

# MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

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The annual [9/11 Remembrance Ceremony](#) was hosted on September 11, honoring the first responders who gave their lives while coming to the aid of victims of the 2001 terror attacks. This event is held each year in memory of these great Americans who inspired future generations to answer the call of public service within their communities. The ceremony took place at Montana's 9/11 Memorial at City College and featured guest speaker Dr. David Park, who is Vice President and founding dean of Rocky Vista University's Montana College of Osteopathic Medicine.

City College student Kevin Graves won seventh place in post-secondary welding at the National Skills USA Competition in Atlanta, Georgia. He was one of three students to represent Montana State University Billings at the national level and they were accompanied by advisor and instructor Tim Stenson.

TRIO/ Student Support Services received a \$200,000 grant from the Department of Education to help increase submission rates of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

MSUB's ongoing efforts to support Native students recently received a boost through a [\\$250,000 grant from Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies](#). The grant, spanning two years, will serve to further support MSUB's commitment to Native American student success through several key initiatives. This includes funding for a dedicated financial aid advisor, the establishment of a Native American faculty liaison, and an elder-in-residence program. The Native American Achievement Center provides direct access to resources while fostering cultural connection and a sense of belonging for Native students.

Michael Bazemore, Director of Athletics, has been selected to serve on the [NCAA Division II Membership Committee and the D2 Athletic Directors Association Board of Directors](#). Bazemore will serve on the Membership Committee for a total of four years and the D2 ADA Board of Directors for a total of three years.

MSUB and Northcutt Steele Gallery are pleased to announce a two-week residency with printmaker Eunkang Koh. On August 5, Koh began her residency on campus; she will explore various media including lithography, book art, and installation. An exhibition of Koh's work entitled "Primal Urge" opened at the Northcutt Steele Gallery on the University campus on August 22 and will remain on view through October 10.

Yellowjacket senior guard [Jalen Tot has been selected for the first annual Drew League D2 Showcase in Los Angeles, California](#). After a historic junior year season as the D2CCA West Region Player of the Year, a D2CCA All-West Region First Team selection, the GNAC Player of the Year, and an All-GNAC First Team selection, the Drew League selected Tot as one of the top-24 D2 players across the east and west coasts.

The 32nd annual Wine & Food Festival hosted by the [MSU Billings Foundation & Alumni](#) shattered records, raising over \$600,000 from friends, alumni, and businesses. Held in April at the MetraPark Pavilion, the 2024 Wine & Food Festival guests were treated by WineMasters Todd Graff from Frank Family Vineyards and Michael Davies from A to Z Wineworks & REX HILL, whose selections were paired with gourmet dishes crafted by local chefs.