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Brandon Irby has been [named the director of University Communications & Marketing](#). Irby has a history within higher education in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, area and will oversee all marketing and communications from MSU Billings. He will play a vital role in promoting the institution's branding efforts.

The children's book *Elk Morning at the Battle of Arrow Creek*, written by MSU Billings alumna Sabrena Half and Professor of Marketing A.J. Otjen, Ph.D., [has been selected to represent Montana on the "Great Reads from Great Places" list](#) of the 2023 National Book Festival of the Library of Congress. The Center for the Book works with 56 Affiliate Centers for the Book to fulfill its mission of promoting books, reading, libraries, and literacy nationwide. Each selection represents its state's literary heritage in some way.

The Department of History at MSU Billings has established the [Edgerton Lecture Series in honor of Professor Emeritus Keith Edgerton](#). The lecture series is designed to bring distinguished historians from other academic institutions to the MSU Billings campus.

The MSU Billings Library has [opened a new Parents' Room](#). The space is designed to enable caretakers to change or feed an infant in a setting that is comfortable and private. The space features a rocking chair, changing table, diaper pail, mini-fridge, microwave, and kettle. This is the fourth Parents' Room established on the University Campus.

The MSU Billings women's basketball team was [recognized by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association on the 2022-2023 Academic Top 25 Honor Roll](#). The roster finished with a combined GPA of 3.74, tying for the 10th highest GPA in the country at the NCAA DII level.

The Yellowstone Science & Health Building was [awarded a prestigious LEED Green Building Certification](#). LEED, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, is the most widely used green building rating system in the world and an international symbol of excellence. Specifically, the building was recognized for diverting construction waste from landfills, utilizing water-efficient fixtures; optimizing energy performance; using recycled and sustainably grown materials; and re-using a substantial amount of the previous structure, minimizing the need for newly produced materials.

MSU Billings [hosted the annual MPSEOC Billings College Fair](#) and welcomed an estimated 2,500 students to campus from area high schools. Attendees were able to explore college options with over 100 college representatives, as well as learn about scholarships and financial aid.

The Office of International Studies is [hosting the third Global Studies Seminar](#) during the fall 2023 semester. This year's events focus on Japan, and include the Japan Festival, martial arts workshops, a Japanese Film Festival, a conversation with former US Ambassador Richard Boucher, and more. The events are open to the MSU Billings campus and the Billings community.