

TECH TREK

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SkillsUSA Elects Officers

The SkillsUSA chapter has elected officers for the 2018-19 school year.

President: Grant Schlat, ADBC

Vice-President: Nick Beck, WMT

Secretary: Cheyenne Wiedrich, ADBC

Treasurer: Tony Stoltz, WMT

Last week, Secretary Cheyenne Wiedrich and member Ruth Clements, PWSPT, attended the SkillsUSA Mid-America Leadership Conference. They networked with other student members and learned the specifics on running a chapter meeting and details for the opening and closing ceremonies at state and national conferences.

The chapter is keeping busy with fundraising and community service projects. On Wednesday, October 24, they did their annual Franks Bay cleanup event at Lake Mitchell.

Also, next week, the club is holding another 50/50 raffle. Buy a ticket for a chance to win half of the cash pot. See a member or advisor to purchase. Drawing to be held Friday, October 26.

Important Dates to Remember

Friday, October 26 - Last date to withdraw from a course(s) or entirely from school and receive a "W" grade which does not affect a student's GPA. After October 26, students will receive the grade they earn at the conclusion of the semester, which is typically an "F". This grade affects their GPA and academic standing.

Monday, October 29 - Registration for spring semester begins

Monday, November 12 - Campus closed for Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 15 - Scholarship Application period closes

TECH TREK is a bi-weekly publication put out by the Marketing Office. Distributed on alternate Thursdays during the school year, deadline for submission of articles is the Wednesday before publication at 10:00 AM. Articles may be emailed to julie.brookbank@mitchelltech.edu. Let us know how we can serve you!

Scholarship Applications Being Accepted

The 2018-2019 scholarship application is now open and the annual week-long trivia contest is finished for another year. Here are a few important things you should know:

- Students only need to complete one application
- All students are eligible for scholarships, including Build Dakota recipients
- GPA and financial need don't always matter - each scholarship is different
- The Center for Student Success is a good resource if you want guidance in completing your application
- Students need to "tell your story"
- IT'S FREE MONEY!!!!



SRB Rolls Out Text App

Students! Be sure to sign up for the Remind App to stay up to date with SRB events. We have a lot of things coming up and would love for you to have the opportunity to attend these events!

Text the code to **@mtisr** to 810-10.

You will receive timely reminders about upcoming events, either to sign up for team events, or when and where to show up for a lot of fun!

If you have questions, please see and SRB member or advisor.



Heather Lentz and Sheryl Plagmann are available to help with any questions. Their offices are located in the Admissions suite in Campus Center.

Remember the absolute end of the scholarship application period will be Thursday, November 15 at 5:00 PM.

SRB to Sponsor Costume Bowling

MTI SRB will sponsor a fun Halloween Bowling Party on Thursday, November 1, at the Village Bowl. The fun begins at 9:30 PM and goes until midnight.

Dress up in your finest and most imaginative Halloween costume and you could win! All entries to be judged in one of three categories: Best Male, Best Female and Best Group. Door prizes will also be given away.

SRB Plans Fall Fun for All

SRB has a full slate of fun activities planned for all students throughout the rest of the fall semester. Make sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend these fun events:

October 22-November 5

Longest Tail Feather Contest

November 1

Halloween Costume Bowling
Village Bowl, 9:30-midnight

November 7

Free movie night

Luxury Cinema

November 14

Dodgeball Tourney
(more info to come)

December 4

Kids' Christmas Party

December

"Elf" the Instructor

More info to come

**Movie Tickets On Sale in the
MTI Bookstore
\$7.50 Each**

*Good for any movie, any day at the Luxury 5
Cinema! Debit/credit welcome for payment.*



presents the
SUB BIRTHDAY CLUB!

Stop in the Subway store at 802 N. Sanborn for a free six-inch sandwich with the purchase of a 20 oz. or larger drink during your birthday month. Must present student ID. Offer good only at Mitchell Sanborn Street location. Offer good for students and staff. One sub per person.

