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Foundation Newsletter

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The recipe for student success

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*Shaylyn Dilley, Junior
Health & Human Performance*

The key ingredient in the recipe for success... YOU!

July is a month full of celebration. Not only do we celebrate our nation's independence, but because of **you**, we can make dreams come true. Our students are at the heart of all we do, and providing access to education and ensuring student success can't happen without you.

You exemplify our nation's founding ideals of freedom, opportunity, and dreams by championing higher education for a better tomorrow. Thank you for your continued support of Montana State University Billings.

As we start a new school year, there is a renewed need for support from donors like you. Last May, we celebrated 31 years of the Wine & Food Festival and 50 generous donors **raised \$129,000** during the scholarship lot alone – proving it doesn't take a lot to have a big impact. **You** can make a difference.

Research proves students who receive scholarships graduate at a higher rate than others. Scholarship support also decreases the time it takes our students to complete their degrees.



Krista Montague '99 & '18
Chief Executive Officer

When our students cross the finish line, diploma in hand, it's a win for every aspect of our university; the communities in which we serve, and most importantly, our new alumni.

"One of the most impactful parts of any college student's life is scholarships, and mine has been no exception. Scholarships have been a major part of my personal academic journey and have allowed me to pursue my goals. Receiving a scholarship is a huge honor and can truly change the life of a student. Thank you for your considerate donations and for helping to continue to change the lives of students like you did mine."

- Shaylyn Dilley, Junior, Health & Human Performance

BUZZWORTHY NEWS

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MSUB professor leads Hardin students in an investigation of water



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MSUB sculpture professor supports art installation in Venice, Italy



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Announcing new directors

The MSU Billings Foundation & Alumni's Board of Directors recently welcomed two new members who began their term on July 1, 2023, and will serve three-year terms. The newly named Board of Directors oversee the Foundation, including managing the investment of a \$34 million endowment that supports the long-term strength and stability of MSUB and its students. Tyler Elkin and Michael Monson both are graduates of Montana State University Billings.



Tyler Elkin '95

Ty currently works as a Senior Relationship Manager and Investment Advisor Representative for Allied Investment Advisors. He brings 25 years of financial services and executive leadership experience to his position at Allied – and his areas of responsibility include client relationship management and the development of new business opportunities.



Michael Monson '03

Mike currently is an attorney with Billstein, Monson & Small PLLC. He has practiced law in Billings since September 2006 and practiced as a Certified Public Accountant prior to attending law school at the University of Montana School of Law. Mike serves on the Board of Advisors of the Montana State University Billings College of Business, and the Board of Directors of the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch. Mike has been recognized by both of America's Leading Lawyers for Business and The Best Lawyers in America.

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2023-2024 Officers

Tom Potter, Chair
Jani McCall, Vice Chair
Kay Berry, Secretary
Mike Monson, Treasurer

Thank you, Jon Egeland, for your 32 incredible years of service!

Vice President of Finance Retires

Jon Egeland, Foundation VP of Finance is retiring after 32 years of service to the MSU Billings Community. An Eastern Montana College accounting graduate, class of '89, Jon began his journey at the Foundation in 1991 after farming in Northeast Montana for ten years. When he started working at the Foundation, the Foundation's assets were \$1.75 million. Dedicating his efforts in the finance department all these years, the Foundation's assets have climbed to over \$40 million to-date during his stead. He has worked with numerous donors and benefactors, helping them make the world a better place, by establishing endowments, scholarships, and planned gifts which provide crucial educational opportunities for remarkable MSU Billings students.



After 32 years, 31 Wine & Food Festivals, five permanent chancellors, and six permanent CEOs, Jon is ready to retire at the end of December 2023. He looks forward to new adventures with his wife Dee, their family and their friends. Please join us in congratulating Jon on his retirement at our office on Thursday, September 14, for food and fellowship with friends.



*RSVP for Jon's retirement party!
Scan the QR code, call 406-657-2244,
or email info@msubfoundation.com*

**Thursday, September 14
4 PM | Foundation**



Corps & Cuisine

Results Are In!

Thanks to all who attended **Wine & Food Festival** May 18-20, 2023. The generosity and support of friends like you allows us to host this anticipated premier experience each year – thank you. Not only does this festival continue to excite guests with first-class dining and wines but, our common goal of access to excellent education brings us together as a community.

This year, your support has raised over **\$250,000!** Your support and dedication to the Wine & Food Festival has raised over **\$7.3 million** (net) and engaged thousands of friends with MSU Billings through classes, tastings, dinners, and auctions.



Chancellor Stefani Hicswa & CEO Krista Montague

Thank YOU!



Check out photos from this year's festival!

**Were you unable to attend this year?
You can still support students today!**

Scan the code to make a gift!



See you at next year's festival!

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18-20
2024**

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