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MSU's fall [enrollment](#) was 16,688. MSU welcomed 3,752 new, first-time college students — the second largest incoming freshman class. Of those freshmen, 1,401 were Montana residents, an increase over last fall's number of 1,381.

MSU research [expenditures reached \\$201 million](#) during the fiscal year that ended in June, a 4% increase over the prior year and the first time in Montana history that a state institution of higher education has topped \$200 million.

Fifty-eight Montana high school graduates were selected for their effort and potential as the seventh class of MSU's [Hilleman Scholars Program](#), which is named after famed vaccinologist and Montana native Maurice Hilleman.

MSU is [celebrating the 50th year](#) of the [WWAMI Medical Education Program](#), which allows students from Montana to pay in-state tuition while earning MD degrees from [University of Washington's School of Medicine](#). More than 350 WWAMI graduates currently serve as physicians in Montana.

MSU nursing professor Elizabeth Johnson was [recognized for technology to help improve safety](#) of patients in clinical trials. Her idea won first prize in the NursePitch competition from the American Nurses Association.

Rodrigo Marques, assistant professor in the [Department of Animal and Range Sciences](#), received the [2022 Young Scientist award](#) from the American Society of Animal Science, which recognizes research achievement by members under age 40.

[Stephanie Wettstein](#), associate professor in the [Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering](#), was awarded a [\\$450,000 National Science Foundation grant](#) to improve bioplastics production.

Jay Bodner, division administrator for the Montana Department of Livestock Brands Enforcement Division, was named the [2022 Outstanding Agricultural Leader](#) on behalf of MSU's [College of Agriculture](#) and Montana Agricultural Experiment Station.

Three MSU business students [landed jobs at JP Morgan Chase](#) after participating in summer internships with the company.

Eric Sproles, in MSU's Department of Earth Sciences, will lead work in Montana and Finland, [funded by a \\$750,000 NASA grant](#), that aims to make satellites better at predicting snowmelt patterns to support water resource management worldwide.

The Montana Pollution Prevention Program at MSU will incorporate traditional ecological knowledge of Indigenous peoples into [pollution prevention programs for tribal communities](#) through a project funded by a \$350,000 EPA grant.