

WELCOME TO YOUR

# BIG SKY EXPERIENCE



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# *WELCOME TO YOUR* **BIG SKY EXPERIENCE**

*FROM THE DIRECTOR FOR NEW STUDENT SUCCESS*

We are so excited to show you all the opportunities awaiting you in the next few years. As you begin your Big Sky Experience, you're stepping into more than just a week of welcome - you're beginning your journey in *The Montana Way*: an education designed to help you live boldly, learn deeply, and lead with purpose.

Over the next few days, you'll start building friendships, exploring your new home away from home, and getting a feel for both the academic and social expectations of this community. You'll be a little bit silly, a little bit serious, and have a whole lot of fun along the way. And, all of it is part of something bigger. At UM, we are committed to helping you develop not just career readiness, but a life of meaning and well-being, and a foundation in leadership and service.

First, I'd like to introduce you to some people who are about to become incredibly important in your journey, the UM Advocates.



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**The University of Montana Advocates** are a select group of more than 60 student leaders who will be your guides throughout your entire first year at UM and beyond. Their mission is to create and represent community through acts of service, while embodying acceptance, living purposefully, and fostering growth. In many ways, they are a living example of The Montana Way in action. They will serve as your Big Sky Experience leaders over the next few days, and continue as mentors, connectors, and guides throughout your first year. They will be looking for you at the end of your first year, too, when they host The Big Event – a campus-wide day of service and celebration.

Beyond that, they represent the University across campus and in the broader community, supporting everything from the Alumni Association to the President's Office. They are here to help you find your place, your people, and your purpose.

Visit [umt.edu/advocates](http://umt.edu/advocates) to learn more and meet the team!



While this week of welcome is just the beginning, our commitment to you extends far beyond these first few days. We know that starting somewhere new can feel overwhelming, and The Montana Way is built on the idea that you should be supported not just at the start, but throughout your entire journey.

You can return to your online New Student Orientation at any time, and your UM Advocate will remain a consistent point of connection throughout your first year. You'll see them across campus, and we encourage you to stop and say hello, ask a question, or just check in. They are here to support you every step of the way.

And don't forget about this booklet! It's a valuable guide to the many resources, services, and opportunities available to you as you grow here at UM.

Now, let's get started. We are so excited to welcome you to the University of Montana and to support you as you begin your Big Sky Experience and your journey along The Montana Way.

**WELCOME TO THE  
GRIZ FAMILY**



*Devin Carpenter*

Devin Carpenter  
Director for New Student Success





# THE SENTINEL

## UM NEWS & UPDATES FOR STUDENTS

The Sentinel is your official hub for UM news, deadlines, and resources. When you create your account, you can choose the type of info you want and how often you want it. Then, sit back and watch your inbox for a **personalized email newsletter** tailored to your interests. Whether you want weekly updates or just a monthly check-in, you're in control. Think of The Sentinel as your digital Grizzly den—keeping you informed, connected, and ready for whatever's next in your UM journey.

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# QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

## **AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT SERVICES (406) 243-6306**

Dedicated to Native American enrollment, achievement, and success at the University of Montana and provides mentoring and support as students and their families negotiate academic life and their transition to UM.

## **CAMPUS DINING (406) 243-6325**

Operates 19 unique dining concepts across campus and offers three unique dining plans to make sure students get the nutrition and quality food they deserve. Our super-friendly staff and inviting facilities make students feel right at home.

## **CURRY HEALTH CENTER (406) 243-2122**

Provides quality, affordable, accessible health care for students and promotes a healthy campus by treating all people with dignity and respect.

## **DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE (406) 243-5325**

Promotes student success through resource connection, upholding community standards, and providing intentional interventions and support. If you're not sure which office to contact, we can help you navigate campus resources. You can even submit an easy [self-referral form](#) to connect with us.

