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Classes began on September 9 at both the university and City College campuses. Students participated in [Welcome Week](#), an annual week of scheduled engagement activities including a concert, waterslides, and a movie night. Faculty and staff at both campuses volunteered for “Donuts and Directions” to welcome new students.

MSU Billings kicked off our Centennial Celebration on August 26 with a community event at Peaks to Plains Park. Hundreds of community members, alumni, staff, and students enjoyed games, food trucks, and music to begin celebrating 100 years of MSUB. Centennial events will continue throughout the academic year.

Chancellor Hicswa hosted a community event for leaders from Billings and the surrounding region on September 17. Community partners, donors, and business owners enjoyed breakfast and learned about campus priorities, events, and the new strategic vision at MSUB.

MSU Billings hosted the 25th Anniversary 9/11 Memorial Ceremony on September 11 at City College. The ceremony is held annually at [Montana’s 9/11 Memorial](#), which features a piece of a steel support beam from the World Trade Center towers that fell in the attacks on September 11, 2001.

Andrew Bonner, who has served in the athletics department for seven years, has been appointed as [Interim Athletic Director](#). Bonner has been serving as Associate Athletic Director for Operations and Communications, and follows Michael Bazemore, who recently resigned to take a position as athletic director at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

[Dr. Madison Collins](#), assistant professor in the Department of Biological and Physical Sciences, was one of three faculty members at Montana State University in Bozeman and MSU Billings selected to be a part of a \$10.7 grant to increase research capabilities. The funding is from the National Institutes of Health and is intended to launch a new center aimed at strengthening biomedical research, workforce development, and public health across Montana.

[David Russell](#), MSUB graduate and chemistry instructor, has entered the cellular and molecular physiology doctoral program at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He was one of approximately 100 applicants for the program and one of two to be accepted. David is a native of Laurel, Montana.