

**GEAR UP REPORT
BMS and BHS
April 2020**

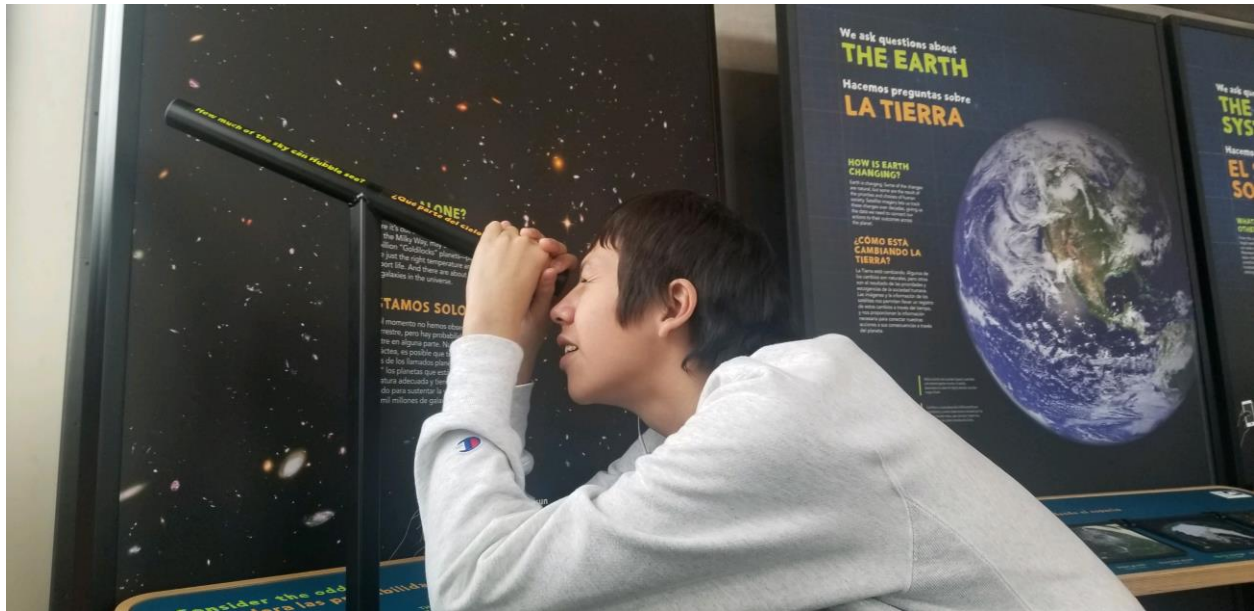
Before the COVID-19 Quarantine, we were business as usual. For the months of February and March, we completed 2 campus visits – our 13 BMS AIMS (American Indians in Math and Science) cohort students did a STEM trip (February 5th-7th) in Missoula and our 20 11th graders did a campus visit March 4th-5th to Helena College and Montana State University in Bozeman (see pictures below). We still had several campus visits (BHS - AVID and STEM; BMS – 2 remaining FVCC Visits, FVCC Expanding Your Horizons, AVID and a FVCC STEM trip) scheduled for the rest of the year but those are now cancelled. Our State Office assured us that there will not be any consequences for us not completing services because of this unexpected virus.

As far as work now, we are trying our best to reach out to students. Our main priority right now is helping Seniors with their financial aid and college application processes. We are working closely with Sienna Schildt-Speicher (senior counselor) to touch bases with all Seniors right now to see what support they need. We have also started conversations with Karla Bird, BCC President to talk about the possibility of doing a bridge support program for our seniors that are planning on attending college.

We also have 12 dual enrollment students (1 at Great Falls College and 11 at Flathead Valley Community College) that are business as usual with their on-line college classes. We are doing frequent check-ins to make sure they are staying on task.

For the middle school, we are sending out college prep activities virtually. We, I believe like classroom teachers are having a bit of a challenge getting students to complete the activities at BMS – Nathan sent out an activity packet for all 7th and 8th grade students and had only 23 7th graders complete and 81 8th graders. We are offering college prize drawings as incentives.

We are presently planning for GEAR UP summer activities which may be virtual if the present quarantine continues. Our main priority will be the BHS Credit Recovery Program which we fund. We are also looking at creating some virtual STEM lessons for interested middle school students. We will be formulating a summer plan within the next couple of weeks.



