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The UM Foundation celebrated several noteworthy fundraising achievements:

- Bill and Carolyn Franke and their family made a transformative [\\$24 million gift](#) to UM's College of Forestry and Conservation and the Global Leadership Initiative. It was the largest single gift in UM history.
- The Haynes Foundation established an endowment of [just over \\$4 million](#) to provide scholarships to undergraduate students who have graduated from a Montana high school.
- The Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation made another generous gift of [\\$3.5 million](#) to expand its innovative statewide math readiness program called EdReady Montana.
- Ian and Nancy Davidson gave a [\\$1.5 million](#) lead gift to launch two new honors programs.

UM's School of Public and Community Health Sciences will offer students [a new doctoral program](#) in public health. The program will train highly qualified public health specialists.

UM's School of Journalism joined other top-tier media schools in the launch of a new Google "[News Lab University Network](#)" in an effort to better train new and existing journalists in data, search and emerging technologies.

[Rebecca Boslough](#), a 2014 UM graduate in resource conservation, has won the prestigious [Marshall Scholarship](#). The award offers graduate study opportunities at British universities to about 30 young Americans each year who will serve as cultural ambassadors and as academic leaders in their chosen field of study.

The National Opera Association will honor [UM Opera Theater's](#) production of "The Gondoliers" as the Opera Production Competition's third-place winner during the national convention in January.

With more than 800 medical student applications, the [University of Montana's Family Medicine Residency of Western Montana](#) will interview a record number of applicants this season. FMRWM especially focuses on identifying and training applicants who are interested in serving rural and underserved patient populations.

UM history [Professor Anya Jabour](#) was appointed the University's 11th Regents Professor during the Nov. 17 Board of Regents meeting in Missoula.

[Allie Keleti](#), a UM track and field athlete, received a Montana Athlete in Service Award from Montana Campus Compact and Gov. Steve Bullock at the Brawl of the Wild Football Game Nov. 19.

The popular MontanaPBS series "[Backroads of Montana](#)" celebrated its silver anniversary Dec. 5.

[UM was named one of America's 100 Best College Buys](#) by Institutional Research & Evaluation Inc., an independent research and consulting organization that specializes in recruiting and retaining students.