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The University of Montana graduated more than 900 students during **Fall Commencement**.

The University presented public media champion William Marcus with an honorary doctorate.

A UM College of Business class pairs data analytics with beer.

UM researchers and community officials in Arlee have worked together on a project since 2017 to promote mental health. Their efforts recently resulted in a <u>major national honor</u>.

This year <u>the Zoo Crew</u>, UM's rambunctious student section, has grown to 370 members who passionately pack the stands at all Griz athletic events.

The National Institutes of Health recently awarded UM an \$11 million grant with this goal: Create a research center to **improve the health of all Montanans**.

UM and Missoula College are arming the next generation of **cybersecurity professionals**.

The University was named a gold-level **Bicycle Friendly University**.

The <u>Grizzly Marching Band</u> is hitting a high note with growing membership. Nearly 150 students participated in the band during fall semester.

You don't need to "Force" students to join UM's popular Lightsaber Club.

University researchers are working to improve understanding of two of Montana's signature animals: bighorn sheep and mountain goats.

New UM research suggests the Earth is "taking deeper breaths" as the climate warms.

Montana's Poet Laureate will teach students as UM's **2025 Kittredge Distinguished Visiting Writer** in Environmental Studies.

UM alumna Kaylene Big Knife created the <u>Native Griz logo</u> for UM's third annual campaign inspired by the Nike N7 program, which encourages Indigenous youth to join in sports.

UM earned a federal \$3.75 million Mental Health Professional Demonstration Grant to <u>increase</u> the number and diversity of school psychologists across Montana.

UM alumnus Joe Zecher works as a <u>range rider</u>, monitoring cattle and wildlife on the landscape to help reduce conflicts between livestock and predators like wolves and bears.

<u>Can the Cats</u> and Can the Griz food drives brought in a total of 1.3 million dollars and pounds of food for those in need.