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The College of Business was awarded the maximum six years of accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

Three MSUB employees were selected as recipients of Billings Gazette’s “40 Under Forty” awards this year. Jessie Perius, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Business Administration; Dillon Deffinbaugh, Director of the Center for Engagement; and Captain Jacob Pancheau, Director of the MSUB ROTC Program, were all selected for their positive contributions to Billings and the surrounding region.

Laura Clark, 1979 graduate of MSUB College of Business and president and CEO of Opportunity Bank of Montana, has been elected to serve on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis’ Board of Directors.

MSU Billings hosted the [annual day of remembrance and service](#) in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 20. The event honored American Civil Rights-era leaders and the lessons to be learned today. In conjunction, the MSUB Center for Engagement collaborated with United Way of Yellowstone County on service projects.

City College Paramedic Instructor Nick Anderson was honored in January by the Billings VFW Post #6774 as 2024 “Firefighter of the Year.” The award honors the bravery and service of the people who protect the community.

Daniel Willems, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biological and Physical Sciences, received a National Institutes of Health equipment grant to purchase a state-of-the-art mass spectrometer and chromatograph instrument that will stimulate undergraduate biomedical research by enabling investigations into disease mechanisms, drug discovery, biomarker identification, and toxicological studies.

Four finalists in the search for MSUB’s next Provost interviewed in late January and February. Candidates met with key university stakeholders at the University and City College campuses over a two-day schedule.

The MSUB Incident Command Team, with assistance from the MSU emergency management leadership, held a successful emergency response tabletop exercise on January 9. The scenario tested the university’s internal communications processes, procedures, and systems.

Following a national search, [Montana State University Billings selected Dan Carter](#) as the new director of University Communications and Marketing. Dan began his role on January 6.

[Yellowjacket Athletics was named a finalist for the NCAA Division II Award of Excellence](#), an accolade recognizing initiatives in the past year that exemplified student-athlete leadership. In partnership with the MSUB Native American Achievement Center, men’s and women’s basketball teams dedicated games to raising awareness of missing and murdered Indigenous people in Montana. The second annual MMIP game was held on January 25.