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MSU [broke ground on a new nursing school facility in Great Falls](#). The new building will improve facilities while allowing the Mark and Robyn Jones College of Nursing to increase enrollment at its Great Falls campus by 50% to help offset Montana's health care professionals shortage.

MSU hosted U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland's "Road to Healing" program, part of the secretary's larger Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. Hundreds of survivors and family members of the boarding school system visited MSU to share their stories. MSU was the only university selected as a stop on the tour.

An [Indigenous fashion show](#) drew a standing-room-only crowd to MSU's American Indian Hall on Nov. 13. The cultural outreach event was organized by MSU's American Indian/Alaska Native Student Success Services for Native American Heritage Month.

MSU [earned a prestigious STARS Gold rating](#) in recognition of its comprehensive sustainability achievements from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.

Gallatin College MSU has been designated as a [National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense is in recognition](#) of MSU's high-quality programs that prepare students to protect and promote America's national security and economic prosperity.

Gallatin College MSU held the [second annual Photonic-CON](#) drawing over 500 people to see demonstrations and learn about careers in photonics and manufacturing.

MSU was named part of a new, federally designated [regional technology hub](#) focused on photonics and smart sensor technology, research areas in which MSU has decades of experience.

MSU selected Alison Harmon as its new [vice president for research and economic development](#).

Brian Gillespie, associate professor and associate dean, was [selected as the new dean](#) of the [Jake Jabs College of Business and Entrepreneurship](#).

Doralyn Rossmann, a longtime faculty member, was selected as the new [Dean of the MSU Library](#).

A week of events in November celebrated [first-generation students at MSU](#). The fall enrollment included 2,833 first-generation students, 56% of them being Montana residents.

Papers from [Montana-based writer](#) Thomas McGuane are now available for the public to view at Montana State University's [Library](#).

Engineering professor Chelsea Heveran is lead author of a new paper in the journal Matter that explores incorporating [engineered living materials](#) in building materials.

Gallatin College MSU students demonstrated their [cybersecurity skills](#) at the inaugural Fall Cyber Competition and Career Networking event on Friday, Nov. 17, at the college's East Campus.