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## MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY BILLINGS

The [10<sup>th</sup> annual Research and Creativity Symposium](#) featured student research from across all disciplines and in all formats, such as video, poetry reading, and poster presentations. Over 60 undergraduate and graduate students took part in the Symposium this year, with awards presented in five categories.

The [Hive Entrepreneur Competition](#) took place at MSU Billings, bringing local high school students and businesses to campus. The annual event is an opportunity for young entrepreneurs to showcase their business ideas and potentially receive funding to launch their own businesses. The competition was held in partnership with Valley Credit Union.

Kendall Stokes, a sophomore at MSU Billings, was [recently named a Newman Civic Fellow](#). Stokes started a major service club, participated in campus service programs, and engaged the campus community. She hopes to make a positive difference in students' lives and become an elementary school teacher.

Professor Keith Edgerton [announced his retirement after over 29 years of teaching](#). Dr. Edgerton was the Department of History Chair from 2012 to 2022, served as the Faculty Association president, and was recently presented with the inaugural Faculty Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing his accomplishments and contributions to his field and to campus.

Alumnus Chris Pippin is [paving the way for online music education](#). A father of four, Pippin struggled to find a program that would accommodate him completing online coursework as a music educator. Through collaboration and support from the Department of Music, Pippin participated in a master's program focusing on curriculum and instruction and completed his degree while teaching in Saco, Montana.

MSU Billings Athletics has announced an [official athletic rivalry series](#) with Billings neighbor Rocky Mountain College. The Rimrock Rivalry will primarily focus on athletic competition that will accumulate scoring throughout the year based on head-to-head competitions in the 11 sports the two institutions have in common.

Assistant Director of International Studies Abby Cook was [a recipient of a Fulbright award](#) to participate in the U.S.-Japan International Education Administrators Program. Cook spent two weeks in June traveling throughout Japan to promote international understanding and cooperation through learning about Japan's education system, culture, and society.

The College of Education presented the Billings Public Library (BPL) with a [Partners in Excellence Award](#). The annual award honors organizations and individuals for their outstanding service and contributions to the college. The BPL partnered with the Institute for Neurodiversity through resource fairs and worked with them on a Sensory Story Time. The Library also allowed MSUB students to work with high school students at the BPL's Ten Tech Lab.