

Indian Education For All Events, Stockman Bank Over the Top Challenge, Glass Artists Demo & Mythfest III | April 10, 2023

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UMW Hosts Indian Education for All Events and Flag Ceremony Community Gathering

The University of Montana Western invites the campus and community to a series of events on Friday, April 14, 2023, including [Indian Education for All presentations and a flag ceremony community gathering](#).

Mike Jetty, [Indian Education for All](#) (IEFA) Specialist from the [Montana Office of Public Instruction](#), will provide a general IEFA presentation for the campus and community on Friday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Beier Auditorium in Main Hall, followed by an IEFA session for UMW faculty at 11:20 a.m. in the Model Classroom.

Montana Western's Office of Student Success and American Indian and Minority Achievement (AIMA) Committee also invites the campus and community to a flag ceremony event, on Friday, April 14 at 1:00 p.m., at

the Legacy Plaza on the UMW campus. Special guests from the Blackfeet Nation will present Montana Western with a Tribal flag to be displayed in the Keltz Arena.

All are welcome and invited to attend and light refreshments will be served.



Montana Western Announces Stockman Bank “Over the Top” Challenge

After publicly launching a \$13 million fundraising effort earlier this year to fund scholarships, academic programs, and student wellness and athletics facilities, the UMW Foundation has announced that Stockman Bank is contributing a \$50,000 matching gift to the Experience One Campaign for the “[Stockman Over the Top Challenge](#)”. The dollar-for-dollar match will support Montana Western’s new Sports & Activities Complex project. This donation is in addition to an earlier \$65,000 gift to the same project.

For more information about Montana Western’s fundraising efforts or to support the Experience One Campaign, visit tinyurl.com/X1-campaign.

Save the Dates

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

April 10

- Block 8 Begins

April 11

- Town Hall, 3:30 p.m., STC Great Room
- [Color Run](#), 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., BARC

April 12

- [MYCA Educator Airlift](#)- Please be aware military helicopters will be landing and taking off from UMW's practice fields during the business day.
- [Life: Inside and Out Seminar](#), 3:30 p.m., Block Hall 311, Speaker: Katie M. Susong
- [Dr. Jane Helm Maddock Service Award Reception](#), 5:30 p.m., Lewis and Clark Room

April 14

- [Campus Research Symposium](#), STC Great Room

April 19

- [Blood Drive](#), 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Keltz Arena
- [On the Rocks Seminar](#), 3:30 p.m., Block Hall 311, Speaker: Dr. Bill Janus

April 21

- [Public Glassblowing Presentation & Demonstration](#), presented by local glass artists, Elizabeth and Michael Walters, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Emerick Art Studio

April 22

- [Night of Stars Education Hall of Fame](#), 6:00 p.m., Beier Auditorium

April 25

- Cantabileers in Concert, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Beier Auditorium

April 28

- [O. Alan Weltzien Writers Series Presents: Keema Waterfield](#), 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Bulldog Lounge

May 5

- [Kick Off to Commencement & Reception](#), 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Legacy Plaza

May 6

- [126th Annual Commencement](#), 10:00 a.m., Straugh Gymnasium



**UMW & Bank of Commerce Performing Arts Series Presents “Mythfest III”
April 20 - May 3**

Back for its third year, "[Mythfest III](#)" is an international virtual performance festival based at the University of Montana Western in Dillon, Montana and directed by Miranda Zent. The festival features UMW student talent and guest artists from around the United States and abroad. This online performance will be available free of charge by visiting www.umwestern.edu from April 20 - May 3. An option to donate will also be available online.

UMW Hosts Local Artists and Invites Community to Glassblowing Presentation and Demonstration

[Glass artists Elizabeth and Michael Walters](#) will work with UMW glassblowing students April 17-21, hosted by Montana Western's Glass Program.



