

TECH TREK

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Registrar Reminds You of Important Dates

Keep these important dates in mind as we prepare to enter the last half of the spring semester:

March 1	Midterm
March 4-8	Spring Break
March 18	Registration begins for summer classes
March 19	Last day to withdraw with a partial refund
April 1	Registration begins for Fall 19 classes
April 19-22	Easter break
April 26	Last day to withdraw with a W
May 10	Graduation

Civil Unrest Prompts Change in Trip Plans

As some of you may have seen there has been some civil unrest in Haiti over the past few weeks. Instructor Eric Schramm provided a recent on the planned ADBC service project to be carried out over spring break.

Instead of traveling to Haiti to fund and build a school, students and staff members have decided due to safety that it would be better to change to a project in Guatemala.

The team will still be leaving this Saturday, March 2, and will return the following Saturday. While in-country the students will be building a 3-room home for a family in need.

The house is constructed on concrete footing with wood framed walls and a steel roof. The funds that have raised have been transferred to this project to pay for the building materials for the home, a mattress, and a water filter for the family to use.

Schramm and his students are very excited that the plans were able to be changed without too much difficulty. They are also very thankful for the support from everyone here at MTI.

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!

Food Pantry Fundraiser Exceeds Goal

The CSS had a goal of raising \$1000 to match a \$1000 donation given to the MTI Food Pantry this fall. They are happy to report that we reached our goal and more!

Below are the two quotes about college hunger that the envelopes were covering:

"...nearly 1 in 10 community college students have gone a whole day without eating in the past month."

"Food insecurity occurs at both two-year and four-year institutions. Twenty-five percent of community college students qualified as having very low food security, compared to 20 percent at four-year schools."

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Schramm for more information.

Here is a link with more info about our trip and the family that the MTI team will be helping:

<https://casasporcristo.org/casas-trips/?tripid=TR-006115>

Nearly 400 Attend Job Fairs

Nearly 400 students put their best feet forward to meet employers at the 25th Annual Job Fair Day held Thursday, February 21, on the MTI campus.

More than 100 employers were set up to meet with students and discuss career opportunities.

According to Career Services Director Janet Greenway, words cannot express how impressive our job fair is to the employers! Several say this is the best and favorite job fair they attend, and many attend several each year.

Thanks to all who helped put on this huge event!

Dance to be Held Tonight

Tonight, Thursday, February 28, marks the return of an MTI SRB dance hosted on campus. The dance will be held in the Tech Center Commons from 9:00 PM to midnight. MTI students get in free with student ID. Guests are \$3. No high school students. There will be FREE food and tons of door prizes (Bluetooth headphones/speakers, gift cards, coolers, lawn chairs, and much much more)!!!! Must be present to win.

Remember campus policy prohibits alcohol on campus. Follow the rules so that everyone can have a fun time.

As always, if you have suggestions for events or questions, talk to an SRB rep or see advisor Mateya Berg in the Center for Student Success.

Women in Science Coming to MTI

WIS conferences are held all over the US and six locations are located in South Dakota. The conference was created to encourage young women, specifically eighth grade girls, to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The goal is to connect eighth grade students to local women who are working in the STEM fields ranging from doctors, engineers, dentists, veterinarians, nurses, chemists, etc.

If you're on campus March 5, you can expect to see approximately 250 local and area girls in the Nordby Trades Center along with many presenters and vendors.

A big thank you to the MTI programs that are volunteering their time to speak or host a booth in the vendor hall. We are excited to host this event at MTI!



Spring break for students will be held March 4-8. Faculty will be on campus March 4-5. Offices will be open all week.



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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.

