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UM held its **second-ever Fall Commencement** Dec. 14 in the Adams Center. This fall 740 students earned 832 degrees.

A UM researcher has helped reveal how **Yellowstone National Park bison** mow and fertilize their habitat to dramatically affect springtime green-up.

The University **earned full accreditation** for its bachelor's degrees in chemistry from the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Students who participate in UM's Pre-Law Program have a **91% acceptance rate** to law school, a rate much higher than the national average.

UM held a **celebration of life** for Emma Lommasson, a beloved alumna who died at age 107.

The University has created a new course about the **art and science of happiness**.

UM launched its new **Innovation Factory** with 30 days of events.

Dr. Marketa Marvanova was selected to become the **next dean of the Skaggs School of Pharmacy**.

UM researcher Bob Yokelson is among the **1% most highly cited scientists in the world**.

A partnership between a UM center and the State of Montana has yielded rich results – almost **\$16 million in new grants** to fund programs to support children and families.

UM's School of Public and Community Health Sciences has created a **new public health training center** that will offer a one-stop shop for Montana public and population health training.

UM computer scientist Travis Wheeler recently was awarded a **\$1.1 million grant** to develop machine learning approaches to improving the accuracy and speed of sequence annotation.

Beginning fall 2020, UM students interested in studying business will have a **direct-admit program** available for UM's College of Business.

UM President Seth Bodnar and area corporate partners presented at the **Dreamforce conference**.

Two UM nurses are the only ones in the state to be awarded a **prestigious Certificate in Travel Health** from the International Society of Travel Medicine.