

ACCESS SUCCESS

Access: (n.) a means of approaching

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

September 25, 2023

Welcome to *AccessSuccess*
The official newsletter of the
Montana's Own, 1893, and Return-to-Learn
Scholars Programs.

In this Issue...

UPCOMING events and opportunities just for scholars.

THINKING CAP where we look at issues affecting us in Bozeman and Montana and unique ways others in the world are addressing them.

THE QUESTIONNAIRE where you can learn more about your fellow scholars.

This is YOUR newsletter so [email Deb](#) if you have ideas for future issues.





Thanks to everyone who spent their beautiful Wednesday afternoon meeting their fellow scholars!

Did You Miss Last Week's Welcome Event?

We want to see you this week at one of the welcome drop-in sessions!

Whether you are a continuing or new scholar, we want to see you at one of this week's drop-in sessions to say hello and talk about your needs and goals for this semester.

Jen (R2L) and Nikki (Montana's Own/1893) will be on hand to answer questions and make appointments.

Grab your welcome goodie bag and a snack and earn ChampChange points!

Tuesday, September 26 | 9am-10am | 168 SUB **Wednesday, September 27 | 4pm-5pm | 168 SUB**
Friday, September 29 | 12pm-1pm | 168 SUB





RSVP NOW!

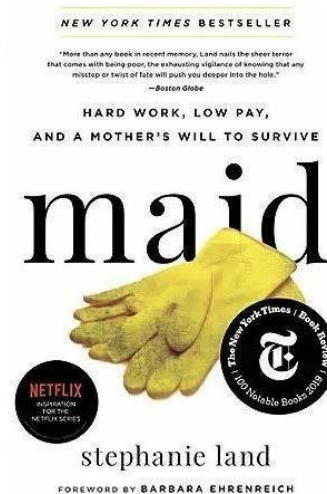
Etiquette Dinner is Tomorrow!

Tuesday, September 26th | 5:30pm | SUB Ballrooms

Join your fellow students for an evening of great food and even better company. You'll learn dinner etiquette from your Table Captain (a host from the professional world) and learn tips and tricks on how to wow at an interview and other networking events.

If you have not already RSVP'd do it ASAP! Scholars can attend the dinner at no charge *but you must RSVP*; to ensure you are not prompted for payment, put "AYCSS/(the name of your scholar program)" as the "Optional Sponsoring Department, Office, Club, or Student Organization" and select "Other" for "Payment."

****Yes, there is a dress code.**** Since this event is part of Career Week, please dress as you would for a job interview.



Get to Know Yourself - Let Us Know How You Want to Start Doing That!

We are now deep into our first scholar opportunity Inspired by Stephanie Land's convocation message of *get to know others - and begin to get to know yourself and create your own story*

Yes, I want to learn more about myself!

Click on the above button by Friday, October 6th and tell us your interest in taking the **Schwartz's Values**, **StrengthsFinder**, and **Strong Interest Inventory** assessments.

Based on your interest, we will meet as groups, debrief your assessments, and ideate on how you can use what you discover in your MSU and career paths.



Accept the Invitation to
Join Discord!

AccessSuccess Discord Server is a GO!

Remember how great it felt at the Welcome Event when scholars shared what is going on in their lives? You can now do that 24/7 with the new AccessSuccess Discord Server. [You can read all about Discord on their website](#), but the short version is this is a place where you can chat anytime with your fellow Montana's Own/1893/R2L Scholars. **This is an opt-in opportunity so if you want to start networking click on the button at the right.**

If you already have discord, you will be taken straight to the AccessSuccess server. If you don't already have discord, you will be given instructions to download it. [If you have any problems, email Will.](#)

****This is a safe and inclusive space for Montana's Own, 1893, and Return-to-Learn scholars only. Please do not share this invitation with people outside the programs. Content will be monitored and users creating inappropriate content will be taken off the server.****

Career Fair is Coming...
Are you ready for internship and professional employment?

BE CAREER READY!

