



ACCESS SUCCESS

Access: (n.) a means of approaching

Success: (n.) the accomplishment of an aim or purpose

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Welcome to **AccessSuccess**,
the Official Newsletter of the
Montana's Own, 1893, and Return-to-Learn
Scholars Programs.

October is Financial Literacy Month!

Financial Literacy Month Challenges

Over the next two weeks, how many of these challenges can you meet?

For the next seven days, write down everything you spend and its amount. At the end of the week, take a hard look at the list, where can you trim expenses?

The Elimination Challenge Give up one guilty pleasure this month and see how much you save (ie: Door Dash, vending machines, dining out, etc.).

Do you have a Savings Account? Automate your savings today. Set up an auto transfer for a set amount from your checking to your savings to happen on every pay day.

Document your high-priority financial goals. Post them where you can see them and see if you can start working towards at least one goal this week.

Spare Change Challenge Use cash for all your shopping/fun expenses this month and give yourself a daily allowance. At the end of each day, put any remaining cash/change in a “piggy bank”. How much can you take to the bank at the end of the month?



Over the next four weeks, the Office of Financial Education will celebrate Financial Literacy Month! Drop by a booth to learn fun tips and tricks for improving your personal finances and maybe even win a prize! OFE will also offer workshops in October - and throughout the rest of the semester - to help with **finding and applying for Scholarships, salary & benefits negotiations, loan repayment, and applying for the FAFSA.**

**Check Out Workshop
Details Here!**

**Visit the Financial Literacy Booths
Located Across Campus**

Grab a snack and spin the prize wheel!

October 7 | 10:00am-12:00pm
Union Market in the SUB

October 8 & 10 | 1:00pm-4:00pm
Union Market in the SUB

October 14, 16, 18 | 10:00am-12:30pm Rendezvous

October 22, 24 | 1:00pm-3:00pm
Miller Dining Hall

October 28 | 10:00am-12:00pm
Miller Dining Hall



FUTURE AHEAD

It's Time to Think About Graduation!

Click on the image below to download the PDF with live links to all the resources you need to ensure you are 100% ready for your big day on December 13th.

Congratulations Bobcat on your upcoming graduation from MSU!

As you approach this exciting milestone, have all your ducks in a row!
Review these checklists and [email us](#) if you have questions.

Graduation Checklist

- Your Advisor and Certifying Officer must authorize your application for graduation for access to the online application. Each will record their authorization by placing specific notes in Degree Works. Once complete, you will have access to the online graduation application on [My Info](#). Need more details? Go here [Graduation Application Process](#).
- Spring and fall term degree candidates must walk in the term they are completing their degree(s). Summer undergraduate candidates are invited to walk in spring ceremonies.
- Want to attend the ceremony? Find details here: [Fall 2024 ceremony](#).
- Go to the [Office of the Registrar webpage](#) to verify candidacy, RSVP for the graduation ceremony, submit your diploma name, and confirm your diploma mailing address.
- Learn about MSU regalia history, extras, and exceptions: [Regalia Information](#).
- Go to the [MSU Bookstore Grad Fair](#) Thursday, October 10th, 10am - 3pm to order regalia. The Registrar and other essential offices will be present for questions about graduation.
- Check [My Info](#) for academic or financial holds.



Do you have Student Loans?

Make an appointment with a [Financial Coach](#) today!

- Is your account set up with your loan service? Find your loan servicer at [studentaid.gov](#).
- Do you know when your grace period ends, and your payments begin?
- Determine the repayment plan that works for you.
- Complete student loan exit counseling at [studentaid.gov/exit-counseling/](#)
- How to qualify for [Public Service Loan Forgiveness](#)?

Have a Perkins or Nursing Loan?

- You will need a Heartland Account Number, if you do not have one email scarlett.wirtz@montana.edu
- If you need to contact the Loan Services Office, please call 1-406-994-2702.
- Complete your required Exit Interview with Heartland so your transcripts can be released: [Heartland ECSI](#).

Plan for your future!

- Have a job lined up? Tell us so we can congratulate you and provide needed support.
- Graduate School? Get an appointment with [Joan Loraine](#) to beat the application deadline!
- If you still need a job, make an appointment with a [Career Coach](#) to polish up your resume or cover letter and develop strategies to get your dream job!
- Get a financial checkup! Make an appointment with a [Financial Coach](#). Make plans for repaying student loans, salary negotiations, relocation costs, or paying for grad school.

[CLICK HERE for the Online Graduation Application](#)

[CLICK HERE for Graduation Steps and Processes](#)

Don't Miss the MSU Bookstore Grad Fair Thursday, October 10th | 10:00am - 3:00pm

Each semester MSU Bookstore gathers the *Office of the Registrar, Alumni Foundation, Financial Education Office, MSU Grad School*, and other essential MSU departments to ensure graduates have the best commencement and post-grad experience possible!

