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The [Association of Public and Land-grant Universities](#) (APLU) named MSU an [Innovation and Economic Prosperity University](#), a designation that recognizes the university's strong commitment to economic engagement and its work with public and private sector partners in Montana and the region. MSU is now one of six national finalists for the 2016 Innovation and Economic Prosperity Award which recognizes exemplary initiatives in education and workforce development above and beyond the IEP designation.

MSU has been named one of [five national finalists](#) for the 2016 Project Degree Completion Award, which recognizes institutions that employ innovative approaches to help more students stay in school and complete their degrees.

Montana residents have enrolled in Montana State University in record-high numbers this fall, helping the university to a [new enrollment record](#) of 16,440 students.

MSU celebrated the generosity and vision of Norm Asbjornson during a groundbreaking ceremony for the university's new Norm Asbjornson Hall, future home of the [MSU College of Engineering](#) and [MSU Honors College](#).

MSU's research enterprise announced one of its best years on [record posting \\$118 million](#) in expenditures, with particular strength in the areas of biomedicine and health; agriculture; engineering and the environment.

MSU's College of Arts & Architecture hosted the international poster exhibition and lecture, "Right to Decide," featuring the work of 62 artists from 25 countries exploring the importance and meaning of voting through art.

MSU has been named one of the [best universities nationally for veterans](#) in a ranking published in USA Today. MSU was ranked 136 out of 1,427 colleges and universities for veterans, placing Montana State in the top 10 percent nationally.

A [new facility at Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital](#) is providing much-needed growing room for the [WWAMI Medical Education Program](#), as well as strengthening the program's collaboration with Bozeman Health and local physicians.

A new entering class of 30 first-year [WWAMI Medical Education Program](#) students at Montana State University [received their white coats](#) and stethoscopes during an annual ceremony held in the presence of faculty, mentors, family and loved ones.

MSU hosted an [agriculture outlook conference](#) on topics tailored to the Montana agricultural industry, including grain and cattle markets, banking regulation, crop viruses, farm bill updates, Montana poverty statistics and agricultural profitability.

MSU history professor Robert Rydell has received the Mary C. Turpie Prize which recognizes outstanding abilities and [achievement in teaching, advising and program development](#) at a local or regional level.

MSU's [School of Art hosted more than 100 graphic design educators](#) and professionals during the semiannual AIGA Design Educators Community conference held on campus in Bozeman.