## **EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AND CAREER SUCCESS (406) 243-2022**

From student jobs and internships to volunteer work and undergraduate research, ELCS connects you with hands-on experiences that build skills and confidence for your future.

## **MILITARY AND VETERAN SERVICES (406) 243-2744**

Helps veterans and their family members use their VA Education Benefits and provides programming for student veterans.

## **OFFICE FOR DISABILITY EQUITY (406) 243-2243**

Ensures that programs at UM are accessible and usable by students with disabilities. Access is a civil right; therefore, reasonable modifications must be made.

## **OFFICE FOR STUDENT SUCCESS (406) 243-2800**

Helps students transition smoothly to college, remain enrolled, and progress in a program of study to graduate in a timely manner.

## **OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR (406) 243-5600**

Provides formal validation of teaching and learning. The registrar is the official custodian of student academic records. As such, this office plans and conducts student registration, provides support for academic grading and advising and much more.

## **STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES**

### **FINANCIAL AID (406) 243-5373**

Supports students' educational goals by equitably distributing financial resources within the bounds of federal and state regulations. Assists with scholarships, need and merit-based aid, grants, loans and more.

### **STUDENT ACCOUNTS (406) 243-2223**

Provides support and service for student accounts receivable, billing, and collections.

## **UM HOUSING (406) 243-2611**

Provides safe, clean, healthy, and affordable living and learning facilities that foster an inclusive community living environment for students, staff, faculty, and guests. UM Housing manages the residence halls, Lewis and Clark Village and University Villages.

## **UM IT (406) 243-HELP (4357)**

Offers free technical support to all students, faculty and staff. Assists with printing, accessing WiFi and University software, troubleshooting issues and more! Offers in-person service at the Help Desk on the main floor of the Mansfield Library during the academic year. Visit the Solutions Center for more information about available services and to submit a ticket for individual assistance.

## **UM POLICE DEPARTMENT (406) 243-6131**

Serves and protects the students, staff, faculty and all people and property within the University of Montana campus and properties.



# YOUR ONLINE TOOLBOX

## CANVAS

Canvas is an online classroom system your professors will ask you to use throughout the semester. You can submit assignments, participate in forums, review content, download presentations and more.

## GRIZ PORTAL

This is your hub for all things related to your UM business, such as your tuition bill, contact information, and course schedule. Griz Portal is where you go to finalize your bill, review and accept your financial aid awards, and to plan out and register for your courses each semester after you meet with your academic advisor.

## UMCONNECT EMAIL

As a student at UM you are expected to use your student email address. All university documents and communication will be sent to that address.

## SOLUTIONS CENTER

For assistance with IT services and troubleshooting, contact the UM IT Help Desk via the Solutions Center. Here you can submit a ticket online, search for information about various services, and get updates on IT system outages or changes.

## ACCESS THESE AND OTHER RESOURCES AT MY.UMT.EDU USING YOUR NETID AND PASSWORD.

For assistance accessing my.umt.edu resources, contact the Solutions Center.

## LIBRARY

Not only does Mansfield Library have amazing study spaces and resources you can check out, but they have an extensive online collection and access to journal articles and other publications from around the world.

## NAVIGATE

Navigate is a student success platform that allows your teachers, academic advisor, and other campus support staff to communicate with you and each other. It also includes an academic early alert system that helps your UM support team make sure you are staying on track. Advising appointments are also often scheduled here.

## SHAREPOINT

As a UM student you automatically have access to SharePoint, a cloud-based storage system where you can collaborate on projects and securely store your files.

# GRIZ CARD

The Griz Card is the official University of Montana identification card. Griz Cards are now mobile! Steps to obtain your Griz Card before arriving to campus can be found on the [Griz Card Center's website](#).

## PHOTO ID AND VERIFICATION

Your Griz Card is used both on and off campus to verify your identity and classification. You may be asked to tap your card to take attendance at events and many Missoula businesses offer discounts when you show your Griz Card.