At Grad Fair, you can **RSVP for commencement, get your cap, gown, and tassel, connect with MSU Grad School programs, get your alumni gear, and more!** During Grad Fair, you can also get your cap, gown and tassel for FREE with the purchase of a diploma frame! You also have the chance to win an ALUMNI PACKAGE by entering our Grad Fair Raffle!



Office of the Provost

Mark Your Calendar For This Opportunity From The Provost

Every seven years, the university goes through accreditation, and now is your chance to share your MSU experiences and feedback with the reviewers. Please plan to come to the one-hour student forum on **Thursday, Oct 10, at 10am in the SUB's Alumni Legacy Lounge**. Refreshments will be served!

The accreditation team has asked for an open, friendly, dialogue session with the students. Review team members want to understand MSU students' experiences to help guide and make recommendations on improving experiences for students. This is a friendly dialogue session, not a grilling of knowledge of how the campus works. This session will allow students to:

- *Share opportunities available to them at MSU
- *Share how faculty, staff, and other students engage with them.
- *Discuss how they are able to achieve and be successful at MSU
- *Share their experiences at MSU in the classroom, in activities, in clubs, in advising, in Student Success resources, in co-curricular activities.

[RSVP for the Forum here](#)



All scholars who attend this forum will receive an AccessSuccess goodie bag!

Grab the Friends and Family and HEAD OUTSIDE this weekend!



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- Bale pyramid
- Wagon Depot slide
- Fire pits are available for groups upon request. You bring the firewood!

Market Goodies

- Little Stingers Honey
- Chameleon Crochet Co
- Montana Corn Maze merchandise
- Farm fresh pumpkins

The SUCCESS Questionnaire

We want to feature YOU in upcoming newsletters!
Answer all NEW questions this semester!

[Answer the Questionnaire](#)

Ben Cade

Business Finance

Montana's Own Scholars Program



What do you consider your greatest achievement? It's has to be a tie between making deans list or being able to purchase and paying off my car.

What talent would you most like to have? I would like to have the talent of non procrastination

What book or show are you bingeing right now?Dexter/House MD

What is the biggest misconception people have about your major? The biggest misconception about my major is that it cannot be challenging

What quality do you value most in your friends? I value friends who can laugh

What is one thing that you'd like to do to change Montana? I actually like Montana the way it is. I just would like to preserve our way of life

If you had one piece of advice for MSU students, what would it be? It would be to utilize the state and all it has to offer before it is changed or gone forever.

What do you consider your greatest achievement? I think my greatest achievement is finding my independence as an individual. I know

who I am and I feel confident that it is the reason I'm able to be here today.

What book or show are you bingeing right now? I'm always in the mood to binge New Girl.

What is the biggest misconception people have about your major? I'm not sure that this is a misconception but we don't have as many lab classes as one might think.

What quality do you value most in your friends? I value the kindness and respect that my friends show all those around them.

What is one thing that you'd like to do to change Montana? I'd like to change the mindset of appreciation for the beauty of our state. Born and raised in Montana, I often take the mountains for granted and I wish I could change that.

If you had one piece of advice for MSU students, what would it be? Enjoy the time you spend here. Make friends and go study with them but also take time to enjoy the life away from textbooks.

Kylee Wollenzien

Biochemistry

1893 Scholars Program



Varanus Salvator

AKA Monty the Asian Water Monitor

Fish & Wildlife Ecology

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Editor's Note: Monty is an honorary AccessSuccess Scholar last seen on the MSU campus with his humans, Monica and Mitch (pictured at left with Monty), working with the WIMU first year Vet Handling students.

What do you consider your greatest achievement? Training two humans to do my bidding.

What talent would you most like to have? To recognize and move through clear glass or plastic barriers.

What book or show are you bingeing right now? Jurassic Park

What is the biggest misconception people have about your major? That humans can manage and conserve wildlife better than wildlife can.

What quality do you value most in your friends? Good massage technique. I am friendly and love a good massage.

What is one thing that you'd like to do to change Montana? Make Montana a tropical climate.

If you had one piece of advice for MSU students, what would it be? Don't let your environment cramp your style and block you from your goals.

**Asking for help is one of the smartest things a student can do!
Your Scholar Program has amazing resources - use them soon and often.**



All Scholars have free tutoring through Smarty Cats Tutoring

[Book your tutor today.](#)

Your Scholar Program Success Team is Here to Visit With You Any Time

* [Email Jen](#) at Return-to-Learn or [make an appointment with her.](#)

* [Email Monica](#) at Montana's Own and 1893 or [make an appointment with her.](#)

* [Email Deb](#) at Montana's Own, 1893 or Return-to-Learn or [make an appointment with her.](#)

* [Email Zak](#) at Montana's Own, 1893 or Return-to-Learn or make an appointment with him for [Return-to-Learn](#) or [1893/Montana's Own.](#)

New events and opportunities are always being added to the calendar - check it often!

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