March

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| 1 Byron Jessen
Kanitha Spahn
Ty Sparks
Riley Zoss | 17 Tristan Madsen
Wyatt Thomas |
| 2 Destenie DeBoer
Breydon Mlady | 18 Tianna Doppenberg |
| 3 Evan Brown
Brendan Coen
David Boos | 19 Tanner Griebel
Ethan Grote
Spencer Schultz |
| 4 Nicole Conrad
Justus Gregg
Hser Htoo
Adam Hutmacher | 20 Jeddie Nyei
Kade Scott |
| 5 William Jarecke
Grace Tisher | 21 Allen Schaller
Chandler Schopp
Gayge Schopp |
| 6 Heath Bullington
Samuel Jansen
Shauna Nelson | 23 Morgan Hurlburt
Amanda Kurzenberger
Rochelle Palmquist |
| 7 Preston Glammeier
Noah Hamilton
Wyatt McCoy | 24 Hayden Overweg
Adam Ronke |
| 8 Tyler Bartscher
Ruth Clemente Escalera
Abby Opp | 25 Trevor Freeman
Drew Olinger
Jason Juhnke
Eric Schramm
Kristy Weber |
| 9 Stewart Job
Jill Snyder | 26 Shelbi Karr
Benjamin Miller
Adam Wollman |
| 10 Luke Peterson
Mateya Berg | 27 Natasha Conners
Samantha McQuarie |
| 11 Cullen Olson
Morgan Turner | 28 Shannon Tesch
Dana Wipf
Tim Goldammer |
| 12 Sasha Christenson
Alexander Voges | 29 Jared Tiede |
| 13 Oakley Denne
Kyle Leber
Preston Morton | 30 Tucker Hawley
Amy Gough |
| 14 Ty Auske
Thomas Dryer | 31 Layne Heath
Carson Keller
Teresa Klug
Dalton Kummer
Whitney Sawyer
Xavier Sporrer
Gavin Zach
Dustin Kubik
Julie Brookbank |
| 15 Owen King
Jeremiah Sanders | |
| 16 Tyler Eichmann
Jaylon Graff
Dylan Lucht
Brittany Luitjens
Lauren Norrid
Noleen Skillingstad | |



"First Choice" Scholarships Available

First Dakota National Bank announces the 2019-2020 First Dakota Scholarship applications are available. First Dakota understands the importance of higher education. We support our communities and the youth within them. First Dakota is proud to offer scholarships ranging from \$1,000 - \$5,000 up to a total of \$25,000.

Current students at technical institutes are encouraged to apply. All applicants must have a First Dakota Checking account to qualify.

Applications need to be post-marked by March 12, 2019. Contact any First Dakota location for an application or download at FirstDakota.com/scholarship.

MTI Counselor Corner *Tips for Staying Safe During Spring Break* by Kizzy Preston

It is that time of year again. College students from all across the country converge on sandy beaches in Florida, or California for a week of sun, fun, and partying. Spring break—a time for rest and relaxation away from the rigors of college life—can be a great time. It can also lead to some tough life lessons if a student isn't careful.

Here are some things to do to ensure that Spring Break is a great memory, rather than a horror story.

Stick together. If you are headed out to a vacation spot with a group of friends, it is important that you all stick together. It is easy to lose track of a friend when out at a party. Did they leave the party with a stranger? Did they go to drive even though they've had too much to drink? Did they walk off alone?

It is very important to keep an eye on your friends. No one wants to be a babysitter, but in the end it is better to be able to account for your friend's whereabouts than not.

Don't drink and drive. This saying has been said so much that it may seem like a cliché. Still, many students get behind the wheel of a car, or get into a car with someone who has been drinking. Each year millions of students drive while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, this according to College Drinking Prevention.

Just as serious is texting while driving. It is vitally important that when out driving, whether in a town you are not familiar with on spring break, or at home, that you are alert and free from distractions.

Keep an eye on your money. It is a horrible feeling to go on vacation and have your money and credit cards stolen. Too often students do not keep a close enough watch on their money.

It's best to only swipe your debit or credit card at retailers you are familiar with. Credit card information can be stolen simply by swiping your card at the wrong place. When possible, avoid using your pin number at random ATM machines. Once a criminal gets that number they can wipe your bank account out.

Keep the amount of cash you carry with you to a minimum. Don't take your entire vacation allotment with you out to the beach or to a club. This is just a bad situation waiting to happen. Instead try putting some money in various places so that if by any chance you lose some or it's stolen, you still have more elsewhere.

Avoid alcohol poisoning. Most people don't know they are being poisoned by alcohol until it is too late. A lot of students drink from the time they wake up in the morning until the wee hours of the next day. Many students are unaware that consuming too much alcohol or even passing out from drinking can lead to death. Please take a moment to read about the dangers of alcohol poisoning here.

Spring break should be one of the most fun parts of a college career. Follow these tips to be sure that not only do you have a great time, but when classes start up again, you will be there all in one piece.