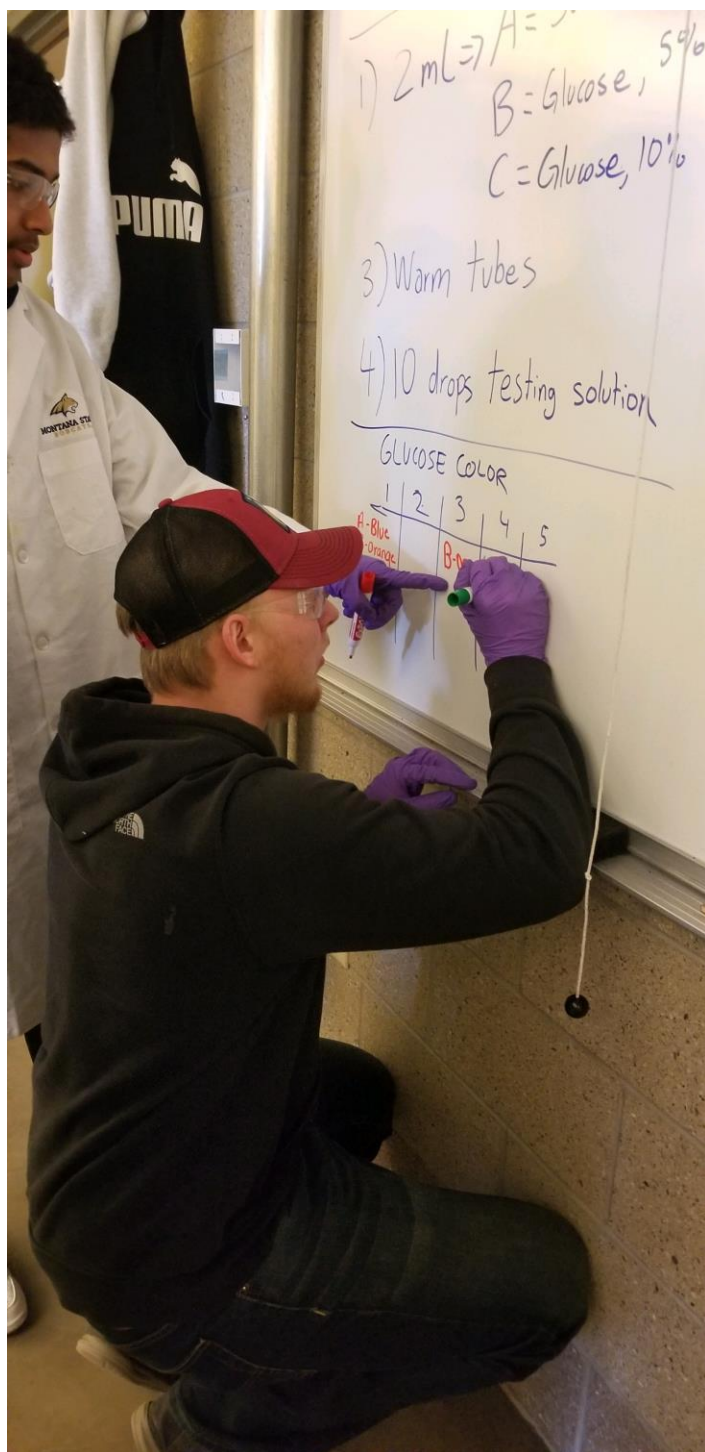
Andrew After Buffalo, 8th grade AIMS student at SpectrUM Science Center.



“Study Time” BMS MT AIMS Students at
Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, UM



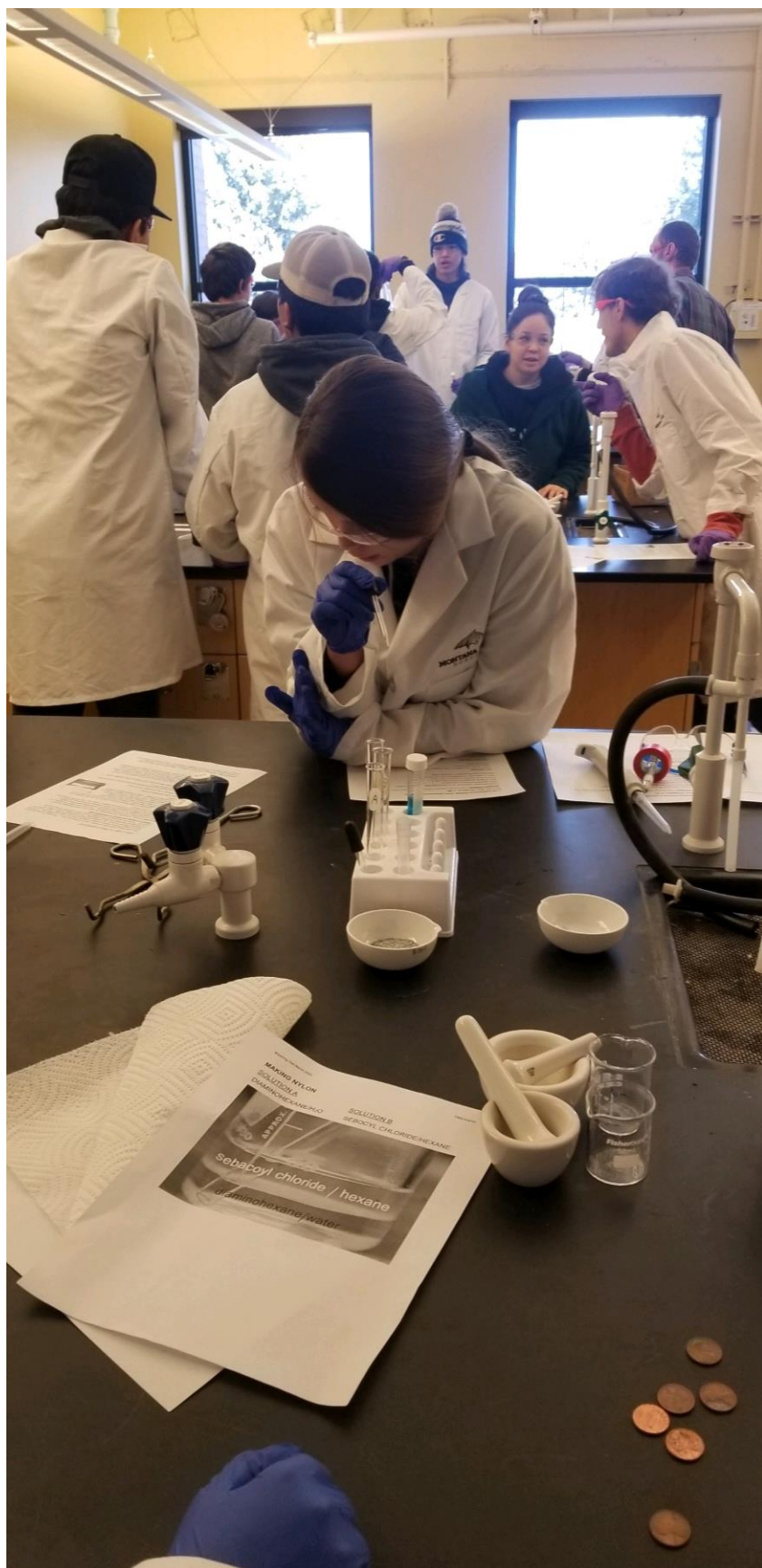
Kellen Hoyt taking a sample swab of a pig brain
at the Medical Lab, Skaggs Building, UM



