Bobcat Birthday Bash:
Celebrating 125 years of Montana State University
Montana State University’s Strategic Plan

choosing promise
INTENTIONAL FOCUS 1

Drive Transformational Learning Experiences Creating Outstanding Educational Outcomes for All Students
RECORD BREAKING
Degrees awarded in the past academic year

3,362
MSU GRADUATION RATES

FOUR YEAR
- 2012: 19.6%
- 2019: 29.7%

FIVE YEAR
- 2012: 41.5%
- 2019: 50.4%

SIX YEAR
- 2010: 48.9%
- 2019: 56.1%
Enroll in 15+ credits

Pay for 12 credits

Graduate on time.
We want you to **Know Your Debt**

Clay Christian  
2500 Broadway Street  
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Clay:

At MSU, we are serious about your education. We know higher education requires a real investment in time, energy, and financial resources, and we think you made a good choice by investing in yourself. However, we want to be sure the financial choices you make now do not negatively impact your future.

To that end, we want you to *know your debt* and be informed of important programs and options at MSU and Federal Student Loan terms and conditions:

- As of September 18, 2014, you have accepted $18,000 in student loan debt at Montana State University.*
- Current federal loans for undergraduate students have interest rates as high as 6.8%.
- In order to remain in good financial aid standing, you must pass 67% of your classes each semester to meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements to continue receiving student loan financing.
- When you are in the repayment period of your loans, there are multiple repayment plans available for you. For example, The Public Service Loan Forgiveness plan allows borrowers who work full time at a qualifying public service organization to have their balance of their loans forgiven if they have made 120 on-time, full, scheduled monthly payments.
- For more information about your current loan amount please visit [www.NSLDS.ed.gov](http://www.NSLDS.ed.gov).
- At MSU, tuition doesn’t cost a penny more after you’ve registered for 12 credits in a semester, please consider registering for more credits to graduate sooner! Check out [www.montana.edu/freshman15](http://www.montana.edu/freshman15) more more information.
FEWER MSU GRADUATES BORROW, BORROW LESS, DEFAULT LESS

% OF GRADUATES WHO BORROW

MSU: 51%
NATIONAL: 57%

AVERAGE TOTAL LOAN TAKEN OUT BY GRADUATES WHO BORROW

MSU: $27,764
NATIONAL: $28,565

DEBT DEFAULT RATE

MSU: 5.1%
NATIONAL: 11.1%
Preparing Students for Financial Success Briefing

Tuesday, November 19, 2019
2:00 p.m.

Please arrive at the Security Entrance at 1:10 p.m.
Security Entrance is at 17th Street NW & State Place NW (map attached)

**Topic**
The briefing will address important steps the Administration and institutions of higher education are taking to empower students to make more informed financial choices.

**RSVP Information**
If you are able to attend the briefing, please submit your information in the secure form by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 18, 2019.

- [RSVP to the Briefing Here](#)

**Special Notes**
*This invitation is non-transferable.* Seating is limited. Personal information must exactly match what is listed on your government issued identification, which is required by Secret Service for entry onto White House grounds.

**Arrival Instructions**
- You will enter at the 17th Street NW and State Place NW entrance (*a map is attached and labeled for your convenience*). State Place is one block below F Street NW. This entrance is on the West side of the White House.
- If you have any issues entering through the security gate, we will have a staff member present to help you.
- Once you are through security, please wait for our staff to escort you to the room.

Should you have additional questions, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

**Andrea R. Ramirez, Ph.D.**
Policy Advisor
White House Office of Public Liaison
MSU welcomes the fourth class of Hilleman Scholars
MSU HILLEMAN SCHOLARS HOMETOWNS

- Whitefish
- Bigfork
- Valier
- Conrad
- Fairfield
- Great Falls
- Stanford
- Seeley Lake
- Cascade
- Missoula
- Stevensville
- Victor
- Pinesdale
- Corvallis
- Helena
- Three Forks
- Belgrade
- Bozeman
- Billings
- Circle

2016 MSU HILLEMAN SCHOLARS
Trisheena Kills Pretty Enemy steps up for her family and her culture
Lyla Brown recognized as one of nine African American leaders in Pacific Northwest
Truman Scholar 2019: Zariah Tolman
Cell Biology, Neuroscience and Biochemistry
Udall Scholar 2019: Brianna Bull Shows Microbiology and Pre-Medicine
Goldwater Scholar 2019 Recipients
Ellen Brooks, Carter McIver, Brenden Pilkie and Garrett Peters
## GOLDWATER TOP 100

### 1989 - 2019

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The MSU Honors College: A tradition of academic excellence

**Prestigious Scholarships**

Between 2009–2019, MSU students have been awarded:

- **27** Goldwater Scholarships
- **3** Rhodes Scholarships
- **8** Udall Scholarships
- **6** Truman Scholarships
- **19** Fulbright Awards
- **2** Gates Cambridge Fellowships
- **40** National Science Foundation Awards
- Schwarzman and Marshall Scholarships
Dr. Tracy Dougher and Ph.D. candidate Jeff Pashnick win national teaching awards
College of Agriculture, Plant Sciences & Plant Pathology
INTENTIONAL FOCUS 2