October

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| 25 Dustin Frank
Hunter Gaikowski
Jeffrey Tuttle | 29 Brady Bollinger
Devin Koslowski
LilyAnn Weiss |
| 26 Jill Bertus
Holden Thieman | 30 Kellan Culbert
Kara DeYoung
Elizabeth Rigger |
| 27 Hunter Gill
Jordon Heyd | 31 Abram Herman
Rease Logan |
| 28 John Bamsey
Christopher Rumbolz | |

November

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| 1 Brett Hellwig
Riley Mackey
Darissa Overweg | 17 Willow Allen
Casey Steffel |
| 2 Tanner Valsvig | 18 Jacob Fischer
Koby Larson
Dorian Martinez |
| 4 Justin Frank
Jamie Helms
Alex Meiners
Taylen Trisco
Jesse Wheeler | 19 Meridith Beeber
Jacques VanLeeuwen |
| 5 Faith Owens
AlixPeterka
Thomas Semmler
Lacey Wynia | 20 Courtney Dahl
Robin Jones |
| 6 Lawrence Jack
Erin Kindle | 21 Daren Allerdings
Nathan Nelson |
| 7 Kylee Burdick
Jhon Gomez
Beth Schneider | 22 Tevin Abeln |
| 8 Lucas Bindert | 23 Kory Massie
Logan Spelbring
Hailey Thompson |
| 9 Natalie Wagaman | 24 Taylor Carpentier
Lane Meeks
Cole Rooda |
| 10 Logan Schiltz | 25 Colton Herrick
Trent Lunt
Bob Kobernusz |
| 11 Reed Ashmore
Cortney Eaton | 26 McClain Lone
Nikkimarie Weber
Hunter Wright |
| 12 Dillon Barger
Leah Somers | 27 Santanya Matucha
Trace Sikkink |
| 13 Erik Chafin
Taylor Hogg
James Schuurmans | 28 Cody Dockter
Kyle Erthum
Brady Nelson |
| 14 Dawn Letellier
Tucker Nedved
Daniel Reisenauer | 29 Hannah Lecy
Shirlyce Weisser |
| 15 Derek Pedersen | 30 Taylor Fitch
Adrianna Mastel
Cameron Richter
Alex Schoenenberger
Troy Swett |
| 16 Lauren Brame
Devin Letsche
Grant Schlaht
Randy Talks
Landon Young | |

DWU to Present Musical

DWU will present the musical "Little Shop of Horrors" October 26-28, October 31 and November 2-4. Evening performances are at 7:30. Sunday afternoon shows begin at 2:00 PM.

The show will be presented at

the DWU Theatre located on the south side of the Dakota Discovery museum on the east side of campus.

Tickets are \$12 for general admission and are available online at dwu.edu or at the door.

MTI Counselor Corner *How to Recover from a Bad Midterm Grade*

The transition from high school to college is a big one. Anecdotal evidence shows it is not uncommon for new freshmen to struggle with midterm exams. Even if you did well in high school, the new environment, increased academic rigor, and newfound freedom of college can decrease your academic performance. It can be difficult to balance the new experiences and the need to study. If you receive a disappointing grade on a midterm, it may be a warning sign that you need to find your life-school balance in order to recover by the end of the semester.

The good news is, it is possible to recover from a disappointing midterm grade. With a little positivity, analysis, and hard work, you can lift yourself out of a poor grade situation. The following tips can help:

Don't dwell on your bad midterm grade

You earned a bad grade on an important test—now you need to accept it and move on. Don't waste time dwelling on your midterm grade; instead, work to fix the problem going forward. Don't let this setback deter you from earning good grades.

Identify problem subject areas

To move forward, you'll need to have a plan. The first thing you need to do is figure out what you need help with specifically. What particular content areas gave you trouble? Were you underprepared, or did you mistakenly think you understood the information? Did you make careless mistakes? Do you need help with time management or study skills?

Seek academic help

Don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it. If you do poorly on your midterm, you might want to make an appointment to see your instructor. He or she can help you further identify your problem areas and can help explain the concepts that you do not understand. In addition, he or she may also suggest avenues for bringing up your grade, whether it's an extra paper or an extra credit project. You may also want to seek out tutors who can provide individualized attention. Don't be afraid to seek out a study group or tutorials, as well.

Prioritize your tasks and manage your time

Figure out what you need to do to improve your grade—then do it. Although you should take time to eat, sleep, and otherwise take care of yourself, remember that you still have a relatively short period of time to buckle down and improve your grade before the semester ends. Evaluate your schedule and other commitments, and prioritize accordingly in order to reach your goal.

Don't give up

Bombing a midterm is not the end of the world. There are always opportunities to learn from and improve on a bad grade. The second half of the term is a very short amount of time in the grand scheme of things. Keep at it—you can do it!

Even though you may have fallen short on your midterm, there is still time to recover. Believe it or not, this is a common occurrence, and it is important to move forward confidently. Accept what happened, figure out what you need help with, manage your remaining time, and stay focused through the end of the semester. A poor grade can help you develop necessary time management skills and lead to you find your balance between your social life and academic responsibilities.