

# THE FOUNDATION

March 2022

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- May 7 - Commencement
- 2022 Wine & Food Festival



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Roderick Lewis  
Bus Admin: Management

“MSUB seemed to be the only school which had everything I wanted which made it a clear choice for me.”

## W&FF: Celebrating 30 years of impact

How time flies when you are having fun! It is incredible to think that we are already approaching our 30th-anniversary of the Wine & Food Festival. We are still in amazement that we have come this far. We would never have made it without the help and generosity of our donors, corporate partners, and sponsors, and of course, our tireless volunteers who sacrifice countless hours over the years to make the event the success it is today. We thank you!

Since the festival began in 1993, it has grown into pre-events and a packed week of festivities that include our cooking schools, brewmaster symposium, wine master symposium, guest chef dinner,

Friday night tasting, and of course, our Saturday night grand gala. These events have certainly made the festival quite successful, netting over \$6.8M to date.

### Your Impact - Roderick Lewis

I would like to thank all the donors who have made the MSU Billings Wine and Food Festival scholarship possible and able to benefit students like myself. This scholarship has provided me the ability to use this college experience to propel myself into the workforce. This scholarship will not only relieve the stresses of college finances, but allow me to get a great business education at my top school choice. As a lifelong Coloradan,



Your generosity has provided over \$250,000 through 'Jacket Giving Days

## Furthering your impact through 'Jacket Giving Day

The annual 'Jacket Giving Day is coming up on **Thursday, March 24**, and the campus is Buzz-ing with excitement!



This one-day crowdfunding event supports the projects and programs that mean the most at Montana State University Billings. From needs in all five colleges to program expansion, equipment upgrades, and scholarships to

help our students get a head start, there is something for everyone to support on 'Jacket Giving Day.

Since 2018, this event has captivated 854 new donors with more than 2,000 gifts, generating more than \$250,000, thus making a tremendous impact in the lives of our students. Once again, we thank you for your continued support of the students at MSUB!

This year's 'Jacket Giving Day

includes project like a *Full body "Anne" nursing mannequin simulator* for the City College Nursing program, *Annual Powwow* in support of the Native American Achievement Center, *In Honor of Norm Schoenthal, MSUB Memorial Landscape* for the College of Health Professions and Science, and much more!

Please rise to the challenge and support our campus community. Help spread the

I wanted to leave the state for college without leaving any of the opportunities. MSUB provides the skiing, hunting, fishing, and outdoor experiences I love to participate in. And thanks to this scholarship, I can afford to get a great education while enjoying all the activities Montana provides.

### Upcoming Plans

Although the event has had great accomplishment, we recognize that as the industry changes, we too need to make changes that will better serve all our guests. To that end, we will be hosting a three-day event in May instead of the usual weeklong festival. The other substantial change is the venue. The festival will move from its

usual home of the tent on campus to its new home at the grand MetraPark Montana Pavilion. After hosting the one-night event there last September, many of our guests expressed excitement for the new venue and asked that we continue the tradition there. We also recognized that by incorporating those changes, we will be able to make the event even more spectacular. The Wine & Food Festival will look a bit different, but the same grandeur that our guests, donors, and sponsors have come to expect every year, will not change.

As we look ahead to this year, starting on Thursday, May 12th, prepare to tempt your taste buds with exquisite wines at the Winemaster Symposium.

The fun continues, so join us too for the Friday night tasting of fine wines and food, leading into the Saturday night grand event featuring a gourmet dinner and auctions. We thank you for the ways and years you have stood by us to make the event the success it is today. We are excited to gather with you again.

We can't wait to see you!



Ticket sales  
begin  
April 4th

Scan to  
purchase!

Watch for updates on our website

[www.msubfoundation.com/wine-food](http://www.msubfoundation.com/wine-food)



**in support of projects, scholarships, and programs for students!**

Visit [msubfoundation.com/jacket-giving-day-home](http://msubfoundation.com/jacket-giving-day-home) today!

the word about these projects and ask your friends and family to donate on 'Jacket Giving Day. Forward the emails you receive, and share our posts from our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts.

Visit our website today to read about the projects and programs you can support, see how to join the buzz on social media, and make a gift that will make a lasting impact here at MSU Billings.

"It is important to support MSUB to pay it forward. We need to help support students, just like someone supported us during our time."

Krista Montague  
Interim President



# Corks & Cuisine: Introducing the 2022 Wine & Food Festival Co-Chairs

We are pleased to introduce our 2022 Festival co-chairs, Cynthia Arneson and Cheryl Terry! Gather with old friends and meet new ones May 12-14, 2022 while raising dollars for the students at MSUB!

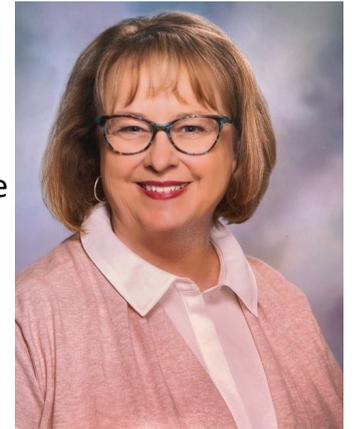


**Cynthia Arneson,  
2022 Wine & Food  
Festival Co-Chair**

Cynthia began her involvement with the Wine & Food Festival in 2018 when she and Peterson Fussaint became co-chairs of the Wine Pourers Committee.

The duo not only recruited and trained all of the Saturday evening wine pourers, but they also worked as wine pourers themselves. In addition to co-chairing the committee, Cynthia joined the Steering Committee in 2019. Cynthia co-chaired the 2021 festival with Norma Cleveland Boyd and, now in her second year, will share the co-chair position with Cheryl Terry.

**Cheryl Terry,  
2022 Wine & Food  
Festival Co-Chair**



Cheryl joins Cynthia as co-chair for the 2022 Wine & Food Festival, but she is no stranger to a variety of festival activities.

Beginning in 2006, Cheryl has been a cherished volunteer at events such as the Fifth Course, The World of Sauvignon Blanc, Progressive Tasting of the Ultimate California Sparkling Wine: J. Schram, Wine 101, Tapas Lunch & Learn, Wine Studies and many others. In 2019, Cheryl stepped into the Wine Store co-chair position; 2020 joined the Steering Committee; and, now in 2022 Cheryl is leading the charge with Cynthia Arneson of our 30th anniversary festival. These women are a fantastic team and with their direction, the festival promises to be a huge success!

*Mark your calendars for May 12-14 for Wine & Food Festival 2022!*

## Additional ways to make an impact

### Buy A Brick!

It's not too late to be part of the Yellowstone Science and Health Building legacy.

Last chance to purchase a commemorative brick, engraved with your name or message, to be placed at the building entrance. Brick project set to be completed this fall!



**BUY A BRICK**

### Support Scholarships!



**March 30, 6PM  
Bistro Enzo & Wine Bar**

Join us for an evening of Perfect Pairings. Acclaimed artist, Kira Fercho, and owner of Bistro Enzo Restaurant, Tyler Samson, have teamed up to raise dollars for scholarships at MSU Billings.

Listen to live music while enjoying four courses from Enzo's legendary kitchen, perfectly paired with wine in an intimate setting.

Space is limited. To make your reservation and prepay, please visit Enzo at 1502 Rehberg Lane or call (406) 651-0999 after 4:00 PM daily.

Or, scan the code to make a donation today!



**GIVE NOW!**



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