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UM surged past its **\$400 million** Campaign Montana fundraising goal.

UM joined strategic partners on Oct. 28 to launch the **Tech Skills for Tomorrow Initiative**, an effort aimed at providing education and training to address high-tech workforce needs.

The Alexander Blewett III School of Law at the University of Montana is now **ranked 10th in the nation** for best value by PreLaw Magazine, moving up one spot from a year ago.

With a little help from robots, UM faculty member Sara Rinfret recently **won a national pitch competition** designed to enhance student education.

Research led by a UM undergraduate student to **identify less error-prone methods** for performing wildlife surveys was published Oct. 20 in Ecological Applications.

UM's **Big Sky Poll discovered** Montanans have mixed views about the impeachment of President Donald Trump, the economy and the job performance of elected officials.

This fall, Montana Public Radio's pledge drive **raised \$276,000** for local news, entertainment and music programming. The pledge drive, which ran Oct. 9-15, had a goal of \$250,000.

The Payne family donated \$5 million for the Montana Museum of Art and Culture to jumpstart fundraising for a **new museum building**.

Longtime UM supporters Dennis and Gretchen Eck **pledged \$1.25 million** to support the S.E.A. Change Initiative for UM Students and renovation of Jeannette Rankin Hall.

UM alumni Summerfield "Sam" and Julie Baldrige have **donated \$1 million** to fund an expansion of UM's Clinical Psychology Center.

The Baucus Institute hosted two free events at UM on Oct. 10 featuring national figures Max Baucus, Michael Punke, Gloria Riviera and Jim Sciutto.

The Mansfield Library placed **120 years of Montana Kaimin** newspapers online.

Thanks to a **\$1 million U.S. Department of Justice grant**, UM will lead a statewide effort to improve school safety.

UM Flathead Lake Biological Station, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and partners used a citizen science project to help Flathead Lake **maintain high water quality**.

Keith Morrison of "Dateline" recites UM's "Up With Montana" fight song.

President Bodnar launches "**Adventures in Our Backyard**" video series.