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- The MSUB College of Business celebrated their inaugural Montana Business Hall of Fame in October. The inaugural class featured trailblazers of innovation and philanthropy:
 - Chris Nelson, Zoot Enterprises
 - Mike Schaer, Computers Unlimited
 - Bill Oftedal, Oftedal Construction
 - Ian Davidson, Davidson Companies
 - Sam McDonald, Wendy's of Montana
- Following the Montana Business Hall of Fame celebration, the community was also invited to "An evening with Rudy Giuliani" which was well attended.
- Upward Bound, an outgrowth of Lyndon B. Johnson administration's War on Poverty, is now in its 50th year. TRiO is one of several college access programs that emerged from the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 in an effort to remove barriers to access and success in post-secondary education. Dr. Florence Garcia, Associated Dean at City College MSUB, was among one of the first graduating classes. She recalls the opportunity to apply for the program as a shy Wolf Point high school sophomore and in 1984 was named a National TRiO Achiever. "It's a small program that does really big things," she said. "It impacts people far beyond data and numbers."
- The University of Presov in Slovakia was on campus presenting on successful early childhood interventions. Discussions included educational issues in the U. S., particularly in schools with large minority populations such as Native American students in Montana.
- Dr. Ken Miller, Department Chair and Professor, Department of Educational Theory and Practice at MSUB, was named Distinguished Alumnus from the University of Wyoming's College of Education.
- Three MSUB faculty members were recently inducted into the National Academy of Inventors. Dr. Kurt Toenjes, Associate Professor, Biological and Physical Sciences; and Dr. David Butler, Professor, Molecular Biology & Genetics; shared the University's first patent for the scientific discovery of new methods in treating fungal infection and controlling yeast growth. Mr. Andrew Sullivan, Instructor and Program Coordinator, Process Plant Technology at City College, holds a patent for his creation of a wood-fired pottery kiln and an automated method of feeding solid fuel into the kiln.
- The third annual "Not in Our State" (NOIS) summit conference, in conjunction with the Northcutt Steel Gallery on the MSUB, featured artworks by former and current Art Department students that expressed feelings of oppression and empowerment through visual expression.
- The 4th annual Parent & Family Weekend was held, inviting the families of MSUB students to the Magic City to experience various aspects of campus life. The event is designed to connect family members of student to the MSUB community and the City of Billings.
- Dustin Auerbach, a current MSUB art student, completed a residency at The Club Creek Foundation in Appomattox, Virginia this summer focusing on the technical aspects of throwing on the potters' wheel, refining his conceptual ideas, and gained experience with wood-firing processes. His Post-Residency Exhibition was on display in the Outer Gallery of the MSUB Liberal Arts Building.