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Enrollment at the University of Montana's four-year flagship campus **jumped nearly 6% this fall** – the largest rise in 15 years.

UM is launching the state's **first public occupational therapy program**. The first students will begin the new program in fall 2025.

The **Grizzly Marching Band** is hitting a high note with growing membership.

UM was chosen for a \$600,000 federal grant to **deliver cybersecurity education** to teachers and students in a five-state region.

The University's **Surgical Technology Program ranks** among the top 10 nationally.

UM grads recently **sold their tech startup, Pathlabs**. It was one of the largest such sales in state history.

UM recently acquired a **200-piece modern art collection**.

Scientists at UM's Flathead Lake Biological Station helped discover an **iron deficiency in the ocean's "twilight zone."**

UM student Mason Derendinger works for a Missoula tech company, attends business college classes and collaborated with a UM paper about **how students use generative AI**.

Emily St. John Mandel, **bestselling author of the novel "Station Eleven,"** presented a lecture at UM. "Station Eleven" is this fall's Griz Read for incoming UM students.

Five recipients recently were chosen for **UM's Distinguished Alumni Award**. Additionally, Loren and Michele Hansen were honored with the University's **Bucklew Service Award**.

UM's School Psychology Program recently earned the **highest level of accreditation approval** from the National Association of School Psychologists.

UM athletic training student Audrey Missildine is back working on the Griz sidelines after working an **internship with the NFL's Buffalo Bills**.

Nicole Lopez, a UM biology doctoral student, has completed groundbreaking **research on antler evolution**.

Law student Craig Rigdon, a woodworker in his first career, **carved and created his own table** for his UM legal studies.

UM's Mansfield Center earned a \$10 million grant to **strengthen ties with Southeast Asia**.