## MONTANA UNIVERSITY OF CAMPUS REPORT

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Student Taylor Ferguson uses her University of Montana education to blend biology with ballet, **choreographing an epic sandhill crane dance**.

<u>Can art save salmon</u>? Ayla Kaltenecker already sells her conservation artwork online and is building her skills with a UM double-major in wildlife biology and media arts.

A <u>UM dual-enrollment program</u> puts Frenchtown High School graduates on the fast track to higher education.

Grizzly Esports just scored its first national champion video game team.

UM unveiled Grizzly Gate, a <u>new landmark sign</u> at the edge of campus.

Love for amphibians and wetlands powered UM's Hannah Hornyak to <u>win a prestigious Udall</u> <u>Scholarship</u>.

Recent UM graduate Carl Shaw turned his ranch work ethic into a <u>successful direct-to-</u> <u>consumer beef company</u>.

UM students and researchers are studying whether improved signage can <u>reduce bear</u> <u>mortality in America's national parks</u>.

The University recently released its scholarship lists for top incoming freshmen. Read more about the **Presidential Leadership Scholars** and **Provost and Dean's Honors Scholars**. The Max Baucus Institute also named its **2025 Baucus Leader Scholars**.

Nearly 2,800 UM students made the <u>spring 2025 Dean's List or President's 4.0 List</u>. Additionally, <u>more than 1,800 students graduated</u> from UM this spring.

Graduate Abigail Miller has left behind a skiing legacy at UM.

The University earned an A+ grade for its elementary math teacher preparation.

UM senior Daazhraii Alexander <u>created a science-fiction screenplay</u>, "Tooth," that explores survival and identity.

The University recently partnered with Blackfoot Communications on a <u>critical cybersecurity</u> <u>effort</u>.

A new UM course allowed students to <u>help stroke survivors</u> at the intersection of human, wildlife and environmental health.

Recent UM graduate Taylor Sadewic was called to <u>help neurodiverse students</u> on campus.