Gabe Walker, 11th grader recording glucose test at MSU Chemistry Lab, Gaines Hall



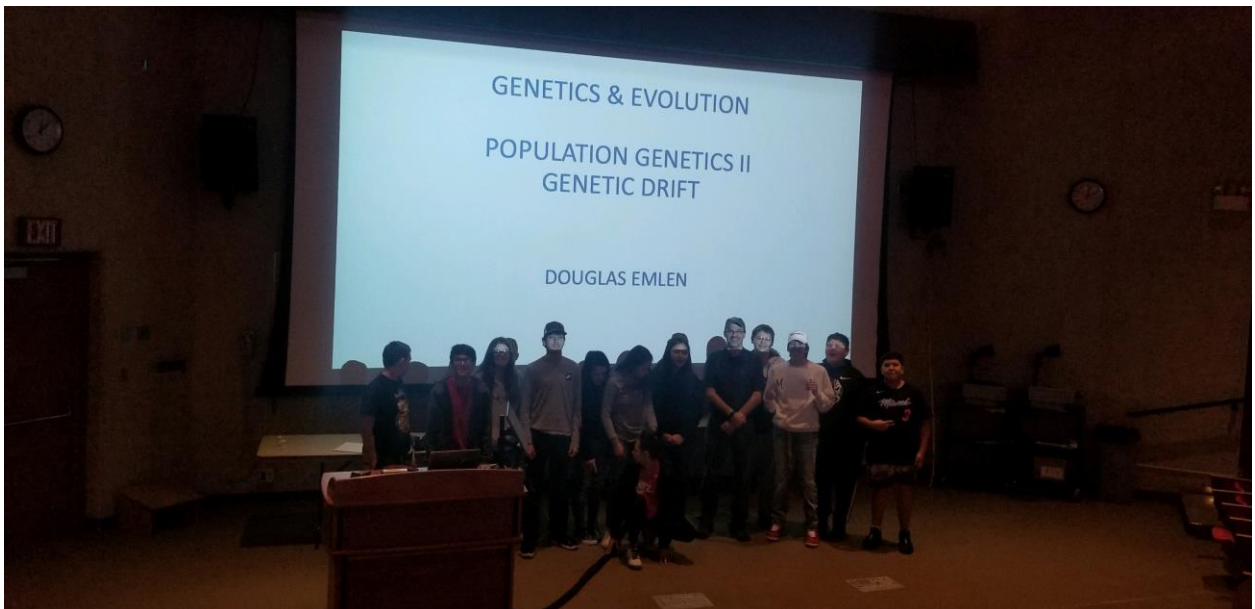
Thanks to UM Athletic Department – our MT AIMS group scored free tickets to UM Grizzly Men's Basketball game! What a welcome!



11th grader Angel Kennerly doing a glucose experiment at MSU Chemistry Lab, Gaines Hall



11th Grade Campus Visit Group Photo – several “grizzlies” would not pose for the picture...lol



Our BMS MT AIMS students got to sit in on a college class at UM! Very proud of them! One of our students told the professor – “I usually don’t like lectures but yours was cool!”