



Oct. 1-6 marked another successful Homecoming week for campus and community. Check out our [2018 Homecoming Flickr album](#) to enjoy some highlights from Griz Nation celebrating being “Montana Strong!”

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Welcome to Alumni Insider, the e-newsletter of the University of Montana Alumni Association. Through this publication, you'll be the first to know about alumni news and upcoming events that keep you connected to campus and your classmates. Thank you for your continued support, and go Griz!



Welcome, new members!

We'd like to give a warm welcome and a special thanks to our newest lifetime UMAA members. We appreciate your support in continuing the UM tradition!

- **Perry Blaney '15**, M.Acct. '17
Missoula
- **James Eggart '98** and **Carly Croskrey '97**, Anaheim, CA
- **Teresa Gruba**, M.Acct. '88,
Missoula
- **Amy Ratto Parks**, M.F.A., M.A., '04,
Ed.D, '15, Missoula
- **Shane Daniel Parks '17, '18**, Bigfork
- **Steven '90**, and **Susan Simon '90**,
Redmond, WA

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Service Snapshots

In honor of "A Celebration of Service" week in October, UM alumni showed their commitment to giving back to their communities. Here are some photos of the ways Griz give back.



As a member of RACES, Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service, **Joan Kyle-Baerman '69** helps provide radio in emergencies and communication for events throughout her area.



Garry Kerr '85, an anthropology professor at UM, will lead a group of students to Tanzania this January to plant trees



Mick Hanson '76 volunteers at the Emmaus House Campus Ministries in Missoula.

abroad.



Russell '75 and Kristin McKinley '80 have volunteered for more than 40 years, from helping with community organizing in Appalachia to distributing food in Arizona.



Russell and Kristin McKinley 40 years ago.



Former Distinguished Alumni Darrel Choate '65, '67, and Clair Daines '62 help the Noon Rotary Club clean up the highway near Bozeman.

Upcoming events

**Saturday,
Nov. 17**

[118th Brawl of the Wild, Missoula; Griz/Cat watch parties nationwide](#)

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Congrats!



Congratulations to our six Legacy Scholarship winners, who were honored this year during Homecoming. For information on the Legacy Scholarship winners or to help donate for next year's scholarships, contact UMAA.

Congrats also to the five 2018 Distinguished Alumni who have used their UM education to make significant contributions to their career fields. From artist Paul Lewing '69, M.F.A. '72, to historian Sheila Skemp '67, UMAA is proud of each of them!

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Wanted: Griz/Cat Watch Party Coordinators



Don't miss the 118th Brawl of the Wild on Saturday, Nov. 17!

Every November, UMAA is proud to sponsor Griz/Cat watch parties across the country so UM alumni and fans can take part in this treasured Montana tradition from wherever they are.

Kickoff for this year's Brawl of the Wild is slated for noon MST Saturday, Nov. 17, in Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Find a watch party location near you on our [Griz/Cat watch party](#)

[page](#). Be sure to share your photos on social media using #GrizCat18!

UM coordinators are still needed in the following locations: **Fresno, CA; Atlanta, GA; Great Falls, MT; Las Vegas, NV; Glendive, MT; Dallas, TX; and Madison, WI.** If you or someone you know might be interested, email jodi.moreau@umontana.edu as soon as possible.

Go Griz!

Alumni Invited to Learn “Value-Driven Marketing”



Have you ever wished you'd taken a marketing class in college but never had the chance? Maybe you've taken a marketing class, but it's been a year...or two...or 10 or 20.

Now you can learn all about the fundamentals of marketing in today's rapidly changing world with "Value-Driven Marketing," a new course designed to help your marketing strategy write itself. Offered by the School of Extended & Lifelong Learning and presented by UMAA exclusively for alumni, this course will offer great tips on creating change and connecting to customers.

All UMAA members receive a discounted rate of \$100. The class begins Tuesday, Nov. 6, and runs through Thursday, Dec. 6.

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Can't make it to the classes? Don't worry, we are preparing the class to be taken on demand later for those who can't attend.

Can the Cats for a Good Cause

#CanTheCats #MontanaStrong #406K

NOV. 3 - 17

2018 Grizzly Goal: 406,000 LBS

www.CanTheCats.com



The yearly Can the Cats food drive is a friendly, off-field competition between Missoula and Bozeman and their universities to see who can raise the most donations over a two-week period leading up to the Brawl of the Wild football game. All food and donations from the Missoula area benefit the Missoula Food Bank & Community Center.

