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UM's innovative Wild Sustenance [course introduces students to hunting.](#)

A UM graduate student helped discover that a [parasite in Yellowstone National Park wolves](#) makes them more likely to take risks and become pack leaders.

UM student Beatrix Frissell [earned a prestigious Marshall Scholarship](#), one of the world's premier merit-based academic honors. She already was a Truman and Demmer Scholar.

The University [hired Dr. Karla Bird](#) as its next tribal outreach specialist.

The Phyllis J. Washington College of Education was [recognized for its national excellence](#) by a prominent accrediting council.

Chemistry Professor Aaron Thomas helped bring a \$2.5 million grant to the University from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute to [promote diversity in STEM fields](#). UM also received a [\\$250,000 gift from the Cognizant Foundation](#) to promote its Montana American Indians in Math and Science program.

UM's Mansfield Center was awarded [\\$7.5 million from the State Department](#) to support nationwide foreign scholar exchanges.

The University's [Defense Critical Language and Culture Program](#) provides a critical role in teaching languages and cultural competencies to members of the military.

UM's [online graduation program in public health](#) was ranked among the best nationally.

UM recently was awarded a \$1.4 million federal grant to [improve the maternal mortality rate](#) across Montana – especially among rural Native American populations.

Alumni authors Mandy Smoker Broaddus and Natalie Peeterse [created a graphic novel](#), "Thunderous," to better represent strong Native American characters.

UM hosted the 57th annual [Montana Model United Nations Conference](#) on campus with more than 250 students from 12 high schools.

Graduate student Kyra Clark-Wolf studied forest [recovery after the 2017 Lolo Peak Fire](#) near Missoula.

A UM class studied and prepared [a likely lunch for the year 2100.](#)

The University [celebrated the 50th anniversary of Title IX](#) with a series of events to celebrate equality, access and justice.