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MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | BOZEMAN  
President Waded Cruzado

MSU set a new enrollment record in fall 2012 with 14,660 students attending classes at the Bozeman campus. Subpopulations of students that increased include: undergraduate, freshman, Native American, veteran, out-of-state and Gallatin College. In addition, MSU attracted 126 of the 205 Montana University System Honors Scholarships.

A new record for research expenditures - \$112.3 million - was set by MSU in the fiscal year ending June 30. The new mark was up nearly \$10 million from fiscal year 2011, and beat the previous record of \$109.5 by nearly \$3 million. Top research departments included immunology, chemistry and biochemistry, transportation, physics, and land resources and environmental sciences; and much of the funding came from the National Institutes of Health, departments of Energy, Defense and Agriculture, and private sources.

Five MSU architecture students along with two faculty members developed a proposed design for a new Sourdough Volunteer Fire Station. The design includes four bays for the district's fire-fighting equipment, dormitories and living areas for volunteers, a community and training room, as well as offices. The project provided students with valuable experience because of the collaboration involved with the project and the importance of a functional design.

The American Society for Microbiology has selected Amber Schmidt, a student in MSU's molecular biosciences program, as a 2012 honorable mention recipient of the ASM Undergraduate Research Fellowship. This fellowship is aimed at highly competitive students who wish to pursue graduate careers in microbiology.

MSU received a \$3.4 million grant to enhance participation of women faculty members by improving the work environment for the entire campus. The five-year ADVANCE Institutional Transformation Grant from the National Science Foundation focuses on ways to broaden the participation of women in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics and the SBS fields of social and behavioral sciences. Those are two areas where MSU women are outnumbered by men.

U.S. News & World Report ranked MSU in the top tier of the nation's best universities. The publication noted that MSU, which tied for 189th, is home to many unique research facilities as well as the world-class Museum of the Rockies. Rankings are based on several key measures of quality, including academic reputation, peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, student/faculty ratios and average alumni giving, according to the publication.

The renovation of Cooley Laboratory was complete in fall 2012. Over the past two years, crews have completely gutted the 52-year-old laboratory, transforming it into a state-of-the-art biomedical facility for research teams from the departments of microbiology, immunology and infectious diseases, and cell biology and neuroscience. Most of the work was paid for under a \$14.9 million grant from the National Institutes of Health.

The Montana State University Extension Tribal Housing and Environmental Health Program will receive the 2012 National Award for Diversity at the annual meeting of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities in November. The award recognizes the program's "support of diversity, pluralism and innovation" in the work it does in three national initiatives: the Tribal Healthy Homes Assessment and Training Center at MSU; the Native AIR (Asthma Intervention and Reduction) program; and the National Tribal Pollution Prevention Working Group, or Tribal P2.

Students in MSU's teacher education program are required to take a test called Praxis II in order to qualify for a teaching license in one of 15 different areas. MSU students took a total of 276 Praxis II exams in 15 areas in 2010-2011, the latest testing year for which scores were reported. MSU students' average scores were higher than the national average scores on 14 out of 15 tests.



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MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | BILLINGS

In a new effort to encourage academic success and college/job readiness with local high school students, MSUB has developed a new program to connect college students with teenagers at Billings Senior High School. The Office for Community Involvement, the TRIO, Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search programs and students at MSUB have a new opportunity to serve as tutors and mentors to high school-aged students. Maggie Connors is a Senior High graduate and now serves the University as part of the AmeriCorps program. After training MSUB student on campus, Ms. Connors will oversee tutoring/mentoring assistance to students at Billings Senior High students.

In order to promote sustainability across the MSUB campus, the Associated Students of MSUB invested funds to upgrade recycling stations on campus. Surveys have shown that more than 90% of MSUB students support recycling and are responding favorably to sustainability efforts.

MSUB hosted a College Fair to approximately 1,500 area high school students and 70 college representatives.

The ceramic art of Benjie Hue, Professor at Southeast Missouri State University, was on display in Northcutt Steele Gallery at MSUB. Her active exhibition record of solo, group, juried and invitational work is included in a number of private and institutional collections across the United States. During her stay at MSUB, Hue presented an artist workshop for students, introducing them to her techniques and conceptual approach with an ultimate goal of helping students recognize their own unique artistic voice in the art classroom.

Jenny Zimmermann, a senior MSUB art student, presented her senior show "Pieces of Me" which featured a collection of drawings, paintings, digital and mixed media artworks exploring the artist's journey of discovering her artistic identity through the genre of self-portraiture. As a future educator, she looks forward to working with students in a variety of graphic and fine art media.

The Domestic Violence Abuse Awareness Society, DVAAS, a new student-led organization at MSUB, sponsored "Running Out of Silence." The proceeds from the family-friendly event will be used to support the efforts of local organizations that offer support and education to victim of domestic violence.

St. Vincent Healthcare has partnered with Student Health Services to offer our students more hours of professional provider services. The partnership has been reinvigorated this semester to provide more immediate response to the student needs. The number of hours a nurse is available to see students will remain about the same but the availability of nurse practitioners has increased dramatically the hours from 12 to 23 each week. Student Health Services now has two locations with a newly created space at City College campus.

Under the direction of Dr. Jennifer Leonard, Assistant Professor of Management, College of Business, MSUB seniors are assisting the owners of small business and directors of non-profit entities who need help with their business plans. The long-standing project provides valuable educational experience for the students and adds value to local businesses/agencies.



