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MSU set a [spring enrollment record](#) with 15,717 students attending classes this term, as well as seeing the highest fall-to-spring student retention in a decade.

Two MSU juniors were awarded one of the nation's top math and science scholarships. Ava Graham in biochemistry and microbiology and Madison Torrey in environmental engineering are MSU's newest [Goldwater Scholars](#), bringing the university's total to 86 recipients of the prestigious award.

Astrophysicist [Amy Reines](#) and mathematician [Blair Davey](#) were awarded prestigious NSF CAREER awards, which will provide each of them \$750,000 over five years for research. Reins will examine the relationships between massive black holes and the properties of the small galaxies that host them, while Davey will research equations useful in modeling complex natural phenomena.

Tillie Stewart, a member of Montana's Crow Tribe and a senior in [environmental health](#), received [a \\$20,000 grant to help empower young Native leaders](#). She plans to use the funding to address environmental health challenges on her home reservation.

MSU has again been recognized for its support of student veterans. MilitaryFriendly.com named MSU a [top 10 Military Friendly School](#), the third year MSU has received the national designation.

MSU awarded honorary degrees at spring commencement to entrepreneur [Robyn Jones](#) and humanitarian [Carol Glenn Lalani](#).

MSU will collaborate with Billings Clinic on a three-year project to improve access throughout Montana to [life-saving treatments available through clinical trials](#).

Associate engineering professors [Stephanie Wettstein](#) and [Jennifer Brown](#) received [\\$400,000 from the National Science Foundation](#) to improve chemical engineering courses by integrating problem-solving and communication skills needed by graduates when they enter the workforce.

Julie Gosswiller, associate teaching professor in the [School of Music](#), was named [Teacher of the Year](#) by the [Montana State Music Teachers Association](#).

A new program will help [student teachers form connections with rural communities](#) by sending MSU pre-service teachers in groups to Montana towns for a 15-week student teaching experience.

Research at MSU led by Eric Boyd [microbiology and cell biology](#) was featured nationally by the U.S. Department of Energy as part of its Science Highlight.

Henrietta Mann, a member of the Southern Cheyenne Tribe of Oklahoma and professor emeritus of Native American Studies, was presented with a [2021 National Humanities Medal](#) at the White House.