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The University of Montana celebrated 2.3% enrollment growth and record retention this fall.

<u>Grizzly Athletics contributes more than \$94 million</u> in total spending for Missoula-area businesses annually according to a new report.

Griz Nation "partied like is was 1995" for <u>Homecoming</u> to honor the University's first football national championship.

UM unveiled a limited run of <u>vintage clothing</u> featuring its former copper, silver and gold colors.

Did you know that UM alumna Carrie Hunt invented bear spray in the 1980s?

The world's largest firms are recruiting UM business students.

UM student researcher Iris McKean spent part of her summer <u>studying rhinoceros beetles</u> in Japan.

The University was awarded a **\$1.2** million grant for youth behavioral health programs and career pathways in rural Montana, addressing youth wellness and workforce development.

UM launched the semester with two new deans for reorganized colleges.

Researcher Troy Magney was selected as the first <u>W.A. Franke Endowed Faculty Chair in</u> <u>Forest Conservation</u>.

UM's School of Public and Community Health recently earned re-accreditation.

The University honored four with 2025 **Distinguished Alumni Awards**.

UM doctoral student Wesley Sarmento demonstrated how <u>drones are useful for hazing bears</u> away from human areas. The University has emerged as a <u>drone-training hub for Montana</u>.

"Signal," a sculpture by famed artist Rudy Autio, was reinstalled on campus.

<u>A hundred high school musicians</u> performed with UM's Grizzly Marching Band in Washington-Grizzly Stadium for Band Day.

University songbird research will help reveal extent of mining impacts near Anaconda.

UM's <u>latest journalism Pollner Professor</u> spent two decades with the Washington Post. She will teach Reporting from Rural America and advise the student newspaper.

Alumnus Joe Whittinghill was honored with the UM Foundation's **Bucklew Service Award**.