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MSU's [fall enrollment](#) totals 16,766 students, the second highest headcount ever recorded. Of those, 9,911 are Montana residents, representing 59% of the student population. MSU also saw significant increases in its four-, five- and six-year graduation rates, maintained a strong retention rate, and awarded a record number of degrees.

MSU's [research and scholarship expenditures](#) from state, private and federal funders for the past fiscal year totaled a record \$138.8 million. That marks a 9.5% increase over the previous year's expenditures and the sixth year in a row research expenditures have topped \$100 million.

MSU has succeeded in the [largest athletics fundraising campaign](#) in university history, raising \$18 million for the Bobcat Athletic Complex, an addition planned for the north end of Bobcat Stadium.

The National Institutes of Health awarded a five-year, \$10.7 million grant to MSU's [Center for American Indian and Rural Health Equity](#), or CAIRHE, to continue its [mission to reduce health disparities in Native and rural communities](#).

MSU's Department of Education has received \$6.2 million for a program to [recruit, train and mentor dozens of high-quality educators to work in rural areas of Montana](#).

Montana's State Board of Nursing has allowed the College of Nursing to [extend the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program to its Billings campus](#), reaching more students in eastern Montana.

The National Environmental Health and Protection Accreditation Council recently accredited MSU's [environmental health program](#), a designation that will make the program's graduates immediately employable and highly competitive in their field.

[Two new winter wheat varieties](#) designed to help address issues that plague wheat farmers across the state will be released this fall.

Earth sciences assistant professor Dave McWethy published a [paper](#) outlining best practices for resilience to wildfire, aiming to help community leaders living in a Western landscape where wildfires are inevitable.

MSU's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program has helped community members prepare their tax returns for years. But a new study shows that the program also [teaches student volunteers problem-solving skills](#), commitment to their chosen profession and ethical decision-making.

MSU Extension and Stone Child College in Box Elder recently received a \$1.28 million grant [to provide mental health awareness](#) and technology instruction; after-school leadership group meetings; and outreach with local businesses and organizations.

MSU Culinary Services [is supporting Montana producers](#) by purchasing pigs, rabbits and goats from 57 4-H and FFA members. The meat is now being served in MSU's dining halls.

Luke Scheeler and Jeremiah Slovarp [won an Emmy](#) in audio for their work on the MontanaPBS series "11th and Grant with Eric Funk" at the 56th annual regional Emmy awards.