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Montana State University student Magdalena Russell has received the prestigious [Goldwater Scholarship](#), the nation's [premier scholarship for undergraduates studying math, natural sciences and engineering](#). MSU has now produced 68 Goldwater scholars, keeping the university one of the nation's top institutions for number of recipients.

Mathew Bain, a junior majoring in environmental science at Montana State University, has been selected for a [prestigious Udall Scholarship](#).

Emery Three Irons, a graduate student in the Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences, has received a [scholarship worth \\$67,390](#) from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to continue researching water quality on Montana's Crow Indian reservation.

Two MSU graduate students in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry received prestigious graduate research fellowships from the National Science Foundation. Both will receive a stipend of \$34,000 a year for three years to continue their studies. [Anna Scott plans to examine the roles of metals in biology](#) and [Casey Kennedy will investigate potential materials for solar cells](#).

MSU's Montana Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES) [developed the state's top-seeded wheat varieties in 2016](#), according to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service Montana Field Office.

MSU virologist Michelle Flenniken has received a [CAREER Award](#) of more than \$500,000 from the National Science Foundation, which supports early-career faculty who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars through research, education and the integration of education and research. Flenniken's research investigates the impact of pathogens on individual honey bees and honey bee colonies.

MSU's master's program in [mathematics education was ranked No. 2](#) in GradSource.com's [math and statistics](#) category. Factors that contributed to the high rank include the program's affordability, flexibility and student success.

MSU's [College of Nursing](#) graduate programs have been recognized on [U.S. News and World Report's](#) 2018 [list](#) of the [best graduate nursing schools](#). MSU's master's-level nursing program tied for No. 115, while its doctor of nursing practice program tied for No. 88.

Through MSU's Community Design Center, MSU architecture and mechanical engineering [students prepared a comprehensive design](#) to remodel and enlarge the Belgrade Community Library.

MSU announced two new appointments in leadership roles. Robert Mokwa has been named Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and Alison Harmon has been named dean of the College of Education, Health and Human Development.

David Varricchio is co-author of a paper that describes Daspletosaurus horneri, [a newly-discovered species of tyrannosaur](#) from the Upper Cretaceous period. The dinosaur discovery provides new information about tyrannosaurs.