

Official Newsletter of GEAR UP MSU



### CONQUERING COLLEGE

"Get to know your professors early- go to their office hours- they'll be more apt to go out of their way to help you later!"

-Caity Marie (Senior)

"Put yourself out there!"

-Hannah Wheeler (Senior)

"If you are going to do it differently later, save yourself time and do it different now!"

-Jose Garcia (Sophomore)

## GEAR UP PARTNERS WITH TRIO AND THE AIC FOR A FAFSA NIGHT!

By Emma Hill, GEAR UP MSU Program Assistant

Join GEAR UP MSU, TRIO Student Support Service, and the American Indian/ Alaska Native Student Success Center as you complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Many new and current college students do not know that they must complete a FAFSA application each year! The FAFSA application is a federal grant program that ensures the best possible aid offers from limited funding sources such as Supplemental Grants and Work-Study awards. Prospective AND current college students can participate! Completing this form alone can be daunting and intimidating, so come join us on **October 20th from 4-6 pm** at the American Indian/ Alaska Native Student Success Center in Wilson Hall, to answer your questions and to work through your application with a financial aid coach. Here is an opportunity for you to receive support financially to complete your academic career successfully. GEAR UP MSU would love to see you there and would love to help you in this area.

# AMERICAN INDIAN HALL GRAND OPENING!

Please join us on **Saturday, October 16, 2021** for the grand opening of Montana State University's American Indian Hall. MSU has created this as the campus home for our Native Students, a classroom building for all students, and a bridge between cultures where we will welcome a special guest speaker. The grand opening will take place at **10:00 AM by the South Entrance to the American Indian Hall**. If you are planning on attending please RSVP on the Montana State University Website.

The American Indian Hall will be a place where people can gather and come together to share the collective wisdom of their history, a place to speak openly and honestly, a place to practice native ceremony and culture. Additional rooms will house tutoring, counseling, and mentoring, a kitchen, a drum room, space for Elders to provide counsel, and of course, rooms for students to visit, study or work on projects. The American Indian Hall will also serve as a bridge between American Indian and other cultures, welcoming our native and non-native visitors alike, raising the profile of our American Indian population on campus, and bringing into sharper focus their community.

## *A promise kept and a dream fulfilled*



# MEET A GEAR UP STUDENT

## JOURNEY ERICKSON

Journey is from Hardin, Montana, which is a small town located in the Southeastern area of Montana near Billings. Journey is a Sophomore at Montana State University studying nursing. She wanted to attend MSU for her postsecondary education because she feels that it provides her with the best opportunity to study Nursing. Journey's mother also attended MSU and went through the same Nursing program that Journey is currently navigating. Journey says "GEAR UP has helped me in preparing me with school supplies and providing me with connections to resources that are offered around campus". Journey loves to hike, run, and cross country ski but her favorite thing to do is to curl up on the couch with a good Netflix show.



Journey Erickson- Hardin, MT



# COMING UP ON CAMPUS



## October is FAFSA Month

### PRIORITY DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1ST

Filing your FAFSA by MSU's priority date of December 1st ensures that you will receive the best possible aid offers from limited funding sources such as Supplemental Grants and Work Study awards. Start your your application now at [FAFSA® Application | Federal Student Aid](#)



## Homecoming Tailgate

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 FROM 11:30AM TO 1:30PM ON THE KAGY PRACTICE FIELD**

Gather your friends and family, bust out your blue & gold and join us for our traditional homecoming tailgate! All faculty, staff, students, and fans are welcome! Cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 per child over 5. Registration includes a heated tent, food, and drinks. **Must RSVP by Monday October 4th**

## October is Financial Literacy Month

### MANY DATES AND TIMES THROUGHOUT OCTOBER

The Office of Financial Education is hosting "roaming booths" on campus throughout the month of October. Starting October 4th and ending on October 28th, they will be all over campus throughout each week at a booth to inform you about financial literacy. Stop by and say "Hi" if you see them!



## College Application Week

**OCTOBER 4TH-15TH**

GEAR UP MSU supports statewide efforts encouraging high school seniors to complete a FREE college application. Do you know a high school senior from a GEAR UP school? Now is the time for them to apply for college! The MUS central application is FREE for Montana residents. Visit [Apply Montana - Apply Montana | Montana University System \(mus.edu\)](#) to apply today! Spread the word!