Improve Lives and Society through Research, Creativity and Scholarship
RECORD BREAKING
Externally Funded Scholarship
$138.8 MILLION
9.5% INCREASE
MSU receives “very high research activity” designation in Carnegie classification
Sreekala Bajwa

Vice President, Dean and Director
College of Agriculture and the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station
Jason Carter
Vice President of Research, Economic Development and Graduate Education
You are Cordially Invited to:

The White House Summit of the Joint Committee on the Research Environment

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 | 8:30am – 5:30pm

America leads the world in science and technology, and the Trump Administration recognizes the critical importance played by research in keeping Americans safe, healthy, and economically prosperous. Continued global leadership requires that the environments in which research takes place in America are safe, inclusive, operate with maximum integrity, appropriately balance openness and international collaboration with security, and do not encumber researchers, agencies, or institutions with unnecessary administrative work.

In May 2019, the National Science and Technology Council launched the Joint Committee on the Research Environment (JCORE). Having made substantial progress, The White House is convening a Summit to gather leaders from Federal funding and security agencies, research universities and institutes, medical centers, scientific societies, and industry and non-profit organizations. The purpose of the Summit is to update participants on progress made in all four JCORE topics, discuss and obtain feedback on associated policy and other actions under development, and exchange ideas about continued engagement by the multi-sector research community.

It is important to note that the four JCORE topics, though distinct, are being addressed in an integrative manner to ensure maximum effectiveness of any resulting policy or practice.

Please RSVP to JCORE@ostp.eop.gov by October 18, 2019. Additional details will be forthcoming.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier
Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy
The White House
National Science Foundation EPSCoR awards Montana $20 million to advance research and education in water quality
Montana INBRE program based at MSU receives five-year, $17.6 million grant
MSU selected to participate in national effort to develop more inclusive and diverse STEM faculty
MSU center receives $10.7 million to continue work to reduce health disparities in Native and rural communities
MSU team discovers organism in Yellowstone hot spring potentially linked to earliest life on Earth
Erik Grumstrup wins
Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers
MSU organic chemist Sharon Neufeldt earns prestigious National Science Foundation CAREER award
Ian Van Coller focuses camera on vanishing glaciers
Eric Funk receives special citation in American Prize for Composition
2018 Regents Professor

Neil Cornish

Department of Physics
2018 Regents Professor

Cathy Whitlock

Department of Earth Sciences
Expand Mutually Beneficial and Responsive Engagement for the Advancement of Montana
MSU center to be renamed in honor of the late Ivan Doig, dean of Western writers
MSU Library acquires collection of papers from noted conservationist, Frank Craighead
LIFE Scholars: Learning Is For Everyone Program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities opens at MSU
MSU to offer ranching systems bachelor’s degree under new Dan Scott Ranch Management Program
MSU collaborates with Native communities to launch equitable research partnerships
MSU programs collaborate on solution for rural teacher housing shortage
MSU hosts inaugural Dyslexia & Innovation Symposium
MSU art students construct a kiln in Brazil and build global connections
MSU Professional Council + MSU Staff Senate = MSU All Staff Council
Celebrating
MILESTONES IN SERVICE

PURE GOLD
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
RECOGNIZE THOSE WHO INSPIRE
7th Annual Bus Tour
MSU 2018

Follow the Arts and History of Northeastern Montana
MSU leaders visit northeastern Montana during 7th annual MSU Bus Tour
Follow the Mountain and Valley Economies

8th Annual Bus Tour
MSU 2019

Follow the Mountain and Valley Economies
MSU leaders visit northwestern Montana during 8th annual MSU Bus Tour
5th ANNUAL
Lights on Montana Hall

DEC. 4 2019
5:30 PM

We invite you to gather by Salin Avenue Plaza to celebrate the lighting of Montana Hall, featuring festive music and holiday treats, hosted by President Walter Cruade.
WHAT IT TAKES

on a goal of $300,000,000

The Campaign for

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
IT TOOK YOU.

$413,298,959

WHAT IT TAKES

The Campaign for
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
Norm Asbjornson Hall
$20 million raised for MSU American Indian Hall
Rendezvous Dining Pavilion
Hyalite Hall
$25 million approved for the $32 million repurposing of Romney Hall
North and South Domes Open
Domes temporarily replace gym space lost at Hosaeus Fitness Center in March
Danny Sprinkle’s return calls to mind good times
In Worthington Arena and Promises more to come
$18 million in fundraising for new Bobcat Athletics Center
Bobcat athletic teams recognized for academic performance by NCAA
Montana State trio selected to Google Cloud Academic All-District Team
Bobcat Volleyball Team Sends Three to USA National Team Open Tryouts
Montana State Awarded
2020 NCAA Skiing Championships
Montana State Claims Brawl of the Wild Series for Third Consecutive Year