- Tap-In Resume Review**
 - Career coaches will be available for resume and cover letter reviews
 - Perfect for freshmen, sophomores, junior, and senior students
- Etiquette Dinner**
 - Learn professional dinner etiquette from your Table Captain (a well-established professional in the community) through a multi-course meal for \$15
 - Practice common job interview questions with the Table Captains and receive valuable feedback for future interviews
 - Perfect for freshmen, sophomores, junior, and senior students
- Prep-the-Student Event with Bobcat Career Closet**
 - One free business attire outfit per student
 - Career coaches available for final resume reviews and employer research preparation
 - Mock interviews and industry insight with employers
 - Salary negotiations tips from the Office of Financial Education
 - Headshots for your LinkedIn page or other professional needs
 - FOOD! Grab a snack in-between, or after, visiting with our amazing and knowledgeable community professionals
 - Perfect for freshmen, sophomores, junior, and senior students
- Career Fair Sneak Peek**
 - Give yourself an advantage and join us for a sneak peek tour to check out the excitement before employers arrive
 - Perfect for freshmen, sophomores, junior, and senior students

ALL CAREER FAIR 2023 Wednesday, October 4
Thursday, October 5
New Employers Each Day.

Monday, Sept 26AM - 9:00
Monday Hall 1
Monday, Oct 23AM - 12:00
SUB I

Tuesday, Sept 27AM - 6:00
SUB Ballroom

Wednesday, Sept 28AM - 4:00
SUB Ballrooms B&C

Thursday, Sept 29AM - 3:00
SUB Ballroom

Thursday, Oct 4AM - 4:00
Bick Braddock Fieldhouse

Check Out the Career Fair Student Schedule

Career Fair Is Coming....

Career Fair is October 4th and 5th, in the Fieldhouse, with almost 300 employers already signed up! New this year are more diverse networking events, panel discussions, and employer info sessions.

[There are many events THIS WEEK to prepare you for the fair.](#) Be sure to check them out, including:

Prep-the-Student Event with Bobcat Career Closet

Wednesday, Sept 27 10am - 4pm SUB Ballrooms B&C Thursday, Sept 28 10am - 2pm SUB Ballroom A

- One free business attire outfit per student.
- Career coaches available for final resume reviews and employer research preparation.
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Put On Your THINKING CAP: Urban Camping in Bozeman and Beyond

Today, there is hardly a neighborhood in Bozeman where you do not see the evidence of the lack of affordable housing options in Bozeman. Somewhat picturesquely named "urban camping," these pop-up communities include the RVs, busses, and tents parked on public roads. This housing challenge is an issue we should all pay attention to. Many of us have friends and family who are currently unhoused or on the brink losing their current housing. Many of us may live 30 or more miles away from Bozeman, where housing cost are less expensive.

This week's THINKING CAP challenge is to better research and understand this issue in Bozeman.

What has brought Bozeman to this brink?

What steps has city government taken?

Do you think they will work? Why or why not?

Who else is working on this issue and how successful have they been?

What can you and other members of the MSU community do?

Explore the Bozeman Issue & See
One Canadian Community's Response

What issues do you want to explore? [Email Deb your ideas.](#)

The SUCCESS Questionnaire

We want to feature YOU in upcoming newsletters!

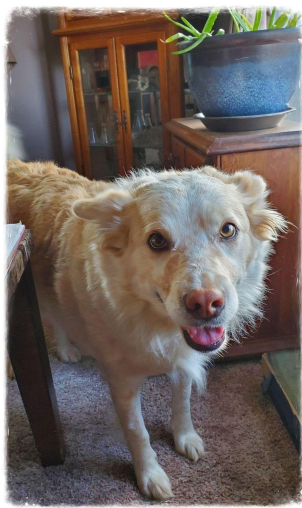
Answer the Questionnaire

- What is the most important reason you decided to attend MSU?** MSU has the best HDFS program in Montana
- What is your most treasured possession?** The Kreeps pin on my backpack that my fiance gave me.
- If time and money were not a consideration, what hobby would you take up?** Magnet Fishing
- What Montanan do you most identify with or admire?** J.K. Simmons. His J. Jonah Jameson resonates with me.
- What is your current state of mind?** Jumbled
- If you had one piece of advice for MSU students, what would it be?** Reach out for help. Asking for help is not shameful
- What is your motto?** If life knocks you off your horse, you get back up and eat that horse.

