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MSU's [fall commencement](#) recognized approximately 896 undergraduate students, 151 graduate students and 42 Gallatin College students who received their degrees this fall.

MSU is partnering with [Idaho National Laboratory](#) on a new [\\$3.1 million cybersecurity](#) research project funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

MSU's College of Agriculture partnered with Blackfeet Community College to receive a grant from the [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#) to facilitate [greater opportunities and new programs for Native American students](#).

An interdisciplinary MSU research team received a \$944,000 National Science Foundation grant [to study the efficiency of nitrogen fertilizers](#) and their impact on soil health and water quality, with a focus on central Montana.

Montana State University has received nearly \$300,000 from the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) for a [study that aims to help reduce food waste](#) and divert it from landfills.

With two National Science Foundation grants totaling nearly \$1.5 million, Montana State University will [invest in two new instruments](#) that are likely to support hundreds of researchers in expanding the boundaries of engineering, chemistry, biology and more.

A \$3 million gift will help launch a new [master's in innovation management](#) at MSU that is designed to help recent graduates – particularly those with backgrounds in engineering and STEM – develop professional skills.

[Montana State University](#) has been selected to lead a two-year study about the [effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on nurses](#), the largest group of U.S. health care workers, focusing on changes in employment, earnings and the supply of nurses.

Bachelor's nursing students from the MSU [College of Nursing](#)'s Billings campus supported their local health care community by [administering flu vaccinations](#) this fall to hundreds of health care workers and staff at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

The MSU Library will partner with other institutions on a three-year, \$887,154 grant, with the goal of [boosting data science capacity](#) through recruiting, training and developing the library workforce.

The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities announced that MSU President Waded Cruzado is the 2021 [chair of the board of directors](#).