

November 2020

UM's "**Campaign Montana – Think Big. Be Bold**" inspired \$450.9 million in giving from 34,000 donors, making it the most successful higher education fundraising campaign in state history.

The **University received the largest single research award in its history**. The National Institutes of Health awarded \$33.4 million for the development of opioid vaccines.

The **Army Corps of Engineers awarded a \$21 million contract** to the Montana Climate Office at UM to install weather stations in the Upper Missouri River Basin.

UM launched a new partnership with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services to **process COVID-19 tests on campus**, increasing the state's testing capacity.

Four UM faculty members were named **Montana University System Teaching Scholars**.

The **law bar pass rate at UM surged to 94.5%** in July – 19% higher than the national average.

The UM **College of Business once again tops the Big Sky Conference**, according to the U.S. News and World Report 2021 rankings.

Despite a global pandemic and an economic decline, **students are flocking to the three graduate business degrees** offered by the University.

The University introduced a **new undergraduate degree in public health** this fall, as well as a **new undergraduate certificate in nonprofit administration**.

UM **plans to offer students a winter session** Nov. 30-Dec. 18.

The National Science Foundation has awarded UM and its partners **\$740,000 to boost the representation of American Indian and Alaska Native students in STEM** disciplines.

The Montana Board of Regents recently approved the creation of the **American Indian Governance and Policy Institute** at UM.

Monica Serban's UM research team has earned **three awards totaling \$3.9 million** to study preventing hearing loss among U.S. troops, fighting ear infections and creating synthetic skin.

The University selected seven outstanding graduates for its **Distinguished Alumni Award**.

UM geosciences graduate student Nicholas E. Thiros was **one of 52 graduate students nationwide to receive funding** this year from a U.S. Department of Energy program.

The University hired women for two major roles: **Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Mary Kreta** and **College of Business Dean Suzanne Tilleman**.

The public can buy historic bricks once part of UM's Oval walkways.