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[MSU enrolled a record 17,144](#) students this fall, becoming the first Montana university to enroll more than 17,000 students. MSU also saw a record high rates for four-year graduation and student retention.

MSU set a [new record in annual research expenditures at more than \\$257 million](#), exceeding the prior year by 12% and marking six consecutive years of research growth at the state's largest university.

The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation [an \\$11.25 million grant](#) to help fund a first-ever, on-campus facility to house the fast-growing [Gallatin College MSU](#).

[Sixty-five high school graduates from across Montana](#) were selected as the ninth class of MSU's [Hilleman Scholars Program](#). The program offers scholarships and support to Montana students to help them reach their potential. It is named after MSU graduate and life-saving vaccinologist Maurice Hilleman.

MSU celebrated the [opening of its Student Wellness Center](#), a single, convenient location for student health, well-being and recreation services. It houses Campus Recreation, Counseling and Psychological Services, Health Advancement and Student Health Services.

MSU was [recognized as a First-Gen Forward Network Institution](#) for its commitment to improving first-generation student experiences and success.

Martin Mosquera, assistant professor in MSU's [Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry](#) received a prestigious [Early Career Research Program Award](#) from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Mary Miles, professor in the Department of Food Systems, Nutrition and Kinesiology, and Zach Miller, superintendent of MSU's [Western Agricultural Research Center](#) in Corvallis, are [leading research to explore the health benefits of an edible blue honeysuckle berry](#) called the haskap.

A team of MSU students and faculty have developed a series of [recipes featuring Native crops to help support Native American producers](#) and improve food security on Montana reservations.

MSU's [Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Core Facility](#) is [advancing research, training students on state-of-the-art analytical instruments and contributing to MSU's outreach mission](#). It is one of several Core Facilities at MSU that provides specialists and resources that can help further research, education and outreach across multiple disciplines.

An MSU doctoral student is [developing AI methods](#) to determine how different combinations and quantities of soil nutrients, nitrates, humidity and precipitation influence crop yield with an eye toward helping producers be more efficient and profitable.

This fall MSU is offering a [new bachelor's degree in data science](#). Data science combines statistical analysis, computer science and machine learning to discover trends in large sets of information that can help people make decisions.