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The Board of Regents **hired Dr. Jeremiah Shinn** to serve as the 20th University of Montana President.

UM launched a new **“health communities dashboard.”** an interactive online map of the state that puts significant public health data in one centralized location.

UM Students Competed at 37th Annual Ruffatto Business Startup Challenge, one of the region’s most competitive business startup competitions.

UM graduate student Emily Harman channeled the grief of losing her father towards **winning one of the region’s top writing awards.**

UM’s signature AI initiative, the Future Project, **earned national recognition.**

The University of Montana’s Living Lab and SpectrUM Discovery Area recently received a \$1.3 million National Institutes of Health grant to connect area high school students to UM faculty around the theme of **“The Changing Brain.”**

UM computer scientists are looking to make big investments to **improve the modeling of melting Greenland glaciers.**

UM’s College of Business successfully **hosted the inaugural Women in Business Symposium** in March.

UM named the next Boone and Crockett Professor, who will help lead the institution’s famed wildlife biology program.

The **UM Alumni Association launched the Griz Paths Series** to better connect students with successful UM alumni.

UM hosted the Presidential Lecture Series with **award-winning journalist and obituary project partner Jad Abumrad.**

The Kyiyo Pow Wow, **one of the nation’s longest-running student-organized powwows,** successfully took place in April.

UM doctoral students advance research into the connections between **wildfire smoke and human health.**

Find more UM graduation outcome stories on the UM news page.