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For the third year running, four MSU students received prestigious Goldwater scholarships, the [nation's premier scholarship for undergraduates in STEM fields](#). Eighty-two MSU students have now received Goldwaters, placing MSU among top institutions in the country in terms of the number of scholarships awarded, ahead of schools like Johns Hopkins, Yale and Cornell.

MSU student leader Jessica Brito, who has worked to address inequality for marginalized populations, has been named a [2021 Newman Civic Fellow](#), a [national honor](#) given to students committed to solving challenges facing local, national and international communities.

MSU was named a [Top Ten Military Friendly School](#) in a nationwide ranking by [MilitaryFriendly.com](#).

MSU professor, Gretchen Minton's book on Shakespeare in Montana won the [2020 Montana Book Award](#).

MSU's associate professor Michelle Flenniken was part of an international collaborative effort that [co-discovered a new virus that infects bees](#), including native mining bees and honeybees.

Physics professor Greg Francis will receive the 2021 [Robert A. Millikan Medal](#), for [teaching excellence](#).

MSU student Tessa Sawyer from Dillon received a competitive scholarship through the Army to [facilitate her medical training](#) and aspirations as a rural health care provider. The Health Professions Scholarship is awarded to only 300 students nationally.

Chere LeClair, professor in the MSU [School of Architecture](#), was elected to the College of [Fellows of the American Institute of Architects](#) for her work on a national level promoting equity, diversity and inclusion within architecture and the communities architects serve.

MSU was ranked among the [top 100 public universities](#) for research and development expenditures by the National Science Foundation.

[Brittany Terese Fasy](#), MSU computer science professor, received the [NSF's five-year CAREER award](#), considered the premier award given to early-career researchers.

Nursing students from MSU's five campuses have [helped administer COVID-19 vaccines](#), provided relief to health care workers at critical access and rural hospitals across Montana, and worked as contact tracers and helping with COVID testing.

Six Montana State University students received prestigious NSF Graduate Research Fellowships. Current graduate students Cayley Faurot-Daniels, Kendall Edmo and Cailin Casey received the honor, as did alumni Leidy Hooker, Miles Maxcer and RyeAnne Ricker.