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- **MSU Billings achieved a 2.3% increase in enrollment for the fall 2019 semester.** This is the highest fall enrollment in four years. MSUB also saw a 22.5% increase in black students, 18.6% in American Indian students, 5.9% increase in Hispanic students, 2.7% increase in students receiving military benefits, and a 1.9% increase in first-generation students.
- **MSU Billings celebrated a \$1 million pledge by Dr. William Ballard and his wife, Merilyn, to its Yellowstone Science and Allied Health Building project.** The Ballards' donation bridges the gap between campaign funds raised and contractor bids received. The \$1 million allows the university to continue with plans to include research labs, informal learning spaces, and a greenhouse in the facility.
- **U.S Deputy Secretary of Education Mitchell Zais and Montana Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen visited MSU Billings** during the U.S. Department of Education's 2019 National Back to School Tour, which included visits to Pryor and Billings high schools.
- **Minneapolis Federal Reserve President Neel Kashkari held a public town hall at MSU Billings.** Over 300 people attended. He discussed the region's successes and challenges and took questions from the audience.
- **MSU Billings prepared for potential highly infectious disease outbreak through participation in a full-scale exercise.** A measles outbreak exercise was conducted on campus and at Billings Clinic, St. Vincent Healthcare, with RiverStone Health and other participating members of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).
- **Fall lecture series hosted by Montana State University Billings Library commenced on October 8.** It featured the topic "Butte: The Richest Hill on Earth". The weekly, four-part series takes place Tuesday evenings and is free of charge and open to the public.
- **Taisei Techno Co., a Japanese technology firm, has partnered with Montana State University Billings alongside GreenWorld Partners, LLC** in the creation and operation of a state-of-the-art Taisei Vertical Axis Wind Turbine at City College. The partners recently convened for a transfer ceremony to celebrate the turbine and officially gift it to the university.
- **MSU Billings celebrated Jacket Homecoming Oct. 4-5.** Homecoming events included a volleyball game, barbeque, staff/faculty vs. student flag football game, and its first annual car show with food trucks and a live band.
- **MSU Billings' Native American Achievement Center celebrated the receipt of a new drum with a drum dedication ceremony.** The ceremonial drum, a key component to Native celebrations, was donated to the center by Big Horn County Commissioner Sidney Fitzpatrick.
- **Students in the City College Rad Tech program successfully passed their Radiologic Technology exam with a 100 percent pass rate** on the first-time of taking the test offered through the American Registry of Radiologic Technologies (ARRT). Successful completion of the exam earned May 2019 graduates their credentials through ARRT. Prior to 2019, graduates of the May 2016 class were the most recent class to achieve the same milestone.
- **The Outdoor Adventure Leadership (OAL) program at Montana State University Billings has once again partnered with Billings Parks and Recreation for the sixth-annual "Refresh the Rims" event.** Students, staff, faculty, and the greater Billings community participated in this effort to clean up and improve one of Billings' defining landmarks.
- City College at Montana State University Billings is home to Montana's lone collision repair training program. **As the only school providing pre-employment training in the state, it was recently named as beneficiary of support from the Collision Repair Education Foundation (CREF) and the Montana Collision Repair Association (MCRA)** in an effort to create qualified, entry-level employees and connect them with an array of career opportunities.
- Faculty research both at home and abroad was the focus of a **new lecture series at MSU Billings "Distinguished Discourse: Faculty Research Spotlight,"** which featured Syrian refugee interviews and student accounts, musical experiences in Havana and Cuba, and rural living.
- **Montana State University Billings hosted the fourth annual International Language Week (ILW) Conference** with Global Migration and Mobility as the conference theme. This is the first time Montana State University Billings has hosted this event and the first time ILW has been held in the United States.