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- Dr. Melinda Arnold was selected as the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for Montana State University Billings. She started in her position on campus on Oct. 8. She had previously been the Interim Associate Provost at the University of North Texas in Dallas.
- MSUB was awarded a \$2 million Department of Education Title III Strengthening Institutions grant. The grant provides a number of services to students (particularly at-risk students), all aimed at increasing freshman retention rates.
- MSUB kicked off its strategic planning process on Sept. 27-28 with representation from campus constituencies and in the community.
- The MSUB College of Education received confirmation of full accreditation through the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). This full accreditation is secure until December of 2024.
- Leading into the September Board of Regents (BOR) meetings, MSUB hosted an Investiture on Sept. 11 to install Dr. Dan Edelman as the fourth Chancellor of Montana State University Billings.
- A ceremonial groundbreaking for the Yellowstone Science and Allied Health Building was also held during the September BOR meeting. The event celebrated the university raising \$5 million required by the state legislature as a condition of the \$10 million appropriation. The \$15 million will be used to update the current science building, originally built in 1947. More than 500 donors contributed to the campaign.
- City College at MSU Billings hosted a Partnerships in Career Technical Education and Tribal Language Symposium on Sept. 21. Presidents from Little Big Horn College, Chief Dull Knife College, Fort Peck Community College, and Aaniiih Nakoda College served on a cultural panel.
- The Mayor of Billings, Bill Cole, proclaimed Oct. 5 as Montana State University Billings Day to recognize the return of homecoming to the university after four decades. Jacket Homecoming was held Oct. 5-7 and offered a variety of events both on and off campuses to engage students, alumni, faculty, staff, and the community.
- Broadening its array of NCAA Division II sports programs, the MSUB athletic department announced the addition of women's triathlon beginning in the fall of 2019. MSUB has been approved for a \$70k grant from USA Triathlon to help with startup expenses for the sport.
- The MSUB College of Business (COB) and MSUB Foundation hosted the Montana Business Hall of Fame on Oct. 11 to raise funds for COB student scholarships. The 2018 inductees (Bill Ballard, founder of Ballard Petroleum; Bob and Penni Nance, longtime philanthropists; and Sarah Calhoun, founder of Red Ants Pants) were recognized for their leadership and entrepreneurial spirit.
- On Oct. 17, the eastern Montana tour of the Montana Research Roadshow hosted presentations from faculty members throughout the Montana University System at the MSUB library. Additionally, MSUB faculty presented at locations throughout Montana.

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- City College Day was hosted on Oct. 20. This open house offered an opportunity to tour the campus, meet the faculty and see programs of interest firsthand, learn about career opportunities, and obtain information on admissions and financial aid. The event highlighted careers in a variety of industries including auto body, welding, radiologic technology, fire science, computer technology, and more.
- The MSUB STEM Club hosted College Student for a Day on Oct. 19, an opportunity for high school students to spend a day as a science major at the university. Junior and senior high school students had the opportunity to observe science course lectures, interact with science mentors, and participate in an interactive demonstration on the 3D printer.
- MSUB introduced the Center for Engagement to cultivate community ties and foster relationships that promote the college experience. The Center combines the former Student Union and Events Office, Office for Community Involvement, and Diversity Center into one department.
- The MSUB Library hosted its fall lecture series, "Monsters!" a series based on the monsters of history and how they have influenced society.
- The Phoenix Center and Women's and Gender Studies Center at MSUB hosted the third annual One in Five Film Festival in October exploring the topic of sexual assault.