

MONTANA'S OWN

Graduate with Purpose

Montana State University



Preparing for Lives & Careers of Purpose

February 8, 2023



Classes are starting to get challenging, aren't they? It's now even easier to get the help you need!

There are two really easy ways to get help with that challenging class.

Smarty Cats Tutoring

Smarty Cats has tutors for more than 300 different classes! [Find yours today](#) and if you don't see the one you need [email Deb](#) and we'll see what we can do for you.

You can also do **free drop-in tutoring** at the Library, 2nd Floor ([search your class](#) to see when a tutor will be there) and - BRAND NEW - Tuesday and Thursday 6:00pm-9:00pm at The Den on the first floor of South Hedges.

Remember...

Tutoring is FREE for Montana's Own Scholars!

Success Advising

A Success Advisor can assist you in so many ways!

- How to talk to your professor when you are having trouble with the material.
- How to take better notes and prep for exams.
- How to be more productive and motivated.
- How to create healthy habits.
- So much more.

And it is now so easy to see a Success Advisor. Check out these locations:

- AYCSS Office in the SUB, 8:00am-5:00pm, Monday-Friday - [make an appointment today](#).
- The Den on the first floor of South Hedges, 9:00am-3:30pm, Monday-Thursday - [make an appointment today](#).
- Library, 2nd Floor, 11:00am-1:00pm, Monday-Thursday. No appointment needed.

[See a Success Advisor!](#)



Career Fair is right around the corner. It's so easy to be PREPARED!



New to this year's Career Fair week is **Career Fair Prep**, your one-stop shopping for everything you'll need to make a memorable and positive first impression on employers.

Check out all these events!

Bobcat Career Closet

Thursday, February 23rd

10:00 am-4:00pm | SUB Ballroom A

One free business attire per student, resume review and free printing.

Drop-In Day

Monday, February 27th

10:00am-4:00pm | AYCSS SUB 177

Resume review & employer research and prep.

Career Fair Prep Event

Tuesday, February 28th

11:00am-5:00pm | Leigh Lounge SUB

Employer info sessions, resume review, mock interviews, salary negotiating with OFE, LinkedIn headshots, food & much more!

Keep watching the [Career Fair webpage](#) for updated info.

Get a jump start on being career ready by attending the **Bobcat Mentoring Dinner** - make contacts and hear about life after college from area professionals.

Thursday, February 16th

5:30pm-7:30pm

Inspiration Hall, Norm Building

[Read more about the guest presenter and the mentors and RSVP TODAY.](#)

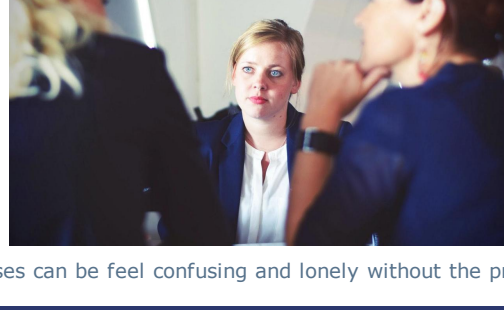
[See a Career Coach!](#)



Congratulations - you got the job offer! That's only the beginning...

This scene will be in all your futures very soon: You have a killer resume and cover letter, your LinkedIn profile is awesome, and you have just ACED your interview. You feel amazing and then you get the offer to join your dream company and you are floating on air. But... there is still one more important step before you can really celebrate - negotiating your salary and benefits package.

This can feel daunting but you'll have all the information and tools you'll need because you attended the [Office of Financial Education's](#) Salary & Benefits Clinic.



Negotiating salary, benefits, and moving expenses can be feel confusing and lonely without the proper information and tools.

Put this on your calendar!

MSU OFE Salary & Benefits Clinic

Thursday, February 23rd

4:30pm-6:00pm

SUB 168

At this clinic, you'll gain all this important knowledge:

- Learn how to evaluate job opportunities in your field and navigate the hiring process.
- Discuss what questions you should be prepared to ask.
- Develop a strategy of what to negotiate.
- Prepare your after-college budget.

If you can't make this clinic, there will be another at the **Career Fair Prep on February 28th**. Make a plan to attend one of these!

[See a Financial Coach!](#)



FEATURED RESOURCE

MSU First-Generation Student Association

Are you a first-generation student? The [First-Generation Students Association](#) is working to provide a welcoming and supportive community to first-gens at MSU.

"It takes an immense amount of courage to be the first in your family to take a journey that no one before you has experienced"

-Ryan Christensen,

Assoc. Director, MSU Financial

Aid & Scholarships

The association hosts a First-Generation College Student Celebration every November 8th and holds regular meetings every other Friday (starting on February 10th) at 8:00am at the American Indian Hall, Room 112, with breakfast included.

Look for them in [Cats Connect](#) and follow them on Instagram @msu_firstgenerationstudents for more updates about coming events!

You can also contact Flor Vega for more information: florvegacastillo@montana.edu or at firstgens.montanastate@gmail.com



[Find More Resources!](#)

What's New This Week?

Yep, it's tax time. Need some help?

Sponsored in part by the MSU Jake Jobs College of Business & Entrepreneurship, the **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** program provides free tax help to people with a household income under \$54,000. Volunteers will assist with federal and state income tax returns and free electronic filing will be available for most 1040 forms.

There is no charge for this service but appointments are required.

Appointments are now being made for:

FEBRUARY 22nd, 27th

MARCH 1st, 6th, 8th, 20th, 22nd, 27th, 29th

APRIL 3rd

Make your appointment now at <https://bit.ly/msu-vita-2023>.

If you have questions, email vitamtu23@gmail.com

Challenge of the Week

Commit to Being a Servant Leader

Servant leaders serve. They commonly support others to live into their full potential. They take on community projects often without a title or the recognition that comes with many leadership roles. Instead, servant leaders choose to listen, build trust, and model a different way of working and being.

Think about effective servant leaders in your community? What characteristics do they have? What can you learn from them?

TRADITIONAL LEADERS

Sees leadership as a rank to obtain.

Uses power & control to drive performance.

Measures success through output.

Speaks.

Believes its about them.

SERVANT LEADERS

Sees leadership as an opportunity to serve others.

Shares power & control to drive engagement.

Measures success through growth & development.

Listens.

Understands its not about them.

-Text and image adapted from [Hopa Mountain](#).

More Resources for Scholars

All Montana's Own Scholars receive free, unlimited tutoring!

[Find your class today.](#)

See all the upcoming Montana's Own [activities and events](#) on the online calendar.

See [resources and materials](#) just for Montana's Own Scholars.

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