This year, Can the Cats begins Saturday, Nov. 3, and runs through Saturday, Nov. 17. Each dollar donation equals one pound of food. Last year, UM and the Missoula community raised 394,078 pounds of food/funds. The goal for the 2018 Can the Cats is 406,000 pounds.

[Read why the Bobcats are so worried this year](#)

Some statistics:

- Each weekend, 1,000 children throughout Missoula face chronic hunger while away from school. Missoula Food Bank's EmPower Pack program provides these kids with a small supply of food for the weekend.
- The Missoula Food Bank & Community Center delivers groceries to 650 seniors monthly.
- Through MFB&CC's Food Circle program, nearly two million pounds of food is distributed to people struggling with hunger instead of going into a landfill.

To make a donation, visit the [Can the Cats page](#) on the Missoula Food Bank site.

Applications Wanted for Grizzly of the Last Decade Award



GRIZZLY OF THE LAST DECADE

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA **ALUMNI** Award

UMAA is still accepting applications for the new Grizzly of the Last Decade award. If you have graduated from UM within the past 10 years and received recognition for your career achievements – or know of someone who has – please consider nominating for this exciting new award.

Applications are due by Monday, Dec. 31.

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Giving Tuesday

On Tuesday, Nov. 27, UM will join #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving. As part of this powerful movement, UM alumni, friends, employees and students will come together to make a big impact on our University.

Every time you give to UM, you're saying education matters. A UM education trains leaders, powers research and fuels dreams. Every dollar raised impacts the UM student experience.

Visit the [UM Foundation webpage](#) for more information.



Listen to “A New Angle” Podcast



“A New Angle” is a podcast about cool people doing awesome things in and around the great state of Montana. Hosted and produced by Justin Angle, associate professor of marketing and the Warren & Betsy Wilcox Faculty Fellow at the UM College of Business, the podcast releases new episodes every Tuesday featuring guests with amazing stories to tell.

Past guests include Pearl Jam’s Jeff Ament, UM President Seth Bodnar, former Secretary of the Treasury and President of Harvard Emeritus Larry Summers, and UM’s new Vice President of Enrollment and Strategic Communications Cathy Cole.

In the coming weeks, tune in for interviews with New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd, creator of the award-winning “Threshold” podcast Amy Martin, best-selling author Cheryl Strayed and legendary recording engineer, musician and Missoula native Steve Albini.

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Alumni Spotlight

UM Alumna Wins ‘Genius Award’

Lisa Parks '90, Cambridge, MA, recently won a 2018 MacArthur Fellowship, also

known as a “genius award.” Parks is a media scholar and professor at MIT who is renowned for her research on information technology and its global affects.

MacArthur Fellows receive a \$625,000 award over five years to help them in their creative pursuits. Parks plans to use her grant to help support her Global Media

Technologies and Cultures Lab, which studies satellites and modern culture, as well as a potential technology project with Blackfeet Community College.



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Campus Spotlight

UM Tops in Montana, According to World University Rankings



UM is the highest-ranked institution of higher learning in the state, according to the 2019 World University Rankings.

Founded in 2004, The Times Higher Education World University Rankings provide a definitive list of the world’s best universities. Institutions are evaluated for teaching, research, international outlook, reputation and more.

The organization ranked UM among the best 401 to 500 universities in the world. In addition, UM’s education curriculum was ranked even higher in the 251-300 range. The next-highest ranked university in Montana was in the 501-600 range.

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News About the U

Seth Bodnar Installed as President During Service Weekend

In the midst of “A Celebration of Service” weekend at UM, Seth Bodnar was officially installed as UM’s 19th president on Oct. 25.

Bodnar decided to forgo a large, traditional inauguration ceremony to instead focus on a weekend dedicated to service, with events such as food packaging for local families and a toy drive.

He also honored everyone “driven by a call to service” during his brief inauguration ceremony on the steps of Main Hall.



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[Watch President Bodnar's video on service.](#)

More Campus Headlines

[UM Foundation Launches Historic Fundraising Campaign](#)

[UM Law School Named to National Best Value List](#)

[UM Earns Millions in Grants to Develop Universal Flu Vaccine](#)

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Do you know a high school student who would make a great Griz in the future? Help jump start their UM experience by referring them to our Admissions team. Click on the button below to get them signed up!



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Keep your UMAA membership up to date

Is your UMAA membership set to expire this month? You can [renew it quickly and securely online](#) today. Don't forget to sign up for auto-renewal to ensure your membership, and the benefits that come with it, never lapses. We are grateful for your support!

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