

MSU Billings Alumni Association Media Kit



The MSU Billings Alumni Association has served Montana State University Billings alumni since the inaugural class of 1928 graduated from Eastern Montana State Normal School, the university's original name. For the following nine decades, one thing has stayed the same — graduates become alumni who are Yellowjackets forever.

In 2017, the Alumni Association returned to its roots, resuming operations under the Montana State University Billings Foundation & Alumni. As an extension of the 501(c)(3) organization, the Alumni Association serves as a liaison between the university and its vast network of alumni.

History

The first alumni function took place on June 1, 1928 for a class of only 26, and it began a tradition of celebrating the moment students become alumni after graduation. For 16 years, average university enrollment was 175 students seeking a two-year elementary teaching certificate. Montana State University Billings now enrolls more than 4,000 students in five colleges, offering certificates, and associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees.

Alumni Advisory Board



41

Countries are home to MSUB alumni

560

Alumni donated in 2021-2022

\$527,653

Total contributions from alumni in 2021-2022

101

First time alumni donors in 2021-2022

800+

Alumni-owned businesses



WELCOME TO THE CLUB!

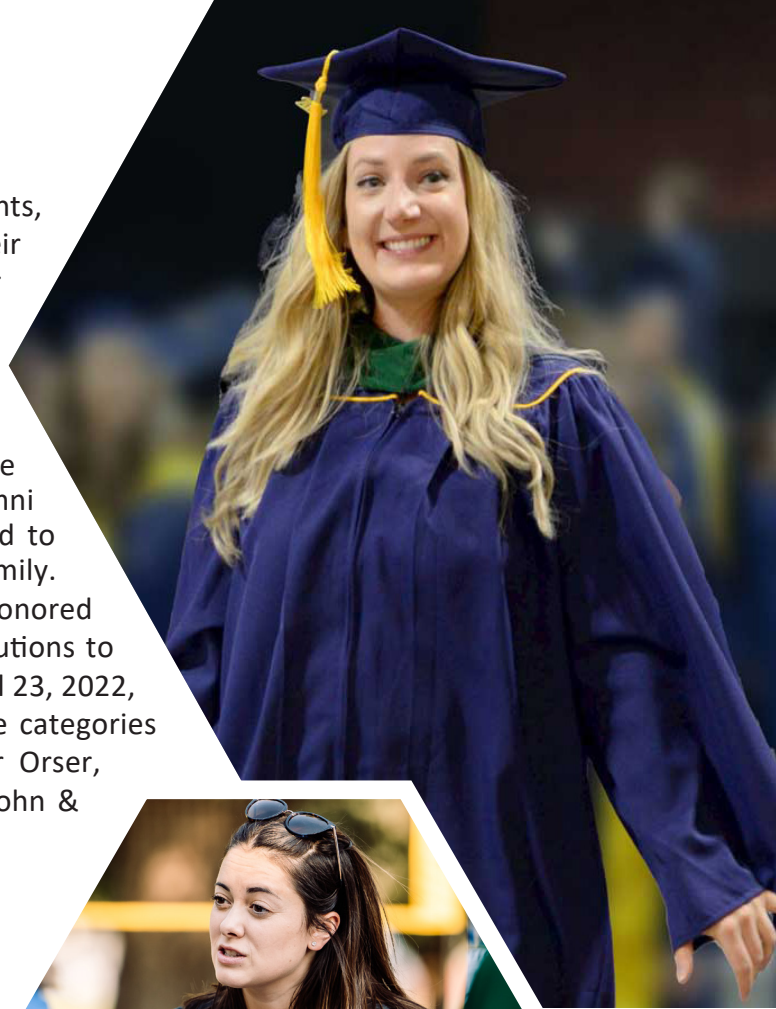
Although alumni go on to touch the lives of their patients, customers, clients, athletes, peers and pupils in their careers, they will always be connected to their *alma mater* — or nurturing mother — no matter where they go.

Outstanding Alumni Awards

More than 200 MSU Billings and Eastern Montana College graduates have been recognized with Outstanding Alumni Awards since the first ceremony in 1982. We are proud to honor these exceptional members of the Yellowjacket family. The 2022 Outstanding Alumni Awards celebration honored alumni and friends who have made exceptional contributions to society, their profession, and their alma mater. Held April 23, 2022, at the Northern Hotel, Billings, Montana, awards in five categories were presented to Julie Seedhouse, Alex Tyson, Pryor Orser, Dave Cobb, Kassie Runsabove, Stephanie Cowen, and John & Claudia Decker.

Alumni Association Scholarships

In 1983, the Alumni Association established the Alumni Association Scholarship to provide scholarship assistance to outstanding students who are related to alumni of Montana State University Billings. Alumni committee members select recipients, and two \$1,000 awards were disbursed in the 2021-2022 academic year to the following recipients: Peyton Romero and Lindsey Schell.



PCI Oral History Project

YELLOWJACKET ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

BY THE NUMBERS - SO FAR!

MSU Billings Foundation & Alumni partnered with Publishing Concepts LP (PCI) to gather stories and memories that bring the Yellowjacket experience to life. Share your reflections, and help us preserve MSUB's history for generations to come.



4,200+
respondents



97.3%
recommend
others to call in



3,100+
stories collected