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Michael Hollinger, a junior from Nikiski, Alaska, majoring in political science with minors in psychology and economics, has been named a 2017 Newman Civic Fellow by Campus Compact.

Tony Chang, a doctorate student of ecology and environmental sciences and graduate research assistant, was named one of five recipients of a 2017 David H. Smith Conservation Research Fellowship, which will award him \$55,000 a year for two years, plus \$40,000 for research.

A new turf surface has been installed in Bobcat Stadium. The 89,000 square feet of turf replaces a nine-year-old surface and provides more practice area for student-athletes.

David Claudio, in the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, won the Global Outstanding Faculty Advisor Recognition Award from the Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers for student advising.

The MSU Library will create an exhibit about Montana-born author Ivan Doig for the Big Sky Country State Fair. The exhibit will run concurrently with the fair, July 19-23, at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds in Bozeman.

Robin Wilder, an architecture student in the College of Arts and Architecture, recently was named in the Top Ten for Students of The American Institute of Architects Committee on the Environment for his project, "Culture and Production of Home: Encouraging Sustainable Lifestyle Through Tiny Dwellings."

Longtime university supporter Norm Asbjornson gave \$2 million in support of the Montana Plant Sciences Chair, the first endowed chair in the MSU College of Agriculture.

Sarah Shannon, an administrator and experienced nursing professor currently at Oregon Health and Science University, has been selected to be the next dean of the MSU College of Nursing.

A team of MSU scientists has contributed to research recently published in two leading scientific journals that advances the understanding of how bacteria fend off viruses. MSU senior Joshua Carter was a lead author of a paper published in the journal *Cell*, and MSU research associate MaryClare Rollins was lead author of a paper published in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, or PNAS.

MSU researchers have received a three-year, \$282,000, U.S. Department of Agriculture grant to provide education, professional development and mentorship to eight tribal college students working in the areas of food, health and agriculture.

Four MSU students received prestigious NSF Graduate research fellowships, which include a stipend of \$34,000 per year for three years to pursue graduate studies:

- Matthew Weingart, a first-year graduate student in MSU's Department of Earth Sciences from Pablo, will continue his studies on how indigenous people influenced forested ecosystems on the Flathead Reservation.
- Anna Scott, an honors student who is studying chemistry, plans to use the Graduate Research Fellowship to pursue a doctorate at the California Institute of Technology beginning this fall.
- MSU senior Carol Baumbauer, who is double majoring in electrical engineering and French and Francophone studies, will apply the fellowship as she continues her engineering research while pursuing a doctorate at the University of California, Berkeley.
- Issac Miller, will enter graduate school in the fall to investigate, among other topics, the bacteria, viruses and other microorganisms that live inside the gastrointestinal tracts of fish.