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Senior Doriane Keiser became the 12th MSU student to earn a Rhodes Scholarship to attend the University of Oxford, where she will pursue her goal of becoming a clinical psychologist working to improve individual and community mental health.

The U.S. Department of Defense named MSU a Defense Innovation Unit OnRamp Hub, a designation facilitating collaboration between MSU, researchers and companies to develop technology for defense projects.

MSU's accelerated nursing program bolsters Montana's health care workforce and supports non-traditional students seeking a career change. Across MSU's five nursing campuses, the program supports 80 students who complete classes and clinicals in just one year.

The College of Agriculture, Montana Agriculture Experiment Station, and MSU Extension hosted Celebrate Ag during the first week of November, a series of events recognizing the university's students, faculty, alumni and community members in agriculture, as well as MSU's historic agricultural heritage.

Interdisciplinary researchers at MSU developed a wearable medical device to improve outcomes for clinical trial patients in Montana, particularly in rural areas far from research sites.

MSU and Little Big Horn College received a $1.7 million grant to support American Indian educators pursuing a master's degree and a leadership role in their school districts.

The Montana Microfabrication Facility at MSU received a $1.1 million grant to help customers rapidly develop, assemble and test circuits used for precision agriculture and remote sensing.

MSU's TechLink Center secured a new five-year agreement to help the Department of Veterans Affairs move new technologies from research centers to the commercial marketplace.

Research.com recognized MSU as the top college in Montana and the most affordable in the state. The ranking put MSU as the 18th most affordable college nationwide.

Dilpreet Bajwa, head of MSU's Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, won an achievement award from the international Association for the Advancement of Industrial Crops.

Master's architecture student Elena Silverman was one of 10 individuals to win an international award for sustainable design.