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Two Montana State University students have received prestigious [Goldwater scholarships](#), honoring undergraduate academic and research excellence in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

MSU remains one of the [top research universities in the country](#), according to classifications published by the Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research's Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

MSU has been named a Top Ten Military Friendly School by [MilitaryFriendly.com](#), [ranking third in the nation](#) among peer institutions.

MSU education professor Jayne Downey was recognized for her [significant and lasting contributions to rural education](#) scholarship with the 2022 [Career Achievement Award](#) from the [American Educational Research Association](#).

MSU announced a [\\$50 million gift](#) from the Gianforte Family Foundation to further computer science, electrical and computer engineering, cybersecurity, optics and photonics, and creative industries such as music technology, film and digital photography. The gift will support the construction of a new academic building at MSU.

MSU received a [\\$5.6 million gift](#) from Larry and Anne Hambly to enhance the university's offerings in computer science by funding an endowed professorship in computer science.

The [MSU Graduate School is ranked](#) among the nation's top graduate schools in the latest annual [U.S. News & World Report](#) rankings. The magazine's 2023 list ranks 17 MSU graduate programs among the [top](#) schools in the United States.

Backed by a \$1.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, MSU researchers are exploring the potential of sugar beet byproducts to [enhance energy storage technology](#).

Julie Alexander-Ruff, assistant professor of nursing, received the [Dr. Frank Newman Rural Health Leadership in Education award](#), recognizing her leadership in and commitment to rural health and health care education in Montana.

MSU reported its [second highest spring headcount](#) ever, as well as strong graduate student enrollment and retention.

MSU student Isabelle Ivankovich was named [student marketer of the year](#) at the American Marketing Association's International Collegiate Conference.

The Spirit of the West marching band performed a [free concert](#) to thank the community for sending the band to the FCS National Championship football game.