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Northcutt Steele Gallery was pleased to present the “MSUB Faculty Exhibition 2024” on view from early November to mid-December. An Artist Talk was hosted on November 14, and a reception for the artists was held on November 7. This group exhibition showcases the rich and diverse talents of MSUB Department of Art faculty who work across a broad range of media. The exhibition offers opportunity to introduce new faculty members Ms. Stephanie Dishno and Dr. Brian Leahy. Participating faculty artists include Samantha Cole, Stephanie Dishno, Robin Earles, Mark Earnhart, JJ Higgins, Eric Jensen, Jodi Lightner, Mara Pierce, Keeara Rhoades and Mary Serbe.

The Montana State University Billings [Multicultural Club](#) hosted the 19th Annual International Food Fair on November 15. Nearly two dozen international students and volunteers will prepare dishes representing countries including Brazil, Croatia, Germany, India, Japan, South Korea, Central Asia, Vietnam, Peru, Nepal, the United Kingdom, and Slovakia. The Food Fair was sponsored by the [Associated Students of MSUB Billings](#) and receives the support of Sodexo staff.

MSU Billings recently collaborated with the [Montana Association of Geographic Information Professionals](#) to host a GIS Day event on campus that featured presentations from local and state agencies as well as MSU Billings students. Faculty member [Donald Akanga](#), Ph.D., lent his expertise to an international training program providing advanced training for GIS professionals from several African countries, while one of Akanga’s students, Lak Kloker, completed a highly successful internship with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in their Fort Peck Office. GIS enables users to capture, store, analyze, and display spatial or geographical data, which helps in finding relationships and patterns in data that can be easily visualized. This is highly beneficial in making important decisions in fields as diverse as environmental conservation, urban planning, agriculture, and disaster management.

MSU Billings recently hosted the third annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony on the south steps of the administration building. Families of staff, faculty, students, and community members were all invited. We shared hot chocolate, enjoyed music, and illuminated the clock tower with festive lights. It was a joyous way to open the holiday season.