

December 2018

UM holds its **first-ever Fall Commencement** on Dec. 15, hosting both Senator Tester and Attorney General Tim Fox as speakers.

Five out of six of the **world's most highly cited researchers** living in Big Sky Country hail from UM.

Archeologist Anna Pretiss is named **UM's 12th Regents Professor**.

Joe Biden speaks at UM as part of American Promise Tour.

UM announces its realignment efforts will **retain most programs**.

UM hires Paul Lasiter as its next **vice president for operations and finance**.

Researchers earn **\$700,000 NASA grant** to create tools for reforestation.

UM and the Montana High Tech Business Alliance coordinates **a roundtable with University representatives and 14 Missoula-area tech companies**

Entertainment Management course places **UM students inside local organizations**.

Emma Lommasson, UM's oldest-known living alum and the namesake for the University's Lommasson Center building, turned 107 on Dec. 10. **Check out her birthday video**.

The Late Night Breakfast at UM's Food Zoo gets rowdy when students invite President Seth Bodnar on stage for karaoke. **See the video proof here**.

Former UM quarterback Dave Dickenson officially **enters the College Football Hall of Fame** this month at the National Football Foundation's Annual Awards Banquet in New York.

UM institute reveals that **outfitted and guided experiences** are increasingly important to Montana tourism.

UM students earn high honors at **collegiate opera competition**.

UM's EPIC Pitch Competition awards **prizes to student entrepreneurs**.

The University's **master's degree in music education** recently was named one of the top programs in the nation by OnlineMasters.com.

MontanaPBS **restores public television service** to the Flathead Indian Reservation.

UM's **Grizzly Battalion Army ROTC outperforms** 10 other schools in the Task Force East Ranger Challenge Competition at Fort Harrison, near Helena.