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On Nov. 12, MSU held the [grand opening for the repurposed Romney Hall](#), which will open for classes this month. Its 17 classrooms will seat more than 1,000 per hour, and it is home to high-impact student programs supporting writing, math, veterans and students with disabilities.

At its November meeting, the Board of Regents approved [MSU's request to name its nursing college after Mark and Robyn Jones](#), whose \$101 million philanthropic investment is funding new nursing education facilities in five Montana cities, endowed faculty positions and student scholarships, and the state's first certified midwifery program.

On Oct. 11, MSU celebrated the grand [opening of the American Indian](#) Hall that will be home to the Department of Native American Studies and support center for the more than 800 American Indian students.

Marc Giullian, associate professor of accounting and director of MSU's Master of Professional Accountancy Program, received the Jack Kempner [Outstanding Educator Award](#) given by the Montana Society of CPAs.

Alexandra Adams, director of MSU's [Center for American Indian and Rural Health Equity](#), or CAIRHE, was elected to the [National Academy of Medicine](#), one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine.

With a grant from the [Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies](#) MSU's [Center for Research on Rural Education](#) has launched a two-year effort to help [strengthen K-12 rural schools](#) across the state.

Madeline Garner, a doctoral student in MSU's Molecular Biosciences Program, was selected for the [Future Investigators in NASA Earth and Space Science and Technology](#) award. She is exploring how a DNA sequencing tool could be applied to detecting biomolecules in extreme environments.

Rebecca Hammack is a principal investigator or co-principal investigator on three recent grants totaling \$2.12 million, including a [Science Education Partnership Award](#) from the [National Institutes of Health](#) and two grants from the [National Science Foundation](#). The grants will focus on [hands-on learning for science and engineering curriculum](#).

Zariah Tolman received the [Dennis Washington Leadership Graduate Scholarship](#) to further develop [Positivity Outward](#), a nonprofit that helps rural youth through mentoring and connection.

[Gallatin County provided \\$2 million](#) in COVID-19 relief funds to Gallatin College MSU to grow local and regional workforce programs in high-demand industries.

Angela Jukkala, a faculty member on the MSU [College of Nursing](#)'s Great Falls campus, works to ensure nursing students are well-prepared to [provide excellent care to Montana veterans](#).

MSU English professor Gretchen Minton's book, "Shakespeare in Montana: Big Sky Country's Love Affair with the World's Most Famous Writer", [won a 2021 High Plains Book Award](#).

Films by two professors, a student and graduate of the MSU's [School of Film and Photography](#) were [featured at the Montana Film Festival](#) in Missoula.