

Nov. 16-17, 2017

The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities gave UM high marks during the culmination of its latest seven-year review by renewing the University's [accreditation with no recommendations](#).

UM celebrated the grand opening of its [new Missoula College Building](#).

UM College of Education and Human Sciences received a [\\$10 million gift](#) from the Washington Foundation

[The Montana Native Botanic Garden](#) celebrated 50 year anniversary in August.

Donors stepped up to support UM in a big way this year, topping [\\$50 million](#) for the fourth year in a row.

UM was named to the [Princeton Review's](#) 2018 list of top four-year colleges and universities in North America.

UM passed a rigorous scientific review to become an official university partner of the U.S. Department of the Interior's [Northwest Climate Science Center](#).

UM Dining furthered its [commitment to supporting local food and business services](#) by incorporating more local products into its Bear Hugs care packages.

A \$5,000 donation allowed UM's [Pursue Your Passion women's entrepreneurial program](#) to expand with facilitators and fellowships.

UM named alumna [Rosi Keller](#) to serve as interim vice president for administration and finance.

More than 160 incoming students embarked on a four-day backcountry trip through [UM's Freshman Wilderness Experience](#) – the largest group in the program's history.

The American Chemical Society named [Nick Natale](#), UM professor of medicinal chemistry, to its 2017 class of ACS Fellows.

UM's political science honor society received a [national award](#).

Curry Health Center Wellness kicked off a new [Student Wellness Advocate program](#).

UM journalism students won [2017 Regional Awards of Excellence](#).

Montana research group harvested stellar [solar eclipse data](#).

The American Fisheries Society recently recognized Professor Lisa Eby with one of its top [national awards](#).

UM received a top spot on two national lists for its [service to students on the autism spectrum](#).

Board of Regents approved naming south wing of the Liberal Arts Building [Eck Hall](#) in recognition of the \$8.3 million contribution made by alumnus Dennis Eck and his wife, Gretchen.

[Betsy Wackernagel Bach](#), a communication studies professor, was named the 2017 recipient of the Donald H. Ecroyd Award for Outstanding Teaching in Higher Education.

Two UM researchers received [National Science Foundation fellowships](#).

UM's Master of Public Administration Program [ranked among top affordable online programs](#).

UM landed [\\$1.8M](#) grant to integrate behavioral health services into primary care.

[Freshman enrollment](#) increased at UM.

UM selected to receive [positive engagement grant](#).

UM [graduate student earned two fellowships](#) to conduct research in France.

UM School of Theatre & Dance built a replica of Shakespeare's [Globe Theatre](#).

A new UM faculty member landed [\\$1.8 million grant](#) to study intracellular bacteria that infect most insects.

UM [research center will survey military bases](#) for four potential federally listed species.