UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS CAMPUS REPORT

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The University of Montana moves to remote learning March 23 due to COVID-19 outbreak.

UM cancels its traditional, in-person, spring <u>Commencement</u> while engaging students in a survey to gather input for a fall celebration.

Missoula College health students and programs join the fight against COVID-19.

A UM Regents Professor produces hand sanitizer for first responders.

The UM Foundation launches a <u>UM Emergency Student Support Fund</u>.

A University physician-scientist graduate is <u>on the forefront</u> of studying possible therapeutics for the novel coronavirus.

UM secures a **<u>\$10 million grant</u>** for a new research center focused on population health.

University launches a new **Business Emergency Assistance and Recovery (B.E.A.R.)** Powered by UM initiative to assist businesses negatively impacted by the pandemic.

UM **plans robust infrastructure investments** for safety upgrades, building renovations and new construction.

Two UM students and one employee recently <u>won top awards</u> at the regional conference of NODA – Association for Orientation, Transition and Retention in Higher Education.

The University will award <u>three honorary doctorates</u> this year to Bill Franke, Bonnie HeavyRunner and William S. Yellow Robe Jr.

UM has hired a new College of Humanities and Sciences dean.

A former **National Geographic editor** is teaching UM students.

UM dance students exceled at a regional conference.

A University graduate student earned a prestigious cartography award.

A <u>new UM study</u> finds that less-expensive potato-based foods are just as effective as high-end sports nutrition products at helping female athletes recover from workouts.