## DINING ON CAMPUS

Your Griz Card holds many accounts, including dining plans, Bear Bucks, and UMoney. All Campus Dining Plans will be activated upon your arrival to campus and you can check your balance at [umt.edu/eaccounts](#).

## ATHLETIC EVENTS

Your Griz Card can be your ticket into games. Go Griz!

## CAMPUS RECREATION

Once you've purchased a campus recreation membership you'll need a valid Griz Card to access the facilities and participate in programs.

## PRINTING

Tap your Griz Card to print at any PaperCut self-service printer on campus using your UMoney account.

## BUILDING ACCESS

Building access will be loaded onto your Griz Card when you check into your hall. Many campus buildings also use a Griz Card tap to permit access during established times to authorized cardholders.





# STAYING SAFE & ASKING FOR HELP

## WHAT TO DO WHEN THINGS GO WRONG

**At UM, we take safety seriously.** Actually, we base all our decisions on your safety and security. It factors into all we do on campus — from when we schedule classes, to how our trees and bushes are trimmed, to our communication systems. There is not a decision that is made that does not make your safety tantamount.



The University of Montana Police Department (UMPD) serves and protects the students, staff, faculty and all people and property within the University of Montana campus and properties.

Our dispatchers and police officers are on duty 24 hours a day, every day of the year, and are certified and trained by the Montana Law Enforcement Academy. UM police officers have the exclusive responsibility to act upon law-enforcement matters and perform police functions for the UM Mountain Campus and the Missoula College. UM police officers investigate all crimes and enforce federal, state, and local laws as well as University of Montana policies. Our officers have the same authority and powers of arrest as any officer in the state. In addition to the MLEA training, UMPD officers receive additional training throughout the year.

## UM ALERTS

UM Alerts is a notification system to inform you of immediate threats to your health and safety so you may make efforts to protect yourself. In the event of an emergency, these texts will help keep you safe. **Text “JOIN UMT-Alerts” to 58339 to sign up.**

UM alerts will send three types of alerts. An **emergency notification** is sent by UM when a significant emergency or a situation poses an imminent or immediate danger to the community. A **timely warning** is a notification that is sent in response to Clery crimes that pose a serious or continuing threat to students or employees. A **UM alert** is a notification of a non-Clery reportable activity occurring on campus or non-campus property.

## GRIZWALK

GrizWalk is a service provided by the UM Police Department’s GrizWalk Security Team. These specially trained student teams provide **safe walking or driving escorts** anytime between dusk and dawn. If GrizWalk is unavailable, a UM police officer will provide the same service.

## STUDENT ADVOCACY RESOURCE CENTER (SARC)

We provide trauma-informed advocacy and prevention education for UM student by offering free, confidential support, and student-centered programs, so that all students can thrive in a safe and respectful campus community. We strive for a student-centered community that leads the way in fostering equity, safety, and respect for all.

## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

**UMPD EMERGENCY LINE**  
(406) 243-4000

**UMPD NON-EMERGENCY**  
(406) 243-6131

**SARC**  
(406) 243-4429

**MISSOULA YWCA 24-HOUR  
SUPPORT LINE**  
(406) 243-6559

**GRIZ WALK**  
(406) 243-2777

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY & TITLE IX**  
(406) 243-5710

# GETTING INVOLVED &

Making connections and finding your place in a new home can be a little scary and overwhelming. At UM, we do everything we can to ensure there are a wide range of activities, student clubs and organizations, on-campus employment opportunities, and co-curriculars for you to choose from all year around. Getting involved is one of the simplest ways to meet new people, after all. We want to highlight three main sources for this information:

## GRIZ HUB

After logging in with your NetID and password you are free to explore the wide array of student organizations, clubs, and upcoming campus events through this online platform. You can request to join student groups that interest you, RSVP to upcoming events, and stay in the loop with all the campus happenings.

