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MSU's Eastern Agricultural Research Center will [survey](#) pea and lentil farms in eastern Montana to prevent disease outbreaks and protect key pulse crops in Montana's dryland systems.

MSU will train rural Montanans to become counselors with an online [graduate-level program](#), part of ongoing work to serve communities across the state.

MSU named its [inaugural cohort](#) of Crawford Wildlife Habitat Scholarship recipients, supporting wildlife habitat research with the largest scholarship endowment in MSU's history.

Gallatin College MSU established a [hospitality certificate](#), partnering with other hospitality programs at MSU to meet demand for workers in Montana's service industry.

MSU is leading a [program](#) to address nursing workforce shortages by training more than 450 nurses so they are qualified to teach nursing students during their clinicals.

Leon Costello, MSU's athletic director of nine years, [received](#) the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics AD of the Year Award for 2024-25.

MSU's Native American studies department received a [\\$2.4 million grant](#) to bolster support for Native students as they work toward their degrees with a focus on moving students into graduate education and careers.

MSU's [new endowed chair](#) in plant science, Blake Wiedenheft, will build a research program to mitigate a pest costing Montana grain growers millions of dollars: the wheat stem sawfly.

[Tristan Sampley](#), a recent graduate of MSU's engineering and modern languages programs, and plant scientist [Chaofu Lu](#) each received Fulbright awards to pursue research in France — Sampley to pursue a master's program and Lu to further his study of camelina.

MSU researchers [tested a vehicle](#) that will help transportation agencies and the U.S. military detect potentially dangerous imperfections in roadways.

A satellite built at MSU [launched into orbit](#) to collect information on "killer electrons," which contribute to ozone destruction and satellite malfunctions in Earth's atmosphere.