

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.



Don't miss an entire week of events designed to give you a head start on a fantastic semester!

Mark Your Calendars for **WOW!** **WEEK OF WELCOME!**

Join Your Fellow Scholars for Food and Fun!

Network with new and returning scholars, get to know your fellow MSU students, play fun games, eat great food, win prizes, grab a goodie bag, earn Champ Change!

Wednesday, September 4th | 3pm-5pm | SUB 235

[Please RSVP for this Event!](#)

Attend a Drop-In Session to Get a Head Start!

Get your headshot, write thank-you notes (R2L scholars), sign up for tutoring and workshops, ask OFE a question, and make appointments with your program Success Advisor. Snacks, Champ Change, and tons of information included!

Tuesday, September 3rd | 1pm-3pm | SUB 168

Wednesday, September 4th | 2pm-3pm & 5pm-6pm | SUB 235

Friday, September 6th | 9am-11am | SUB 168

Drop-In and Visit with the Office of Financial Education!

Ask questions about your bill, FAFSA, budgeting, scholarships - anything finance related. Snacks, Champ Change, and tons of information included!

Thursday, September 5th | 11am-1pm | SUB 152

COMING SOON!

Don't miss these opportunities for networking with employers looking to hire YOU for permanent positions and internships!

These events are FREE to all scholars and feature tons of Champ Change opportunities!



FALL CAREER FAIR 2024

PREP-THE-STUDENT WEEK

PREP THE STUDENT EVENT WITH BOBCAT CAREER CLOSET

Tuesday, September 24 & Wednesday, September 25
10:00am - 4:00pm
SUB Ballroom A

MARGARET ALDERSON ETIQUETTE DINNER

Thursday, September 26
6:00pm - 8:00pm
SUB Ballroom A

LAST CHANCE RESUME DROP-IN

Monday, September 30
10:00am - 2:00pm
Alumni Legacy Lounge

Scan the QR code for more event details!



 MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | Career, Internship & Student Employment Services

CAREER FAIR WEEK

INTERNSHIP NETWORKING EVENT

Tuesday, October 1
4:00pm - 5:30pm
SUB Ballrooms

CAREER FAIR - 2 DAYS

Wednesday, October 2 & Thursday, October 3
10:00am - 3:00pm
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse

BOBCAT NETWORKING RECEPTION ROOM

Wednesday, October 2
4:00pm - 5:30pm
SUB Ballrooms

Looks who's coming to Career Fair...

- Naval Criminal Investigative Services (NCIS)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Barnard Construction
- Adobe
- Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
- Crazy Mountain Ranch
- Bozeman School District



Check out the 100s of employers registered at [HireABobcat.com](https://www.HireABobcat.com)

Make of Note of These Important Dates From the Office of Financial Education



September 11/15th day of class: Zap Day (if you haven't paid your bill, you will be dropped from classes)

October 8: Salary Negotiations and Benefits Workshop

October 23: Scholarships 101

November 1: Cat Scholarships opens; priority deadline for Cat Scholarships is January 31

November 5: Scholarships 101

December 1: FAFSA will most likely open

[Find more important OFE dates and events!](#)

The Questionnaire

SUCCESS

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

[Answer the Questionnaire](#)

Deb Albin

Associate Director

*Adult Education, Success,
and Access Programs*



What do you consider your greatest achievement? Every time life has tried to knock me down I've gotten back up and made myself stronger than before. I've reinvented myself and my life a few times now and I have now doubt I can do it again if need be.

What talent would you most like to have? Any musical ability at all - I am hopeless at everything and am in awe of those with these talents.

What book or show are you bingeing right now? I just subscribed to the Acorn Channel, which has all these great shows from the UK and Australia and New Zealand, and I can't get enough of Midsomer Murders. Every episodes has at least three gruesome murders committed in the most beautiful small villages in the English countryside. None of these villages or the police seemed to be the slightest concerned about the fact that they are living in the murder capital of the world - absolutely brilliant!

