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Online higher education magazine, College Gazette, named MSU one of top 10 public universities on the rise. It chose schools that have made measurable strides over the past 20 years in areas including programs, student and alumni accomplishments, faculty accolades and research programs and expenditures.

Adriann Ricker from Fort Peck Community College and MSU faculty members Elizabeth Rink and Monica Skewes have been selected for the prestigious three-year Interdisciplinary Research Leaders Program supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

MSU and partners receive \$2.3 million for five-year project to educate school counselors to fill jobs in rural Montana. Montana was one of only three states to receive this Department of Education grant, which is designed to help rural communities while providing training for graduates to be successful in those settings.

MSU librarian Mary Anne Hansen was named one of 10 winners nationwide of this year's I Love My Librarian award, which recognizes librarians for leadership in the profession and a commitment to transforming lives.

MSU professor Tricia Seifert from the Department of Education has developed Success Prints Crash Course – a board game that simulates a student's first semester of college – for high school and early college students to help them learn how to succeed in college.

Chelsea Heveran, Civil Engineering, is the lead author of a new paper published in the journal Matter featuring a study harnesses to make living building materials, that is garnering international media attention.

More than 100 College of Nursing students will fan out across the state in April to help with the 2020 census.

MSU mathematics professor David Ayala, nationally recognized for his work to solve a problem that may advance an area of quantum physics, has just received a highly coveted National Science Foundation CAREER grant, the first such award received by a member of the MSU Department of Mathematical Sciences.

Ian Van Coller, professor of photography and 2018 Guggenheim Fellowship winner, continued his work documenting global paleoclimatology. He travelled with a research crew based at Princeton University to Antarctica, where they extracted 2-million-year-old ice cores, the oldest retrieved ice on the planet.

Two MSU online graduate programs were recognized recently by a website devoted to higher education. Intelligent.com recognized both MSU's Master of Science in science education and the Master of Science in mathematics with a mathematics education option.

An article by Brock Smith, in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics, on how oil booms influence poverty rates was given an award for outstanding publication from the Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists.

For their senior capstone project, four engineering students designed and built a key part of a new, one-of-a-kind wheelchair for ROC Wheels, a nonprofit which develops and distributes wheelchairs to those in need around the world.