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Montana State University hosted more than 300 students, faculty and mental health professionals at the first-ever Montana Suicide Prevention Summit to brainstorm ways to prevent suicides on campuses in the state.

Tim and Mary Barnard have pledged \$6 million to MSU's [College of Engineering](#) and planned South Campus development, which includes the [Norm Asbjornson Innovation Center](#).

The W.M. Keck Foundation awarded a \$1 million grant to MSU researchers investigating how microorganisms thrive in Yellowstone's hot springs. The foundation awarded the grant for collaborative work in MSU's interdisciplinary [Thermal Biology Institute](#), led by [Brent Peyton](#), a professor of [chemical and biological engineering](#).

Ron June, assistant professor of [mechanical and industrial engineering](#), recently received a \$500,000 CAREER Award from the [National Science Foundation](#) to research advanced treatments for osteoarthritis.

[Jessi Smith](#), a professor in the [Department of Psychology](#), was granted fellow status in both the American Psychological Association and the Association for Psychological Science for her accomplishments.

[Montana Manufacturing Extension Center](#) (MMEC) ran a comprehensive workshop for Montana companies wishing to export their products outside the United States. ExporTech helped each company develop a written export plan that was vetted by a panel of experts.

MSU earned a top school designation in the Military Advanced Education & Transition 2016 Guide to Colleges & Universities, an annual guide measuring best practices in military and veteran education. This is the second year in a row MSU has earned this designation.

Gallatin College MSU has increased the number of scholarships offered to students, with 87 students receiving scholarships, compared with only seven scholarships awarded at the same time last year.

MSU professors and doctoral students published a paper that outlines a new — and much faster — methodology for discovering viruses. The [paper](#) was published in the [Journal of Virology](#), a biweekly journal of the American Society for Microbiology.

Two MSU professors, who recently garnered national attention for their research on how making college students aware of their debt load affects their borrowing behavior and performance, are partnering with the Montana OPI to study how high school classes in financial education affect the way students pay for college.

The [MSU Library](#) and Yellowstone National Park launched the [Yellowstone Collection of Acoustic Atlas](#), a curated compilation of field recordings highlighting America's first national park.

New research by MSU professor [Peter Buerhaus](#) and others has found that nurse practitioners are more likely than medical doctors to practice in rural areas. The study is published in the January issue of [Medical Care](#), the Journal of the American Public Health Association.

MSU recognized dedicated teachers, dynamic researchers and faculty devoted to the betterment of Montana at the 2016 Spring Convocation.