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- Montana Technological University has created the [Oredigger Rx](#). This is the COVID-19 plan and the prescription for a healthy campus. Montana Tech is asking every member of the Montana Tech family to commit to the Oredigger Rx by taking the Oredigger Pledge. The pledge is a commitment to protect ourselves, our families, those around us, and our community.
- Two Montana Technological University graduate students are the sole recipients of the [Montana Geological Society's 2020 MSG Scholarship](#). The winners, Casey Penney and Carlos Montejo, are both pursuing master's degrees at Montana Tech. Penney's master's thesis in the Department of Mining Engineering is entitled "Crushed Mine Waste as Aggregate in Shotcrete Mix Designs." Carlos Montejo is working on "Geological Mapping of Portions of the McGregor Peak, Marion, Murr Peak, and Hubbard Reservoir, 7.5' Quadrangles, Flathead County, Montana, with emphasis on Quaternary Units."
- The Montana Tech Nanotechnology Laboratory, directed by Dr. Jack Skinner, Montana Technological University Mechanical Engineering department head and associate professor, was chosen as the recipient of the [Best Paper Award from the 2019 November/December](#) issue of the Journal of Vacuum Science and Technology B.
- Montana Technological University featured on [CNBC Make It's](#) "Top 50 Colleges that Pay Off the Most" list. Montana Tech placed No. 23 nationally among public colleges and universities and was the only college in Montana to make the list for the second consecutive year in a row.
- Montana Technological University's nursing program was named one of the top RN to BSN programs in the western region by [NursingProcess.org](#). Out of 73 accredited RN to BSN programs in the western region, Montana Tech was placed No. 4.
- The Montana Tech Foundation has teamed up with Realize Hope to launch a friendly competition to [Can-COVID](#). The competition between Montana Tech, Carroll College, and Montana Western will raise funds for the Montana Food Bank Network and students whose education was threatened by the COVID-19 outbreak. This campaign is powered by Realize Hope, a 501(c)(3) foundation that strives to end hunger and bring hope to mental health. The competition will run from June 17 through September 17, 2020. You can donate at <https://cancovid.us>.