



MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY BILLINGS

# YELLOWJACKET

Foundation Newsletter

September 2022

## Inside

*Exciting things  
happening at MSUB!*

## Coming Up

- **October 13** - ResearchFest
- **October 28** - Athletics Scholarship Auction and Halloween Party
- **November 8** - Election Day, offices closed
- **November 11** - Veterans Day, offices closed

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# A new school year - a renewed need for support

A new school year is starting at MSU Billings, and we are excited! Campus is buzzing with students on campus energized for a new semester and enjoying changing of season.

Our students are at the center of all we do, and it is an incredible opportunity to impact their lives! Yellowjackets are no strangers to hard work and tenacity. A majority of them are the first in their families to seek higher education. They have grit as they stare down financial difficulties, debt, an uncertain economy, and balance busy work schedules, caregiving, and classes.

Take Angelica Johnson, for instance. Not taking a traditional path to obtain either of her degrees, Johnson began her college journey in the 1990s - meeting her husband and eventually getting married. A decade and four children later, Johnson returned to college and completed an elementary education degree.

Tragedy struck in 2016, resulting in the loss of her husband and leaving Johnson a single mother. With strong family encouragement, Johnson once again returned to MSUB to obtain her master's degree.

When you make a donation or give your time and talent to MSU Billings, you create a ripple-effect through campus that changes students' lives. Whether you choose to support research and experiential learning programs, scholarships that help students stay enrolled, or faculty development that keeps our educators at the forefront of their specialties, your generosity enables our students to cross the finish line prepared to become leaders in our society.

**Support  
scholarships  
today!**



**Angelica Johnson**

Master of Science: Special Education

**"Here I am today and doing what my family and close friends believed I could do."**

*Read more  
about  
Angelica  
here >>>*



## Give now and join Yellowjackets around the world

**Check out the  
amazing things  
our students  
and professors  
are up to! >>>**



**MSU Billings Native American  
Achievement  
Center  
showcases tribal  
art and culture**



**Professor uses advanced  
technology  
for plant DNA  
sequencing**



# Announcing new trustees

We recently welcomed nine new members who began their term on July 1, 2022, and will serve three-year terms. The Board of Trustees oversee the MSU Billings Foundation & Alumni, while trustees advocate for MSUB and advance its mission of delivering a transformative education that empowers students from diverse backgrounds to succeed by seeking and securing private support. Board Chair Don Roberts shared that the board is very closely aligned to provide opportunities to students and hopes to continue to increase their support in the future. "I want to welcome and thank our new and returning board members for stepping up to help us achieve our goals. We look forward to a great year," he said.



Krikor Jansezian



Alan Bryan



Anne Cole



Brittany Cremer



Jani McCall



David Wanzenried



Dave Warne



William Henry



Buddy Windy Boy

*View the entire list*

**"I am excited to welcome the new board of trustees members and continue to work with the returning members this upcoming year. MSUB has tremendous potential - our goal is to impact as many students as possible through the support of our generous donors." - Krista Montague, President & CEO**

**who share your committment to student success.**



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# Give, Get Involved, and Make a Difference

## Time for celebration!

Join us **Thursday, October 13, 2022**, at 4:30 p.m. at Craft Local for a celebration of faculty research and creative scholarship at this year's **ResearchFest!**

Learn More >>>



## Time to party and support!

Join us **Friday, October 28, 2022**, at 6 p.m. at The Pub Station for a fun filled and spooky evening in support of student-athlete scholarships at the **24th Annual Athletics Scholarship Auction and Halloween Party!**

*Want to donate an auction item?*

Contact Hollie West at 406-896-5934 or [hollie.west@msubillings.edu](mailto:hollie.west@msubillings.edu).

Learn More >>>



*"Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time, we can give our expertise, we can give our love, or simply give a smile. What does it cost? The point is, none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give." - Steve Goodier*

## Save the dates!



Join us as we celebrate #GivingTuesday on Tuesday, November 29, 2022. This global generosity movement harnesses the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world.

Mark your calendar and get ready to make a difference. At MSUB, our students are our cause!



**Calling all volunteers!** Planning is underway for the 31st annual MSU Billings Foundation Wine & Food Festival, tentatively slated for Spring 2023. Your time and talent have helped the Foundation raised over \$7.1 million to directly support MSUB students.

We can't do this without you — get involved >>>



**Jacket Giving Day 2023** unites the 'Jacket Family' to make a direct impact on the student experience at Eastern Montana's university.

In 2023, we'll count down 1,927 minutes of online fundraising — in honor of the institution's founding date — starting at 9 a.m. March 23 and ending at 5:07 p.m. March 24.



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