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[The 97th Annual Montana State University Billings Commencement Ceremony](#) took place Saturday, May 4, at MetraPark. Approximately 700 students had the opportunity to participate in the Commencement Ceremony this spring. This includes degree candidates from fall 2023, spring 2024, and summer 2024. It was our honor to have Regent Todd Buchanan among the distinguished guests of the platform party and to have him address the graduates. Shaylyn Dilley served as the student speaker.

The Division of Student Access and Success honored student leaders and celebrated outstanding graduates during the [2024 Student Leadership Recognition Program](#) on April 10. Shaylyn Dilley is the 2024 recipient of the Outstanding Undergraduate Student Leadership Award. Also recognized were the winners of the Golden Merit Award. This award recognizes one graduate from each of MSU Billings' five colleges who has demonstrated exceptional achievement and earned recognition in their field of study.

The [Department of Intercollegiate Athletics](#) announced the achievements and success of its student athletes in the classroom during the 2024 spring semester, with its teams averaging a 3.26 grade point average. Out of 236 student athletes, 162 Yellowjackets finished the spring semester with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, with 42 individuals earning a perfect 4.0. The efforts of MSU Billings' student athletes throughout the 2023-24 academic year resulted in a 3.29 overall GPA between the fall and spring semesters.

Despite living nearly 300 miles from Billings, [recent graduate Waycen Owens-Cyr](#) has left his mark at Montana State University Billings. Waycen remained in his hometown of Wolf Point, Montana, while studying for his accounting and finance degree from the MSUB College of Business, which is known for its engaged faculty and flexible course offerings. With classes available in-person, online, or through HyFlex delivery designed to accommodate both traditional and non-traditional students, Waycen was able to complete his degree remotely.

This House of Books and the MSU Billings Department of History cohosted an [author event featuring professor of history Jennifer Lynn, Ph.D.](#) on April 10. Lynn's latest work, *Contested Femininities: Representations of Modern Women in the German Illustrated Press, 1920-1960*, was the feature of the evening. *Contested Femininities* is a comprehensive, long-view study on how varying political and social groups used images of women to convey ideas of modernity and the future of Germany.

Northcutt Steele Gallery presented the 2024 [Annual Juried Student Exhibition](#) April 15 - May 3. Artworks by MSU Billings students were selected for inclusion in the exhibition by invited guest juror Jim Zimpel. Zimpel is currently the associate dean of the Montana State University College of Arts & Architecture and an associate professor of sculpture and extended media.