

# **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.



## Calling All Return-to-Learn Scholars!

Remember that you must write a thank-you note to the generous donors who make your scholarship possible.

**PLUS, you will not receive the funds in your account until you write this letter!**

**TODAY...** please log into your [Cat Scholarships account](#), write your note, and **then stop by the Return-to-Learn office (102 SUB)**

and pick up your goodie bag!

Need some guidance writing your letter? Check out [some great tips here](#) or [email Jen](#).

## Calling ALL Scholars!

NOW is the perfect time to visit with your success advisor and review your goals for the semester. **Classes are really ramping up and your scholarship success advisor can also work with you on:**

- Time and stress management - AKA what to do when you have five exams in one week.
- How to get the most out of the upcoming Career Fair.
- Discuss your tutoring needs and make sure there is an available tutor.
- Any mental or physical health concerns you may have.

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- [Fill out the 1893 Goals Sheet here.](#)
  - [Fill out the Montana's Own Goal Sheet here.](#)
  - [Make an appointment with Jen](#)
  - [Make an appointment with Monica](#)
  - [Make an appointment with Deb](#)
  - [Make a Return-to-Learn appointment with Zak](#)
  - [Make a 1893/Montana's Own appointment with Zak](#)



## YOUR FUTURE AWAITS Get a Head Start at Career Fair!

**THIS WEEK: Prep the Student Events**  
**NEXT WEEK: Networking & Career Fair**

**THIS WEEK - September 24-26**

### **Bobcat Career Closet**

*Tuesday, Sept 24 & Wednesday, Sept 25 10am - 4pm | SUB Ballroom A*

One FREE gently used business attire outfit per student! Resume reviews! Mock interviews!, Employer research! Salary negotiation tips! Professional headshots! Info on security clearance! FOOD!

### **Margaret Alderson Etiquette Dinner**

*Thursday, Sept 26*

*6pm - 8pm | SUB Ballroom A*

Learn professional dinner etiquette from your Table Captain (a host from the professional world) through a multi-course meal, practice common job interview questions with the Table Captain and receive valuable feedback for future interviews! **FREE for AccessSuccess Scholars!**

[Register NOW through your Hire-A-Bobcat \(AKA Handshake\) account.](#)

*(Be sure to note that you are a R2L/1893/Montana's Own scholar and ignore the screen that prompts you for payment.)*

**NEXT WEEK: September 30 - October**

### **Last Chance Resume Drop-In**

*Monday, Sept 30*

*10am - 2pm | Alumni Legacy Lounge*

### **Internship Networking Event**

*Tuesday, Oct 1*

*4pm - 5:30pm | SUB*

Informally network with employers hiring for internships! Over 100 employers will be there!

### **Career Fair Day One**

*Wednesday, Oct 2*

*10am - 3pm | Brick Breeden Fieldhouse*

### **Networking Reception Roam**

*Wednesday, Oct 2*

*4pm - 5:30pm | SUB*

### **Career Fair Day Two**

*Thursday, Oct 3*

*10am - 3pm: Brick Breeden Fieldhouse*

### **On-Campus Interviews Day One**

*Thursday, Oct 3*

*8am - 5pm | Brick Breeden Fieldhouse*

### **Veterans Networking Coffee**

*Thursday, Oct 3*

*9am - 10am | Brick Breeden Fieldhouse Hall of Fame Room*

### **On-Campus Interviews Day Two**

*Friday, Oct 4*

*8am - 5pm | SUB*

## 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!**

## Workshops Galore!



In this interactive workshop, you will rank your eight NACE Competencies and identify the transferable skills needed to improve your lower ranked competencies to become the best job candidate.

See dates and register [right here](#) for NACE!



### Personal Values and Principles Exploration Workshop

In this interactive workshop, you will explore your personal values and principles and discover how to let them guide your time at MSU and beyond. You will be given copies of your top five values so you can keep them close as you maneuver through all aspects of your life.

See dates and register [right here](#) for VALUES EXPLORATION!



### DESIGN THINK WEEKEND WORKSHOP

Friday, Sept 27 | 4:30pm-7pm | 111 Jabs Hall Saturday, Sept 28 | 8am-3pm | 111 Jabs Hall

A Design Think two-day event with free food and a fun workshop environment designed to help teach and guide you through the process of generating new ideas, developing prototypes, and creating solutions to problems that are relevant to you.

The prompt for the event is: **How might we design physical and social spaces that foster a stronger sense of community, both during college and after graduation?** This event will center around helping you learn to develop

the necessary tools and skills needed to tackle any problem and turn those problems into actionable solutions. Come learn more about this process and help start building a brighter future today!

**This event is open to all students, of all majors, and will be a great way to meet new people and learn new skills.** Join us for a fun weekend centered around learning how to think outside the box, develop skills in working within diverse teams, create inspiring prototypes, and engage in customer discovery.

Register TODAY for this FREE event!



# The Questionnaire

# SUCCESS

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

Answer the Questionnaire

**Lana Ellen Redfield**  
**Business Management**  
**& Accounting**  
*Montana's Own Scholars Program*



**What do you consider your greatest achievement?** Returned to college after 20 years.

**What talent would you most like to have?** Ride horses.

**What book or show are you bingeing right now?** Where the Heart is.

**What is the biggest misconception people have about your major?** That it is an easy degree to obtain.

**What quality do you value most in your friends?** Loyalty.

**What is one thing that you'd like to do to change Montana?** Make more laws and regulations on homes that help special needs people.

**If you had one piece of advice for MSU students, what would it be?** Don't give up, keep going.

**What do you consider your greatest achievement?** Made Deans List.

**What talent would you most like to have?** Good at math.

**What book or show are you bingeing right now?** Invincible.

**What is the biggest misconception people have about your major?** It's meant for pre law.

**What quality do you value most in your friends?** Reliability.

**What is one thing that you'd like to do to change Montana?** Better education.

**If you had one piece of advice for MSU students, what would it be?** Prepare ahead of time.

**Jojo Tobias**

**Sociology/Criminology**

**1893 Scholars Program**



**Robert Dalton**

**Financial Accounting**

**Montana's Own Scholars Program**



**What do you consider your greatest achievement?** Quitting my job and returning to school.

**What talent would you most like to have?** I would like to be at least conversational in another language.

**What book or show are you bingeing right now?** I'm rewatching White Collar, watching Jujutsu Kaisen with my wife, and enjoying The Watchmaker of Filigree Street as an audiobook.

**What is the biggest misconception people have about your major?** That we're boring, or that we're good at math. The best joke is "What's the most embarrassing thing about being an accountant? Your calculator history".

**What quality do you value most in your friends?** Honesty

**What is one thing that you'd like to do to change Montana?** I'd like to improve public transit, and implement campaign finance reform.

**If you had one piece of advice for MSU students, what would it be?** Take advantage of the resources here! Everyone at MSU wants you to succeed and be your best self.

**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!**

[See the Events Calendar](#)

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