Patrick Olson

**Human Development &
Family Science**

*Return-to-Learn Scholar
Graduation: May 2028*



Moriah Schutt

**Sustainable Foods &
Bioenergy Systems**



What is the most important reason you decided to attend MSU? Get through school as debt-free as possible. Set myself up for a promising career.

What is your most treasured possession? Right now, Army Basic Training Graduation Ring

If time and money were not a consideration, what hobby would you take up? Professional Dancing: Ballet or Ballroom

What Montanan do you most identify with or admire? [Bob Quinn](#)

What is your current state of mind? "It'll work itself out in the end, it'll be alright, just give it your best, don't sweat it, just get it done."

If you had one piece of advice for MSU students, what would it be? Apply for Cat Scholarships. One applications and they come to you. Least amount of effort, biggest reward.

What is your motto? "Do something today that your future self will thank you for"

What is the most important reason you decided to attend MSU? To start a new chapter of my life and escape the monotony I found myself in before 2020. I wanted to get healthier mentally, I wanted to learn more about the far past and in a way learn more about myself and my passions.

What is your most treasured possession? I would probably say my shell fossil necklaces and ammonite earrings. They practically shout "HEY! FOSSILS ARE COOL AND STUFF!" at people, and so I like wearing them when I go to meet people for the first time.

If time and money were not a consideration, what hobby would you take up? Weirdly enough, modern bone collecting of wild animals (so long as they're relatively clean and fairly obviously dead from natural causes of course). I think lately I've come to realize that I really just like bones, and I like seeing how they can connect to form a skeleton and give a hint of what kind of animal it belonged to. It's also very interesting how analogous hooved animals' bones are to ours, and learning the differences in their shape and form is cool!

What Montanan do you most identify with or admire? Growing up in Butte, I've honestly come to dread how much of Montanan (or at least Buttian (hehe) history) is clouded by corruption, pettiness and greed. I will also admit that we don't learn much about other historical Montanans in Butte, so I don't have much context for other Montanans. So instead I strive to eventually come to admire my own accomplishments and gain a better respect for myself as a Montanan. It might sound self centered to say so, but I'm actually trying to improve my own self esteem and self worth in saying so. I'm hoping to prove to myself that I can do things I strive for if only to spite the mirror I've seen myself through the past 2 decades or so.

What is your current state of mind? Part of me is relaxed and relieved that I've actually given myself the weekends off, a first for the last several years! Part of me is not used to having days to sleep in though, so sometimes I find myself having the most bonkers sleep schedule for the weekend, which is just an absolute delight. Part of me is super stoked that I've only got a few more classes left to go over the next few semesters, but another part is trying to reign me in a bit and ground myself in the now, to complete the classes I have before me. Part of me is excited to think of myself now as a crazy bone lady, but part of me is concerned about if that's all I want out of this...but perhaps that just means there are still more secrets I get to learn about myself that I have not yet discovered on my own!

If you had one piece of advice for MSU students, what would it be? Don't stress yourself out too much, or stretch yourself thin. Yes, your studies may be a top priority, but your mental health and how you feel should be your main concern. Give yourself a day or two to relax! And if you feel you have enough time to do homework on those days then go for it! Also don't worry if a part time job you have during work ends up not working out, it's just a j.o.b. It might suck if you get fired or laid off (it's happened to me a few times by now, and hoo Nelly its painful) but maybe it means you can look to other avenues of work that might be more fun for you!

What is your motto? It's okay to be a WIP (work in progress): even the early stages of art are impressive and remarkable in their own way.

1893 Scholar
Graduation: December 2024



Always Be In-The-Know

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

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