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MSU student Andrea Storer received the prestigious Udall scholarship, recognizing her work focused on Native education. She is one of only 55 scholars nationwide.

Melissa Ramirez, an MSU political science major, was named a Newman Civic Fellow, an opportunity she'll use to help make it easier for first-generation students to access resources and gain institutional literacy.

Andee Baker, of Park City, Montana received the prestigious Truman Scholarship, which recognizes students' leadership potential, community involvement and academic achievement. She was one of 62 scholars nationally, selected from more than 700 nominees.

MSU senior Olivia Jakobosky was named a Fulbright student scholar to the University of Exeter in England, where she will engage in cross-cultural exchange and earn a master's in conservation and biodiversity.

MSU has again been chosen to host the West region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education organization, the country's foremost, producer-led research and education grant program for sustainable agriculture.

MSU and its MUS university partners received a \$20 million grant from the NSF for a new project to understand prescribed fires, develop technologies for real-time monitoring and advance collaboration between researchers and educators across the state.

MSU and its partners received a \$4.1 million grant for a five-year project to train school and mental health counselors to work in rural Montana, with a focus on developing partnerships in those communities.

With a new \$1 million grant, MSU will explore how the region could become a hub for the quantum technology that will play a critical role in future communications, computing and other fields.

Associate professors Stephanie Wettstein and Jennifer Brown received a grant from the NSF to examine how chemical engineering lab classes can support the independent problem-solving and communication skills that help graduates in the workforce.

A grant from the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust will support MSU efforts to expand biomedical engineering research and education with an emphasis on new technologies to improve rural health care.

With funding from the NSF, MSU will explore using its photonics expertise to grow a regional economy for precision agriculture and other technologies involving autonomous systems.

Montana middle and high school students attended the national NASA Artemis ROADS student challenge at MSU, providing a chance to engage activities inspired by NASA Earth and space science.