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The University of Montana has been named the **top university in the country for service to its community and the country**, according to Washington Monthly.

UM welcomed more than 1,351 first-year students to campus this fall, marking the **largest incoming class at the state's flagship university in six years**.

UM recently secured \$5.1 million in federal grants for the new Office of Health Research & Partnership, which will work to **boost health care service for rural Montana**.

Working with the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, the University opened a **new on-campus telehealth site** to help student and faculty member veterans receive convenient VA care.

The Student Advocacy Resource Center at UM recently earned a \$300,000 federal **grant to offer critical support for domestic violence and sexual assault prevention**.

Missoula College is training a diverse group of students with its heavy equipment operation and commercial licensing program to **help fill a critical trucker shortage**.

UM recently partnered with representatives from Cascade County to develop a **new three-hour course for law enforcement** that looks at the lasting effects of combat in military veterans.

UM researchers in the W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation are working to help all 50 states to help **clarify and streamline their hunting regulations**.

UM student Nick Mills used a dual-degree program to land an **internship with the White House Council on Environmental Quality**.

A UM-based program has **expanded its residency physician medical services** to include Greater Valley Health Center's location in Hungry Horse.

UM scientists have found increased plant growth currently is **offsetting the growing greenhouse-gas release of thawing permafrost**.

UM celebrated alumni smokejumpers with a **film titled "Higgins Ridge."**

Alumnus Andrew Pitsch **asked his beloved to marry him with an engraved brick** near the Grizzly Bear statue on the UM Oval.

The University will present a posthumous **honorary doctorate to Emma Bravo Lommasson**, who spent 58 years at UM as a student and employee.

The author Sierra Crane Murdoch, a Pulitzer Prize finalist, will serve as the **2023 Kittredge Distinguished Visiting Writer in Environmental Studies** at UM.