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UM's record-setting science surge has continued in its first years as a top-tier "R1" research university.

UM students working with the **Montana Innocence Project helped free Bernard Pease**, who was wrongly convicted 40 years ago for murder.

Students recently **revived UM's beloved Foresters' Ball**.

A UM study revealed the **"Yellowstone" television series generates** 2.1 million annual visitors and \$750 million in spending.

Native artist and UM alumnus Benji Headswift designed a **new logo for the Nike N7 program** at UM, which encourages Indigenous youth to join sports and recreational activities.

A rejuvenated Griz Hockey program at UM is scoring goals and exciting the community at a packed Glacier Ice Rink.

The University unveiled a **new online resource about the Montana Constitution**.

A University study revealed **most Montanans overwhelmingly support grizzly bears**.

UM Entertainment Management alumna **Rachel Gregg now leads Missoula-based Big Sky Documentary Film Festival**, which celebrated its 20th year in February.

A study led by UM's Flathead Lake Biological Station revealed **salmon flies may adapt** better than expected to the rigors of climate change.

Alumna Luella Brien, who studied journalism at UM, is a **key voice in a new Showtime docuseries** about missing and murdered Indigenous women.

UM students are **learning journalism while covering the Montana Legislature**.

The University's **Leading Out West Leadership Development Program** targets building skills and professional networks for the LGBTQIA+ community.

A new UM-led study found **human-caused wildfires cause more destruction** than natural fires across the West.

Jay Famiglietti, who presented a recent edition of UM's President's Lecture Series, discussed **the good, bad and ugly of the global water crisis**.

Recent UM alumna Clarise Larson earned a **national second-place writing award** in the Hearst Journalism Awards program last semester as a journalism student.