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Roommates Vivianne Ostheimer and Cadence Hatten were both **named 2026 Truman Scholars**. Trumans are among the most competitive honors available to college students.

UM journalism students **won big at the National Hearst Championships**, often called the “Pulitzers of college journalism.”

Three UM students – Susan Connelly, Elannah Flat Lip and Vivianne Ostheimer – were named **2026 Udall Scholars**. UM is No. 1 in the nation for earning Udalls.

The University announced its top scholarships for incoming fall 2026 students. **Presidential Leadership Scholars** were named, as well as **Provost and Dean’s Scholars**.

Nearly 2,800 UM students made the **Dean’s List or the President’s 4.0 List**.

More than **2,000 UM students graduated** after spring semester 2026.

UM’s Bella Wengappuly recently was named a **2026-27 Goldwater Scholar**, earning one of the nation’s top undergraduate honors for students pursuing research careers.

The University has partnered with the U.S. Forest Service for **Smokey Bear apparel**. The proceeds will benefit wildfire prevention.

UM has created an aphasia program to **advance the recovery of stroke survivors**.

A UM doctoral student and his colleagues have published a study about how the fractured rock that makes up the Mountain West **may sustain ecosystems during drought**.

University chemist Dong Wang earned a grant to study how to **make pharmaceutical manufacturing more sustainable**.

UM teamed with NASA via the **Big Sky, Bigger Dreams initiative** to provide telescopes to libraries across Montana that can be checked out.

UM student researcher Josh Beisel **studies vanishing whitebark pine** in Montana’s high country.

A new beer, commissioned for the UM Alumni Association’s 125th anniversary, is on tap at Missoula Draught Works.

UM law student Lori Blumenthal is ready for her post-graduation **water master role**.

Student government business manager Liam Edwards maximized his experience at UM and is now prepping for a career in accounting.