

Subject: Student Artists Explore Southwest MT, "Every Brilliant Thing" Comes to Dillon, and 2023 Colt Challenge & Sale Announced | February 3, 2023



UMW and MCH to Host Annual Colt Challenge and Sale

The [Annual Colt Challenge and Sale](#), hosted by the University of Montana Western and the Montana Center for Horsemanship, will take place March 31 and April 1,



2023, at the Montana Center for Horsemanship in Dillon, Montana.

Students and colts compete in a series of events that demonstrate their wide range of abilities on the first day, and the following day, a public auction features the colts for sale, with all proceeds reinvested in the program in order to provide scholarships to Natural Horsemanship majors at the University of Montana Western.

For more information about the Colt Challenge and Sale, please contact Head Natural Horsemanship Instructor, Eric Hoffmann: eric.hoffmann@umwestern.edu or call 406-925-1499.



UMW Theatre Department & Bank of Commerce Performing Arts Series Present "Every Brilliant Thing" Feb. 10-12

After completing a 44-city tour of Montana in the summer and fall of 2019, theater artists Rosie Seitz Ayers and Ryan Eggenesperger are bringing back their anti-suicide production, playwright Duncan MacMillan's "[Every Brilliant Thing](#)." In addition to the performances, there will be a pre-show sequence of poetry and artwork highlighting mental health awareness exhibited on stage and in the lobby with a mental health clinician and/or a UMW peer educator present to offer support at each performance. Admission is free for UMW students who present their Bulldog Cards.

To learn more and purchase tickets, please visit the [BOC series website](#).

Celebrating Black History Month

The Office of Student Success is excited to share upcoming activities with the university in honor of [Black History Month](#), including Student Features of the Month on [Instagram](#), the Coretta Scott King Award-winning book display in the library, a newly developed

collaborative [online resource guide](#) (available starting February 13), and an educational series that will be presented on the campus display screens throughout the month of February showcasing the accomplishments of Black inventors. To learn more, please email randal.johnson@umwestern.edu.

Save the Dates

Visit our [online events calendar](#) for more information and to [submit your scheduled events](#).

February 6

- Block 6 Begins

February 8

- [Remediation Assessment of the Upper Clark Fork River: Experience One at UMW Presentation](#) by Dr. Rob Thomas, 4:00 p.m., MT Tech CBB 102 or Zoom

February 10-12

- BOC Performing Arts Series Presents "[Every Brilliant Thing](#)"

February 15

- On The Rocks – Wild & Scenic Rivers with the Flathead Watershed Alliance, 3:30 p.m., Block Hall 311 or [online](#)

February 22

- [Red Cross Blood Drive](#), 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Keltz Arena
- On The Rocks – [Community Water Conversations](#): A Panel Discussion with Local Water Users in Collaboration with Trout Unlimited, 3:30 p.m., Block Hall 311 or [online](#)

**MORE
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"More Than Dust": an Exploration of Southwest Montana Ranching Culture Opens February 24

The Montana Western Fine Arts Gallery invites you to the opening of "More Than Dust", an exploration of Southwest Montana's ranching culture through the lens of UMW student artists Kim Giannone and Brigid Reedy. The gallery will host an opening reception of the show featuring photography and leather work on February 24, 2023, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery located in Main Hall.

[Kim Giannone](#) is a Montana-based visual artist and environmental scientist. Her most recent project focuses on documenting ranching communities in Southwest Montana's Beaverhead County, exploring the ever-evolving relationship between humans and the natural world. She is currently pursuing degrees in Environmental Sustainability and Visual Arts at the University of Montana Western on a full scholarship. Giannone is a recipient of the DI Emerick Scholarship, and her work was recently featured in "Life Before", a collaborative work on climate change by Paradigm Publishing and Adidas Skateboarding.

[Brigid Reedy](#), a double major in English Literature and Natural Horsemanship at UMW, has been featured at the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada for the past six years, and is credited in recent books by Aaron Parrett and Charlie Seeman as an important singer, songwriter, fiddler, and poet carrying forward classic cowboy music and poetry. Additionally, Reedy has spent the last three years under the tutelage of legendary Circle of American Masters saddle maker, George Holt.

UMW Safety Website



Montana Western recently launched a new [safety website](#), and continues to add additional content. A [Safety Updates page](#) has been added that will serve as a listing and archive of safety debriefs and any safety-related messages.

For any questions, please contact UMW's Safety & Emergency Management Officer Monique Schofield: monique.schofield@umwestern.edu or 406-683-7389.

And remember, in the event of any type of emergency, please call 9-1-1.

Facility Services Project Updates

Block Hall Renovation: Dowling Architects has completed the first round of schematic floor plan designs reflecting the new layout as defined by the Block Hall Renovation Faculty Committee. The layout includes repurposing the basement level from storage into academic space and a new elevator on the north end of the building. Development and review of schematic design will continue for several more iterations before moving into detail engineering.

Wellness Center: [BSpark Architecture](#) from Great Falls has been appointed as the design firm. Principal owner, Sophia Sparklin, was on campus last week to map out the existing BARC building and the location of the proposed new build. Her team will meet with the UMW Student Senate and other stakeholders to continue the schematic design work for the project.



Heating Plant Upgrade Project: UMW Facility Services is excited to report the new boiler is now operational and has been meeting campus steam demand for nearly two weeks. There are now three natural gas fired boilers in the campus heating plant. The last component of this project is the installation of a new back-up generator sometime this summer which will require a total campus power outage for about 8 hours.

Main Hall Exterior Door Swipe System: Main Hall has a total of 18 exterior doors, 9 of which will have card access systems installed to allow entry from the exterior of the building for individuals with authorized Bulldog Card access outside of regular business hours. The other 9 doors are “monitor” doors and will function as exit doors only. As monitor doors, the door position is electronically monitored and will notify the system when opened or if they are propped open. It is anticipated that the system will be able to go live within the next 1-2 weeks. [Click here for more details about this project.](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact UMW Director of [Facility Services](#), Michael Brown: michael.brown@umwestern.edu or 406-683-

7142.

Updates from Human Resources

The Montana Western Human Resources Department would like to share the current responsibilities of the HR team so we can help you with anything you may need! The list below provides topics that Kelly and Lori can assist you with. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have questions, we're here to help!

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Office Location: Short Administration Building

Lori Broksle's Responsibilities:

- Bi-weekly Payroll
- Management of all benefits
- Retirement
- Workers Comp
- Union Communication
- Timesheet Collections (signed rosters)
- FMLA
- Student/Fee Waivers
- Reserve Parking Payroll Deductions



Kelly Graham's Responsibilities:

- Recruitment
- Offer Letters
- Role Descriptions/Classifications
- Student Work Study/Non-Work Study Onboarding
- Student Payroll
- Faculty and Staff Onboarding
- Policies/Procedures
- EEO/AA

Submit Content to Upcoming Operations Updates

Please share your current projects, initiatives, examples of Experience One, and other updates with us so we can share them with the University Community and [let us know](#) what information you would like to see included in future updates. We'd like to hear from you!



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