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MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | NORTHERN

**Bio-Energy Advanced Fuels Lab Grand Opening** – The grand opening of MSU-Northern’s Bio-Energy Advanced Fuels Lab was held on October 16, 2012. U. S. Senator Jon Tester presented words of encouragement and support. The grand opening signifies the great strides MSU-Northern has made in the area of bio-fuels testing.

**Emphasis on Strategic Marketing Plan** – The MSU Northern Academic Council has identified specific programs to highlight in a marketing initiative based on uniqueness, reputation, and capacity for growth. A core marketing working group will focus on our strengths and emphasizing our distinctiveness in a way that resonates with potential students and our many publics.

**Homecoming** - MSU-Northern enjoyed a beautiful homecoming week (Sept. 24-29). The week included a spirit decorating contest, barbeque, the painting of the “Hello Walk”, a bonfire, two winning volleyball games, a football victory against Rocky Mountain College and a Homecoming Dance.

**Legends for Lights Pheasant Jamboree** - MSU-Northern’s athletes took part in the 12th annual Legends for Lights Pheasant Jamboree fundraiser. This event brought former NFL, NHL, MBL legends and outdoor enthusiasts together for a 4-day jamboree which included trap shooting, pheasant hunting, a Friends & Family Fun Night, and a little storytelling. Participants paid to be included in the shooting and hunting teams, and the money raised during this event supports athletic scholarships.

**Festival Days** - Hill County celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Havre Festival Days. Like years past, MSU-Northern was a primary supporter of the Festival Days Parade. Many Northern students, faculty and staff enjoyed the festivities by walking or riding in the parade.

**MSU- Northern Named a Military Friendly School**

Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has named MSU-Northern to the coveted Military Friendly Schools® list. The 2013 Military Friendly Schools® list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America’s military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

**Chancellor's Lecture Series** – This year the Chancellor’s Lecture Series features: Bob Hall, Leslie Nielsen, Ellen Baumler, Katie Knight, Rick & Susie Graetz, Kae Cheatham, Wilbur W. Rehmann.

**American Indian Heritage Day** - MSU-Northern celebrated American Indian Heritage Day with a Tipi Raising ceremony which was presented by Mr. Merle Tendoy, tribal elder at Rocky Boy. The ceremony involved a blessing of the new MSU-Northern Tipi lodge and a smudge ceremony.





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MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | GREAT FALLS

Administrators from the AAniih Nakoda College in Fort Belknap visited Great Falls to express the need for healthcare education in their community. Through Great Falls College's non-credit **Outreach** options, GFC provided a phlebotomy course and is completing the EMT basic courses.

Great Falls College MSU was honored to host MedStart, a one-week summer camp for high school juniors and seniors to pursue their interest in a variety of healthcare careers. Great Falls College's MedStart offering was the most successful of the five offered across Montana, according to the Area Health Education Center (AHEC), which funds MedStart. Respiratory Care Program Director, **Leonard Bates** provided this experience in the new Simulated Hospital.

**American Indian Heritage Week** was celebrated with campus displays of Native American artifacts, art and history, speakers, social dancing, and a 'feed' to celebrate the week. **James Parker Shield**, Little Shell Chippewa historian and culture leader, presented the History, culture, and current status of the Little Shell Chippewa Tribe. **Murt McCluskey**, author and educational consultant, shared his experiences in an Indian Boarding School in the 1950's. **Richard Hopkins**, Park Manager for First People's Buffalo Jump, presented his personal journey with native elders using native ceremonies to stop destruction of sacred land and artifacts in the Sweet Grass Hills.

The National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting recognized Great Falls College MSU again this year for achieving a high pass rate among graduates taking the board exam. The Board of Surgical Technology has awarded Great Falls College its Merit Award for scoring a 90 percent or greater pass rate on the Certified Surgical Technologies exam for the past two years. **Sandra Allen** is Director of the AAS Surgical Tech program.

Great Falls College MSU is part of an eight-member consortium of colleges that received a \$14 million grant from the US Department of Labor to develop online and hybrid healthcare and science courses to accommodate working healthcare students. The **Consortium for Healthcare Education Online** (CHEO) will: add online features to face-to-face science courses, support the use of remote web-based science labs, and create a regional allied healthcare career hub to support students in selecting programs and finding jobs in health science fields.

The **Child Development Center** will be opening in early spring 2013. James Talcott Construction has until the end of December 2012 to complete the construction of the center, but they are hoping to have it completed by early December. Children's Choice Learning Centers will be running the center and are hiring staff. Furnishings were selected in October.

Several faculty and staff participated in the **Graduation Matters** Great Falls Kickoff Celebration recently at the McLaughlin Center on the University of Great Falls campus. The program's focus is to keep all high school students in school and to graduate. The United Way agency in Great Falls is coordinating this work with the public schools system, higher education partners, community agency personnel, and business people.

A team of Great Falls College faculty and staff tackled the significant project of designing and implementing a mandatory **student success course**, tied to orientation and advising, for all students new to the College. The first course was offered to students fall semester 2012. The course is slated to continue this spring.

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Blackfeet Community College's **Issksiniip Project** is funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The goal of the project is to aid TANF and other low-income individuals by creating opportunities for education and training in healthcare occupations. Great Falls College partners with Blackfeet Community College, which will allow the opening and staffing of the Native American Center at the College.