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Montana State University has been named the [No. 2 military friendly school in the nation](#) by the website MilitaryFriendly.com. MSU was also ranked No. 2 in the nation for being a military friendly spouse school.

Four MSU undergraduates were [awarded prestigious scholarships](#) given by the [Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation](#). MSU is one of the top universities nationally for the number of its students who have received the Goldwater scholarship, with a total of 90 recipients.

MSU set a [Spring semester enrollment record](#), with 16,110 students attending classes at the state's largest university. It marks the fourth consecutive year of spring enrollment growth at MSU.

MSU's [Mark and Robyn Jones College of Nursing broke ground on nursing education buildings](#) in Billings, Bozeman, Great Falls, Kalispell and Missoula to further its mission of producing nurses to meet Montana's health care needs.

S&P Global [upgraded its credit rating](#) for MSU to AA- citing growing enrollment, increasing research funding and solid financial management.

MSU [broke ground on a new building](#) to house the Gianforte School of Computing and provide space for computing-related fields, including cybersecurity, film, photography and music technologies.

A \$2.5 million grant from Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies will support MSU's ongoing efforts to [strengthen rural education](#) by attracting, preparing, developing and retaining teachers for rural schools and communities in Montana. MSU researchers are working to make the country's critical infrastructure safer from cyberattacks, with the help of [two research contracts](#) from Idaho National Laboratory.

A [new academic brewer license](#) will enable MSU's [Barley, Malt and Brewing Quality Lab](#) to identify beneficial traits in new barley lines and evaluate how different varieties perform at each stage of the pipeline from field to brewery.

A nearly [\\$1 million grant](#) from the federal Bureau of Reclamation will fund MSU snow and water scientists to test new methods of measuring snowpack levels with the goal of improving water forecasting for drought, flood and irrigation management.

MSU researcher was recently awarded a \$2.76 million, five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health to help find pre-symptom evidence of the onset of osteoarthritis, a disease that affects one in seven Americans.

MSU senior wins [prestigious Fulbright internship](#) to research how to improve the performance and efficiency of the microturbines.

A [\\$26.7 million grant from the U.S. Air Force](#) will support MSU's Applied Quantum CORE facility, helping it move advanced quantum technology applications in cybersecurity, communications technology and national defense from concept and testing to market.