

# MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

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- Montana State University Billings welcomed its largest freshman class in three years and saw increases in Hispanic, Native American and military affiliated students this fall semester, exceeded targeted retention rates and experienced a record high in students taking online or HyFlex classes.
- MSUB recently joined [Interstate Passport](#), a national program through the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education that enables students to seamlessly transfer.
- Professors Susan Gilbertz and Rodrigo Lobo presented at a [three-day international sustainability research conference](#) in Villa Nova de Gaia in Portugal where 58 higher education institutions from 15 countries participated. MSUB was the only U.S. higher education institution participating in the conference.
- Student Health Services is offering [equine assisted services](#) as an additional method for counseling at no additional cost to qualifying MSUB students. This pilot program is shared through Riverstone Health's Department of Public Health and Human Services Suicide Prevention Grant.
- Chancellor Stefani Hicswa was [recently appointed](#) to the Board of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. She will serve as one of the board's Commissioners representing Montana higher education institutions.
- MSUB's Institute for Neurodiversity & Applied Behavior Analysis [received a grant](#) from the Montana Healthcare Foundation to increase connections and grow telehealth services to neurodiverse children in Central and Eastern Montana.
- City College and Accelerate Montana partnered to offer an [accelerated construction](#) course to help support the region's booming construction trade. The course is designed to train Montanans in entry-level construction and can be completed in 45 hours total with 30 hours of self-paced online modules.
- Criminal justice students Nikita Erickson and Gabriel Wiese were [awarded the 9/11 Memorial Scholarship](#). Each student received \$500 to help pay for their education. The scholarship is open to MSUB students studying criminal justice, fire science, or paramedicine.
- Award winning international sculptor Foon Sham spent a three-week residency at MSUB to create a [site-specific sculpture](#) on MSUB's university campus. The sculpture is made of wood and was inspired by the local caves in Pictograph Cave State Park.
- City College's welding program was [awarded an American Welding Society Foundation Welding Workforce Grant](#). City College's welding program used this grant to update their equipment to ensure students learn on the latest technology they will see in the workforce.