

# MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

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After a national search, Tia Brown has been selected as the next Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance. Most recently she served as Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance at University of Montana Western. Brown will begin August 3.

Dr. Ted Purinton was selected as the next dean of the College of Education. Dr. Purinton most recently served as the Founding Dean of the Sharjah Education Academy in the United Arab Emirates. Dr. Purinton will join the academic leadership team at MSU Billings on August 3.

Nova Rosman received the Outstanding Undergraduate Student Leadership Award as the top 2026 graduating senior. She was the featured student speaker at the [99th MSU Billings Commencement](#) on May 2. In the fall of 2025, Rosman was among 14 Montana college students recognized by the Montana Campus Network for Civic Engagement for volunteer work.

Thanks to a grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, the “Partners in Science: Science Under the Big Sky” program will fully immerse three middle school or high school teachers each year in faculty-mentored, original research at MSUB for the next two years. The faculty mentors are from the Biological and Physical Sciences department in the College of Health Professions and Science, and the partners will be selected from a pool of science teacher applicants.

City College has received a \$100,000 grant from the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education to develop specialized micro-credentials for Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities workers. The grant will be used to address the critical shortage of qualified entry-level and early-career professionals who work in behavioral health and developmental disabilities support.

A longtime supporter of the [Native American Achievement Center](#) (NAAC) has provided funding for the Indigenous Community Impact Scholarship. The scholarship is designed to support indigenous students who wish to stay in college and make an impact to their rural, reservation, or tribal communities.