What is the biggest misconception people have about your major? My undergrad was sociology and most people thought I was going to be a social worker or go to law school, like those are the only two things to do with that degree. Sociology is, literally, the study of society, and I

don't know of another major that gives you such an amazing depth and breadth of theory, research, and practical knowledge.

What quality do you value most in your friends? The amount of trust and kindness it takes to tell me I have something stuck between my front teeth.

What is one thing that you'd like to do to change Montana? As someone born and raised in rural Montana, I'd like all folks moving here to have to take a Montana history class so they know who we are and where we came from and what makes us and this land so special.

If you had one piece of advice for MSU students, what would it be? No matter your age, sex, gender expression, religion, culture, bank account, life experiences, or family make-up, you belong here and you are going to be great - at MSU and in life.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

I would say my greatest achievement was becoming an Eagle Scout, It took many years and a lot of hard work. I enjoyed every minute of it.

What talent would you most like to have? I would like to become proficient with fixing and rebuilding vehicles. Also I would like to be better at riding motorcycles.

What book or show are you bingeing right now? I am bingeing Curb your Enthusiasm.

What is the biggest misconception people have about your major? That I have stock tips... I don't.

What quality do you value most in your friends? Trust.

What is one thing that you'd like to do to change Montana? I would like cheaper rent in Montana.

If you had one piece of advice for MSU students, what would it be? Get involved, try new hobbies, be outgoing, open minded, apply yourself to your classes.

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What do you consider your greatest achievement? Demonstrating that old skeletal muscle stem cells struggle to make daughter cells during muscle regeneration in elderly mice. I developed an ultra-crazy viral DNA barcoding and high-throughput sequencing system in living mice that took years to develop before it finally worked!

What talent would you most like to have? Ski slalom gates like Mikaela Shiffrin.

What book or show are you bingeing right now? Nothing at the moment, but my fallback is rewatching Miss Orchid Girl on YouTube.

What is the biggest misconception people have about your major? STEM students are nerds.

What quality do you value most in your friends? Sense of humor in everyone.

What is one thing that you'd like to do to change Montana? More open space for bison to roam free.

If you had one piece of advice for MSU students, what would it be? Building resilience is a personal journey.

What do you consider your greatest achievement? Working to expand programs, leverage community resources and provide more access to housing supportive services with Family Promise during the pandemic was the most impactful thing I've done, by far.

What talent would you most like to have? I would really love to have eidetic, or photographic, memory.

What book or show are you bingeing right now? The Two Towers by J.R.R. Tolkien.

What is the biggest misconception people have about your major? That everyone in the social sciences is bad at math. That happens to be true for me, but lots of social scientists love math!

What quality do you value most in your friends? Compassion.

What is one thing that you'd like to do to change Montana? If I could wave a wand to make housing more accessible and affordable, I would.

If you had one piece of advice for MSU students, what would it be? Come to the college experience with a mind that is open to new experiences, new people, new opportunities and most importantly a desire to learn.

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What do you consider your greatest achievement? I think being a parent, raising two boys, and maintaining a professional career is what I am proud of.

What talent would you most like to have? To be able to sing. I love to sing, but my family sure doesn't enjoy it!!!

What book or show are you bingeing right now? My husband and I are really enjoying Dark Winds. I've read most of the Tony Hillerman books and the series is doing a great job with the stories.

What is the biggest misconception people have about your major? That it is pointless and you can't get a job. I've worked in my field my entire professional career and my degree(s) have been essential to every job I've gotten.

What quality do you value most in your friends? Trust and acceptance. My best and closest friends have been my friends for years and we can just pick up where we left off even if we haven't seen each other in ages. We may not agree on everything but we accept each other for who we are.

What is one thing that you'd like to do to change Montana? I'd love to lower the housing prices. It would be great to think we could buy a home at some point.

If you had one piece of advice for MSU students, what would it be? Don't let college pass you by. Join a club, go to an event, travel, challenge yourself beyond the classroom. College is definitely academics and you should strive to do your best, but it is so much more than that.

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.](#)

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[See the Events Calendar](#)

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