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Montana State University is ranked as <u>one of the top universities in the world</u> according to Center for World University Rankings.

<u>Nineteen Montana students</u> graduated from <u>MSU's Hilleman Scholars Program</u>, the largest graduating class, since the program's founding in 2016. The program provides financial support, leadership training and academic opportunities to Montana students who show great potential but who might not otherwise have considered a college education.

MSU junior <u>Doriane Keiser of Fork Peck</u> was named one of 55 <u>Udall Undergraduate Scholarship</u> winners nationwide. The scholarship recognizes students who demonstrate exceptional leadership, community service and involvement in the fields of health care, environment or public policy surrounding American Indian and Alaska Native communities and issues.

Montana State broke ground on Gianforte Hall, <u>a new building for computer science</u> that will offer interdisciplinary collaborations in related fields such as music technology, film and photography.

MSU hosted the <u>inaugural Montana Agritourism Conference</u>, the culmination of an 18-month program that connected agricultural producers with knowledge and resources to expand their offerings into the realm of tourism.

Three Montana agencies <u>broke ground on a new facility</u> to be situated on MSU land and which will house the Montana Department of Livestock's Veterinary Diagnostic Lab, the Montana Department of Agriculture's Analytical Lab and MSU's <u>Wool Lab</u>.

MSU's educator preparation programs in the <u>Department of Education</u> were recognized for their <u>excellence in</u> <u>preparing the next generation of teachers</u>. MSU was one of just 38 institutions approved by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.

Chelsea Heveran, an assistant professor of mechanical and industrial engineering who works with bone tissues was <u>recently awarded</u> a prestigious <u>CAREER award</u> from the National Science Foundation.

MSU plant scientist Chaofu Lu has been <u>named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science</u>, one of the highest honors in the scientific community.

Eleven MSU students spent the academic year <u>serving on the boards</u> of Gallatin Valley nonprofit organizations as part of the MSU <u>Leadership Institute</u>'s Boardroom Bobcats mentorship program.

<u>MSU's men's lacrosse club team won a national title</u> in its first-ever appearance in the championship game of the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association.