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The University of Montana was named the <u>No. 1 "Military Friendly" college</u> in the United States among tier-1 research institutions.

<u>UM's latest Goldwater Scholar</u>, Lydia Garrick, plans to pursue a doctorate in drug design.

UM alumna Courtney Bentz was named <u>the University's first Luce Scholar</u>, earning a fellowship for immersive professional experiences in Asia.

The University <u>will present honorary doctorates</u> to Steven Rinella, the host of the "MeatEater" television series, and Eric Sprunk, former chief operating officer for Nike Inc.

UM's Paramedicine Program at Missoula College has earned national accreditation.

Multiple UM veteran students are thriving as part of the **University's Woodsman Team**.

The University held its Kyiyo Celebration, one of the nation's <u>longest running student-led</u> <u>powwows</u>, April 18-19.

UM has launched a <u>new Startup Studio</u> in the University Center to promote student entrepreneurship. UM held a ribbon-cutting celebration for a <u>new CyberLab in the College of Business</u>, as well as a new <u>Makerspace Creativity Hub</u>, also in the UC, to boost creativity and entrepreneurship for students of all disciplines.

UM and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have teamed to create a PurpleAir network across the Flathead Indian Reservation to <u>study wildfire smoke exposure</u>.

The UM School of Journalism's Dean Stone Lecture featured accomplished <u>father-and-daughter photographers</u> Chris and Louise Johns.

Diane Burke, a cybersecurity professor and director of UM's CyberMontana, was recognized as a **top female role model and leader** in her field.

The UM School of Journalism added a **concentration in public health** to its graduate program.

UM researcher Mark Hebblewhite reflected on the legacy of 30 years since <u>wolves were</u> <u>reintroduced</u> to Yellowstone National Park.

The University put out a <u>call to Native artists</u> to be featured in its top-selling retail line.

U.S. Forest Service <u>mules arrived on campus</u> April 1 to launch the fifth annual Summer Kickoff, which promotes summer courses and other student opportunities.

Students are enjoying the "Rockin' Rebels" class about the worldwide impacts of Irish music.