On Friday, April 21, at 3:30 p.m., the artists will present a public visual lecture based on their history with glass and directly afterwards, from 4:15-5:30 p.m., the artists will give a glassblowing demonstration. All are invited to attend the free event and light refreshments will be served.

Elizabeth Bervy Walters attended The Rhode Island School of Design with the intention of majoring in illustration or painting, but after taking glassblowing for the winter-session term, became a glass major going into her sophomore year. Through the robust visiting artist program organized by Glass Department Head Bruce Chao, she had the opportunity to work with established glass artists including Dale Chihuly, Bertil Vallien, Therman Statom, Richard Harned, and Jay Musler.

Graduating in 1987 with a BFA in Glass, she set up a glass studio, Crusader Glass and Design, in Philmont, NY. Michael, her eventual husband, joined her in the business in 1990, and together they ran the studio until 1998.



MYCA Hosts Educator Airlift Event April 12

On Wednesday, April 12, 2023, the Montana Youth Challenge Academy, in partnership with the Montana National Guard 1-189th (General Support Aviation Battalion) and the University of Montana Western, will host an [Educator Airlift event](#) throughout the business day.

Please be aware that military helicopters will be landing and taking off from UMW's football practice fields, located

on the south side of campus.

To ensure public safety, it is critical that all observers stay clear of the UMW practice fields on April 12.

For more information, please contact the Montana Youth Challenge Academy at 406-960-4424.

UMW Foundation Announces Establishment of Scholarship in Honor of Doris Richard

The University of Montana Western Foundation is honored to announce the establishment of the [Dillon Garden Club Scholarship](#) in honor of Doris Richard.



The \$500 award will be gifted annually by the UMW Scholarship Committee to a full-time student majoring in Environmental Sciences, in good standing with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

A 1942 graduate of Montana State Normal College, (now the University of Montana Western), Doris loved the outdoors and was instrumental in establishing and keeping the Dillon Garden Club an active and engaged community service organization. The scholarship will be awarded for the first time for the upcoming academic year.

“The family of Doris Richard would like to thank the Dillon Garden Club. It is such an honor to recognize our mom and her dedication to the club and Montana Western which will be remembered because of this scholarship.”



Facility Services Project Updates

MDT Highway Resurfacing Project

Construction Look Ahead:

Beginning the third week of April, MDT and Helena Sand and Gravel anticipate working on the following, weather dependent:

- Storm drain inlet protection along East Helena Avenue and South Atlantic Street.

- Start bridge work at the South Atlantic Street railroad crossing.
 - Traffic: single-lane bridge closures with temporary traffic lights
- Concrete work: partial sidewalk and curb removal, including replacement along East Helena Avenue.
 - Traffic: daytime single-lane closures along East Helena Avenue. Both lanes open at night. Side streets closed at East Helena Avenue intersections. Businesses along side streets will have access from East Center Street.
 - Pedestrians: partial sidewalk closures day and night while concrete cures.

The last week of April:

- One lane of the bridge over the railroad and removing guardrail to prep for bridge surface replacement.
 - Traffic: single-lane bridge closures with temporary traffic lights.
- Concrete work: continuing sidewalk and curb removal and replacement along East Helena Avenue.
 - Traffic: daytime single-lane closures along East Helena Avenue. Both lanes open at night. Side streets closed at East Helena Avenue intersections. Businesses along side streets will have access from East Center Street.
 - Pedestrians: partial sidewalk closures day and night while concrete cures.

To learn more about the overall project, visit the Montana Department of Transportation [project website](#) where you can sign up for text alerts, project updates via email, or call the project hotline: 406-447-3354.

Lunch & Learn on April 20: Join us for this public meeting/Q&A hosted by the Chamber of Commerce with Project Manager, Shane Watson, at 12:00 p.m. at the Community Room on the second floor of the Bank of Commerce. A [Zoom link](#) is also available.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact UMW Director of [Facility Services](#), Michael

Brown: michael.brown@umwestern.edu or 406-683-7142.

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