



ACCESS SUCCESS

Access: (n.) a means of approaching

Success: (n.) the accomplishment of an aim or purpose

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Welcome to **AccessSuccess**,
the official newsletter of the
Montana's Own, 1893, and *Return-to-Learn*
Scholars Programs.

This is YOUR newsletter so [email Deb](#) if you have ideas for future issues.

Welcome Back Scholars!

It was great to visit with all the new and returning Montana's Own, 1893, and Return-to-Learn Scholars at our WELCOME BACK networking event on January 31st.

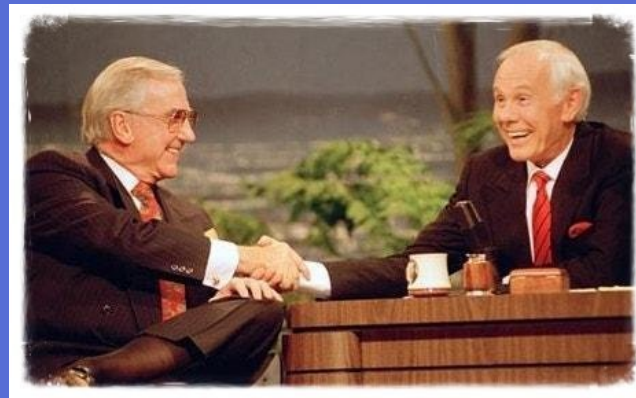
Everyone who couldn't make it - We will see you next time!



Pop Culture Flashback!

Two of the most difficult bingo questions at the welcome event involved names from television's glory days (yes, back when there were only two channels, three if you were lucky): "Who was Johnny Carson's sidekick?" and "Who was Howdy Doody?"

Meet Ed McMahon and Howdy Doody with his friend Bob!



The National Association of Colleges and Employers ([NACE](https://www.nace.edu)) know that **career readiness is a foundation from which to demonstrate requisite core competencies that broadly prepare the college educated for success in the workplace and lifelong career management.** Career readiness is the foundation upon which a successful career is launched. Career readiness is, quite simply, the new career currency.

In March, you will have the opportunity to participate in workshops that will help you master [the eight career readiness competencies](#) that will guarantee you land that internship and/or job of your dreams:

Career & Self-Development

Communication

Critical Thinking

Equity & Inclusion

Leadership

Professionalism

Teamwork

Technology

[Read about the eight competencies now](#) and keep watching the [online Calendar of Events](#) for more details and dates!

Workshop Watch

Coming in March:

KNOW YOUR NACE

"Asked to rate their level of proficiency in NACE's eight career readiness competencies, new graduates consider themselves most proficient in teamwork, professionalism, and critical thinking. On the other hand, employers rated new graduates highest in technology, teamwork, and equity and inclusion.

There is a clear disconnect between how students and employers perceive students' development of these competencies. Sometimes, the gap is quite large, as in the case of professionalism, where 84.6% of students and just 50% of employers perceive students to be 'very or extremely' proficient in this competency."

[RECRUITERS AND STUDENTS HAVE DIFFERING PERCEPTIONS OF NEW GRADS' PROFICIENCY IN COMPETENCIES](#)

January 16, 2024 | By Kevin Gray



We're All In This Together!
Seek Out The Support You Need SOON and OFTEN

Asking for help is one of the smartest things a student can do!
Your Scholar program has amazing resources - use them soon and often.

Online Tech Help Desk

Every Wednesday during the semester (except holidays and Spring Break) | 11am-1pm

Our tech consultants provide help with:

- Microsoft Office, Google Workspace, Adobe programs, and more
- Formatting documents, analyzing data, building presentations, etc.
- Organizing research, files, applying citation tools
- Any academic software programs or tech tools

Join via WebEx at <https://montana.webex.com/meet/john.pantano>.

There is no limit on participants. First-come, first-served assistance with any academic tech question. Students can also email john.pantano@montana.edu to request an alternative day/time for sessions if unable to attend during standard Wednesday hours.

All Scholars have free tutoring through Smarty Cats Tutoring
[Book your tutor today.](#)

Your Scholar Program success team is here to visit with you any time

[Email Jen](#) at Return-to-Learn

[Email John](#) at Return-to-Learn

[Email Monica](#) at Montana's Own and 1893

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The SUCCESS Questionnaire

We want to feature YOU in upcoming newsletters!

Answer the Questionnaire

What is the most important reason you decided to work at MSU? I arrived at MSU in 2020 as a research associate in an infectious disease lab where one of my primary roles was to mentor students. After several years I realized the most fulfilling part of my job was working with students. This is why I am at ACYSS!

What is your most treasured possession? My most treasured things are family, friends, my Norwegian Forest cat Emmie, and my orchid collection.

If time and money were not a consideration, what hobby would you take up? I would work more on my alpine ski racing skills and compete in races all around the globe.

What Montanan do you most identify with or admire? I love bison, so I think Ted Turner is awesome for having bison on his Flying D Ranch. I drive through his ranch for my bison fix when I can't make it to Yellowstone National Park. Petting a Bison is on my bucket list, but the circumstances would need to be safe and sanctioned!

What is your current state of mind? I am too excited for my new role at ACYSS and I can't wait to meet all the students! Deb probably needs to tell me to calm down!

If you had one piece of advice for MSU students, what would it be? Be productively stupid. If we don't feel dumb it likely means we're not trying hard enough to learn new things because it's easier to stay in the comfort zone. The unknown isn't just vast, it's infinite; realizing that can be liberating. Seek out opportunities to feel dumb rather than having all the answers. Aim to be comfortable with it. This will help you identify your knowledge gaps and where you need to invest more in learning to achieve your goals!

What is your motto? I have two: "Science (Life) is too hard not to help!" and "Things will work out, they always do!"

Monica Hall

Program Manager

Montana's Own &

1893 Scholars Programs



Monica with Emmie and

one of her orchids.



*Monica at the Taylor Park mural
in Manhattan, MT.*



Always Be In-The-Know

New events and opportunities are always being added to the **calendar** - check it often!

[See the Events Calendar](#)

Access Success **back issues** are now online!

[See the Newsletter Archive](#)

Discord is a place where you can chat anytime with your fellow Montana's Own/1893/R2L Scholars. **This is an opt-in opportunity so if you want to start networking click on the button below.**

[Accept the Invitation to Join Discord!](#)

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