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MSU was recognized among the <u>top 3 percent of higher education institutions worldwide</u> by the Center for World University Rankings. MSU ranked 578th out of 18,000 universities worldwide.

MSU professor Cathy Whitlock was <u>elected as a member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences</u>. Members are honored in recognition of their distinguished and continuing achievements in original research.

Mark Anderson, an MSU economics faculty member, <u>has been appointed as a fellow with the country's premier nonprofit</u> economic research organization, the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Chemical and biological engineering professor Connie B. Chang has won a <u>National Science Foundation CAREER award</u> to advance her research into microbial communities called biofilms — research that could shed new light on the causes of disease and the generation of biofuel.

Beth Rink won a five-year, \$3.12 million grant from the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities of the National Institutes of Health for "We Are Here Now," a sexual and reproductive health randomized clinical trial for American Indian youth and their families on the Fort Peck Reservation in northeastern Montana.

A \$400,000 grant from the USDA will help MSU researchers study diet's effects on cattle fertility.

Kyle Alderman, a junior majoring in electrical engineering at MSU, <u>has received a prestigious Udall Scholarship</u>, putting him one step closer to his goal of developing renewable energy projects for the benefit of his Northern Cheyenne community.

MSU architecture student Mary Demro's vision for a Bozeman housing solution earned top prize in national design contest.

Eleven students from across Montana <u>received their veterinary medicine diplomas</u> from Washington State University. They were the inaugural class of the Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Utah Regional Program in Veterinary Medicine, or WIMU.

Surveys show that in 2017 MSU's Montana Manufacturing Extension Center helped create or retain 397 manufacturing jobs and added more than \$2 million in tax revenue. Survey respondents said MMEC plays a critical role for manufacturers in the state.

A pair of MSU graphic design students — Whitney Pomeroy of Billings and Katie Nell of Red Lodge — won top prizes in a national book cover contest sponsored by the Innovation Center for Design Excellence.

Culinary Services at MSU won a silver award from the National Association of College and University Food Services for <u>sustainable procurement practices</u>. Culinary Services has partnered with the College of Agriculture to purchase student-raised beef and lamb, as well as pork from local 4-H youth, to serve in MSU dining halls.

Gallatin College MSU hosted a <u>Manufacturing Day for local high school students</u> to learn about CNC machine technology, computer automated design, information technology, business operations, product design and other skills and take tours of manufacturing companies across the valley.

Montana State University has hired Christopher Dobbs to serve as the next executive director of the Museum of the Rockies.