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Montana State University celebrated fall commencement on December 17. At the 125th ceremony, more than 1,250 students received degrees, and John Heminway, a Montana-based award-winning writer and documentary filmmaker, received an honorary doctorate degree.

MSU students received several prestigious scholarships:

Josh Carter, a senior with a passion to develop smart prosthetics and find a way to distribute them to the people throughout the world who most need them, was named a recipient of a 2017 Rhodes Scholarship to study at Oxford University.

Riley Shearer was named a Schwarzman Scholar, one of 129 selected from 2,747 candidates from 30 countries and 75 universities. The scholarship will allow him a year's study in China. The Schwarzman scholarships were developed by Stephen A. Schwarzman, chairman, CEO and co-founder of Blackstone, one of the world's leading investment firms.

Karsten Lorentz, a 2015 MSU graduate, won a Fulbright Scholarship that will send him to New Zealand to investigate two of the world's most renowned glaciers.

MSU was recognized with a national award for its education and workforce development initiatives. MSU also won the "talent" category of the APLU's fourth annual Innovation and Economic Prosperity Awards.

A 20-year partnership between MSU and members of the Crow Nation recently received a grant to improve chronic illness management. The five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health will fund the Báa nnilah Project, which is a collaboration between MSU and the nonprofit Messengers for Health in Crow Agency.

A feature in Ceramics Monthly about Josh DeWeese, MSU associate professor of ceramics, focused on his studio practice, his past directorship at the Archie Bray Foundation in Helena and his show held earlier this year at the Eutectic Gallery in Portland, Oregon.

A naturally occurring bacterium MSU discovered has been registered for commercial use and sale by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for its impressive plant-disease fighting capabilities.

MSU's I LEAD program, which recruits and educates American Indian educators for school leadership positions in Montana and neighboring states, has received a \$1.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

MSU has been named among the best colleges for veterans by Military Times magazine. MSU was also named one of the Top 100 Best College buys.

A regional interdisciplinary team led by MSU received \$6 million to develop new innovations at the intersection of food, energy and water systems while training the next generation of scientists.

This fall, MSU held its first Diversity Summit as part of its efforts to develop a Diversity and Inclusion Plan.