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Classes began on September 3 at both the university and City College campuses. Class schedules started in the middle of [Welcome Week](#), an annual event when students attend concerts, try rock-climbing, or take part in activities to meet fellow students. Faculty and staff volunteered for “Donuts and Directions” to welcome new students.

Montana State University President Brock Tessman visited MSU Billings on July 21. President Tessman met with Chancellor Hicswa and university leadership, as well as the Chancellor’s Cabinet. A reception followed during which the President addressed the many students, faculty, and staff gathered to welcome him to MSU Billings.

MSU Billings hosted the annual [9/11 Memorial Ceremony](#) on September 11 at City College. The event this year focused on a “Salute to First Responders” and recognized graduates of the City College paramedic and fire sciences programs. The ceremony is held annually at Montana’s 9/11 Memorial, which features a piece of a steel support beam from the World Trade Center towers that fell in the attacks on September 11, 2001.

In conjunction with the university’s seven-year cycle of review, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) will conduct a comprehensive accreditation visit at MSU Billings on October 8-10. The NWCCU review team will evaluate the university on standards focusing on student success, institutional effectiveness and mission, as well as governance, resources, and capacity. In preparation for the review, NWCCU invites substantive comments from the public regarding the university’s qualification for accreditation. All third-party comments must be received by the NWCCU by September 28. Comments may be submitted directly via the NWCCU [Upcoming Evaluations web page](#).

Starting this fall, anyone interested in advancing their career in criminal justice-related fields can do so with a new Master of Science in Criminal Justice. The new degree path was a natural progression for MSU Billings, since it already has a bachelor’s degree pathway.

The College of Business will begin offering a [new program to support employers and business owners](#) this fall. Each unit has eight sessions, delivered on Tuesday evenings. The 24 sessions, delivered by MSU Billings faculty, will be held each Tuesday evening to accommodate the schedules of working professionals. The fall sessions begin September 23 and will be followed by units planned for the spring. College of Business Dean Dr. Susan Gilbertz looks forward to welcoming professionals to campus who will earn a Certificate of Completion from MSU Billings.