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The Gianforte Family Foundation **pledged \$290,000 to UM's Department of Computer Science**. The two-year gift will help the department grow its enrollment capacity, ultimately graduating more computer science majors and minors for careers in Montana's growing technology sector.

Montana University System Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian hosted a series of **listening sessions** regarding the national search for the next UM president.

UM recently **received two honors** from a national organization that measures institutions based on the best practices in military and veteran supportive education.

A UM class titled Can Giving Change the World? **granted \$10,000 to local nonprofits**.

Montana Journalism Review, a UM School of Journalism student-produced publication, released a **special online report** on Dec. 13 analyzing how the media covered the Standing Rock movement against the Dakota Access Pipeline.

UM's **MBA program was ranked No. 13** among the top 50 most affordable programs by TopManagementDegrees.com.

**Three students received awards totaling \$3,000** at the EPIC Pitch Competition, hosted by the Blackstone LaunchPad at UM, the Montana Academy of Distinguished Entrepreneurs and UM School of Business Administration on Dec. 7.

More than 300 UM employees recently participated in the 2016-17 Charitable Giving Campaign by **donating \$96,334 to local charitable organizations**.

UM Assistant Research Professor Shawn Devlin recently **received a national award** for a paper he co-wrote on how methane emission from lakes can be manipulated by altering the food web.

UM's English Language Institute **earned highest level of accreditation**.

The Rapier Family Foundation **pledged \$200,000** toward Missoula College's Culinary Arts Program.

UM celebrated its **100th Foresters' Ball** Feb. 3-4

UM research finds **soil fungi** help tree seedlings survive and influence forest diversity.

UM President Sheila Stearns launched spring semester with a **State of the University** Address focused on tackling UM's enrollment challenge and producing a new strategic plan.

**UM ranked No. 5** in North America for its scholarly productivity in the field of ecology, according to a recent study published in the journal Ecosphere.

**The Branch Center**, a community space for student diversity and inclusion, had its grand opening Feb. 1.

UM President Sheila Stearns and her husband, Hal, received 2017 **Governor's Humanities Awards** during a Jan. 26 ceremony at the state Capitol in Helena.

UM recently was named one of the **10 best universities for mountain bikers** by Singletracks.com.

At UM, 2,425 students made the fall semester **2016 Dean's List and President's 4.0 List**.