air; to the attitudinal traits of keeping things real, genuine, and telling it like is; we're a lifestyle and mindset that's unmistakable and flourishes across the Montana Tech campus.

The brand launch will happen in a phased approach. Please work with the marketing and communications department on any flyers, posters, presentations, and other marketing materials or branded items. This will help the consistency of the brand and the university's image.

There are a few things you can do now:

- ♦ Download your Montana Technological University **signature** using the signature tool [here](#).
- ♦ Order new Montana Technological University business cards, letterhead, and envelopes [here](#). Use your Montana Tech email address as the username and password for the password. Before placing the order, you must request a purchase order by contacting Kelsey Kerbs at [kkerbs@mtech.edu](mailto:kkerbs@mtech.edu) or 496-4376. You can access the electronic letterhead [here](#).
- ♦ You can download logos, fonts, colors, PowerPoints templates, and zoom backdrops at [www.mtech.edu/montana-true/](http://www.mtech.edu/montana-true/)

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Badovinac at

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**August 28** – Last day to add a course

**September 4** – Last day to drop without a “W” appearing on transcript

**September 7** – Labor Day Holiday—offices closed, no classes held

**October 26** – Last day to drop with a W appearing on transcript

**November 3** – Election Day Holiday—offices closed, no classes held

**November 11** – Veteran’s Day Holiday—offices closed, no classes held

**November 18-24** – Semester Exams

**November 26 & 27** – Thanksgiving Holiday—offices closed, no classes held