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Montana State University's fall student [enrollment is the largest](#) in history, with 16,978 students, a 2% increase over last fall's headcount.

MSU recorded an [all-time high in research expenditures](#) of \$230 million during the fiscal year that ended in June, a 14% increase over the prior year, which was the first time in Montana history that research expenditures at an institution of higher education ever topped \$200 million.

Two hundred fifty new, first-year MSU students were chosen as the inaugural class of the [Justin Smith Morrill Scholars Program](#), an initiative aimed at [keeping students in school and on track for graduation](#).

[MSU welcomed author and activist Anthony Ray Hinton](#) to speak Oct. 18 as part of the Crossing Boundaries Speaker Series. Hinton spent 30 years on Alabama's death row after being wrongly convicted of two unsolved murders in 1985. He was freed in 2015.

MSU's [Research Cyberinfrastructure Core Facility](#) [provides researchers with systems and services](#) for high-performance computing, virtual server hosting, large-scale storage, high-performance networking and data transfer services.

[Mechanical engineering technology](#) student Darin Mydland was honored with a [Student Veteran Leadership Award](#) from MilitaryFriendly.com. He was one of only 32 students to win the national award.

MSU's [Mark and Robyn Jones College of Nursing](#), working with [Smiles Across Montana](#), recently acquired a [mobile dental clinic](#) to help treat people in underserved communities.

With funding from the U.S. Department of Energy, [MSU scientists will examine unique organisms that consume methane](#) while removing forms of nitrogen linked to agricultural fertilizers from their environment.

[MSU-supported teams of student scientists from Montana](#) launched instrument packages on balloons to study the annual solar eclipse on Oct. 14 and collect data for experiments they began designing three years ago.

MSU psychology professor Neha John-Henderson has been [awarded National Institutes of Health funding](#) to research the link between trauma, social connectedness, and health in the Blackfeet Reservation community.

A team of scientists at Montana State University recently [published new research](#) that describes how DNA structure controls CRISPR, an immune system that helps bacteria defend themselves against viruses.