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Associate Professor of Molecular Biology, Lynn George, Ph.D., was [awarded an NIH Academic Research Enhancement grant](#) from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke to support efforts to continue and expand research on ALS, also known as Lou Gherig's disease. Her grant proposal was highly competitive and scored in the top one percentile.

Three freshmen students were recipients of the [Chancellor's Excellence Award](#). This award goes to students who exemplify the institution's core values of academic excellence, demonstrated leadership, and community service. First time recipients were business administration major Ahna Eisenbraun, environmental studies major Lucas Marlatt, and psychology major Destyne Two Moons.

Montana State University Billings recently [established partnerships](#) with Fort Peck Community College and Chief Dull Knife College that allows their graduates with certain associate degrees to seamlessly transfer to MSU Billings to complete a bachelor's degree in business or education.

Associate professor of Health and Human Performance Jeffrey M. Willardson, Ph.D., CSCS*D, has been [selected as editor and a chapter author](#) for the National Strength and Conditioning Association's second edition of their best-selling book, "Developing the Core." Willardson also served as the editor and a chapter author for the first edition of this book in 2013.

In partnership with Montana BioScience Alliance, MSUB hosted 100+ high school students at the [third annual Healthcare Career Summit](#). The purpose of this event is to showcase the wide range of high paying life science careers and to give students an idea of the careers and education programs available in the Billings area.

Assistant professor of English Jennifer Lodine-Chaffey, [published her first book](#) "A Weak Woman in a Strong Battle: Women and Public Execution in Early Modern England" as part of the University of Alabama Press' Strode Studies in Early Modern Literature and Culture book series.

Over 700 students from local elementary schools cheered on the women's basketball team during the annual [Elementary School Basketball Game Day](#), leading them to victory over the Montana Tech Orediggers.

Vice Chancellor for Student Access and Success, Kim Hayworth, Ph.D., was the [recipient of a prestigious alumni award](#) from her alma mater, Spring Arbor University. The LeRoy M. Lowell Award recognizes excellence in employee service (past or present) characterized by consistency and outstanding contribution to the educational mission.

Assistant Professor of management Heather Thompson-Bahm, Ph.D., was [awarded an undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Languages Grant](#) by the U.S. Department of Education to develop a course on global operations and supply chain management. The course will increase students' global awareness through critical analysis of international trade and management style with emphasis on East Asian countries.