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Montana State University's College of Nursing has received a [grant totaling nearly \\$2.8 million](#) that will enable the university and its partners across Montana to address the need for nurses in shortage areas across the state, particularly in rural areas.

A relatively new partnership between the Montana banking community and the Jake Jobs College of Business and Entrepreneurship is working to [prepare students for careers in community banking](#).

MSU's [Regional Pulse Crop Diagnostic Laboratory](#) helps Montana farmers identify issues with their pulse crops, which include peas, chickpeas and lentils. Montana's pulse-planted land has more than doubled since 2014 to nearly 1.5 million acres.

More than a dozen [students from tribal colleges around the state](#) spent a week at MSU conducting research and learning about the services and resources available on campus to help them succeed.

[Angella Ahn has been appointed to Montana Arts Council](#) by Gov. Steve Bullock. Ahn, assistant professor in the School of Music, and an internationally recognized musician who teaches violin and viola, will serve a five-year term on the 15-member council.

Dozens of high school seniors from across the state of Montana have been selected for their effort and potential as the third class of [MSU's Hilleman Scholars Program](#), named after Maurice Hilleman, one of the state's most influential, but least known, native sons.

High school students from across the state took part in the [Montana Summer Startup Academy at MSU](#), a new program that helps high schoolers interested in entrepreneurship.

MSU has been recognized on a [list](#) of the top colleges or universities in each state where alumni are [most likely to land jobs](#). Zippia put together a new list of the schools in each state with the best record of helping their graduates get jobs after graduation.

MSU senior leadership visited northeastern Montana as part of the [seventh annual MSU Bus Tour](#), with stops in Fort Peck, Froid, Glasgow, Jordan, Lewistown, Malta, Plentywood, Poplar, Sand Springs and Scobey.

MSU celebrated the [grand opening of Rendezvous Dining Pavilion](#). The 30,000-square-foot facility has seating for 830 and will serve thousands of meals per day to students, faculty, staff and community members.

The incoming freshman class celebrated their MSU beginning at [Convocation](#) featuring a lecture titled "What IS the Right thing to do" by Harvard Professor, Michael Sandel.

MSU welcomed a freshman class of more than 3000 students with a full suite of events as part of MSU Debut. [MSU Debut](#) provides opportunities for students to connect with other incoming students, returning students, faculty, and staff who will be a part of their academic journey through graduation.