

March 2025

UM was **awarded a \$9.4 million gift** from the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation to help keep the best teachers in Montana.

University **research set another record** with a 14% jump in expenditures to \$143.8 million during the past year.

UM's **106th Foresters' Ball**, a beloved tradition that raises funds for the forestry college, honored the memory of those who died in the tragic 1949 Mann Gulch Fire.

The University's pre-law program now boasts a **100% law school admission rate**.

UM earned a **STARS Gold rating for its sustainability efforts**.

The UM-based Montana Climate Office added **37 new monitoring stations** during the past year. The move spread weather, snowpack and soil-moisture instrumentation across Montana.

UM's Neural Injury Center was awarded a **\$4.8 million grant to study Naval aviators**.

The University created an **online school counseling program** to expand rural access.

UM research suggests **reforestation needs in the West** could double or even triple by 2050.

Two UM students studied how **wildfires affect the pristine lakes** of Glacier National Park.

The University landed a **\$500,000 Mellon Foundation Grant** to foster democratic values, revitalize the humanities and support faculty research.

UM students and researchers **banded together for a "duck drive"** at Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.

A UM theater program has sparked statewide **discussions about mental health**.

The **President's Lecture Series** offered renowned poet Jericho Brown in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

UM's Montana Museum of Art and Culture was gifted the **Hager Art Collection**.

The University launched 2025 with **winter fun for students**.

At UM, more than 3,000 undergraduates made the **Fall Semester Dean's List**.

UM-based Montana Public Radio celebrated **60 years of service** to western Montana. The University hired Anne Hosler as the **new director of the Broadcast Media Center**.