## ASUM

The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is your student government, and they are here to support you in so many ways. Not only does ASUM advocate for student needs by speaking up as the student voice to campus administration, but they also fund important campus offices who are here to support you.

# FINDING RESOURCES

## ASUM AGENCIES

### BEAR NECESSITIES

College can be a time of scarcity and insecurity for many students. This agency supports those in need of food, housing, or other essential needs and helps them plan ahead for the future.

### FOOD PANTRY

Part of the Bear Necessities program, UM is home to several grab and go food pantries open to students and the community. The main location is on the first floor of the University Center, and Grizzly Cupboards can be found in Missoula College River Campus, Missoula College West Campus, and the Alexander Blewitt III School of Law.

### CHILDCARE

Many students at UM attend school and raise children at the same time. This office provides quality and affordable on-campus childcare.

### LEGAL SERVICES

Stop in for free legal advice related to rental or housing challenges, family situations, criminal cases, and more.

### TRANSPORTATION

The UDASH system provides sustainable transportation at no extra cost to students, servicing a wide range from the University District to downtown, Missoula College, and all across town.”

**VISIT THE ASUM OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE UNIVERSITY CENTER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE AND OTHER RESOURCES.**





# EXPLORING MISSOULA

## TRANSPORTATION

### BIKE. WALK. BUS.

With over 22 miles of off-street trails and 40 miles of on-street bike lanes, Missoula is a great place to ride, and is designated by the League of American Bicyclists as a Gold Level Bicycle Friendly Community. In addition, Missoula is home to not one, but two public transportation systems available to all at no additional cost. The **UDASH** system is operated by ASUM Transportation and runs during the fall and spring semesters, while the **Mountain Line** is operated by the City of Missoula and runs all year round. It even features handy bike racks to easily transport both you and your bicycle across town. In 2026 the Mountain Line was named best transit system in the country by the Community Transportation Association. Both bus lines feature brand new electric buses, with the UDASH system being a leader among colleges and universities in sustainability practices.

### PARKING

Parking on any college campus is a shared and finite resource. Students with cars they plan to keep on campus, or who plan to drive to campus, should purchase parking permits through our new electronic parking system at [umt.edu/parking](http://umt.edu/parking).

## DOWNTOWN MISSOULA

As Missoula's primary third-space, the Heart of Missoula is the center-point for community connections. Whether you find yourself at an event, popping into a store for a gift or something for yourself, meeting up with friends for a bite to eat, or watching the river gently gliding by, Downtown is all about providing authentic experiences and places for you to enjoy. Connecting to the community surrounding campus will help round out your days at UM. The best part? Downtown is only a short walk or bike ride along the river from the dorms.

There's so much you can do and find simply by walking around, and who knows, you might just find yourself among it all. For more info about Downtown Missoula, visit [missouladowntown.com](http://missouladowntown.com) and be sure to follow @missouladowntown on social.







## **OUTDOOR RECREATION**

### **HIKING**

There are many trailheads to discover right in town, like the hike to the M or the Kim Williams Trail. You'll also find an abundance of hiking trails in three of the recreation areas surrounding Missoula: Rattlesnake, Blue Mountain, and Pattee Canyon.

### **FLOATING & BOATING**

Floating the Clark Fork is a Missoula must. You'll do it at the end of orientation, but if you want to get another float in before the season is over you can rent rafts and tubes from Campus Recreation.

### **SKIING**

The local ski hill is just 25 minutes from campus. Either make the drive with friends or hop on the low-cost shuttle-bus that departs from UM Campus Recreation most weekends through the winter. Visit [montanasnowbowl.com](http://montanasnowbowl.com) for more information about shuttle pickup locations and schedules.

**AND SO MUCH MORE!**

## **ARTS & CULTURE**

### **FIRST FRIDAYS**

On the first Friday of each month galleries and local businesses host a variety of artists for a free art walk. Visit [artsmissoula.org](http://artsmissoula.org) for more information about which galleries are hosting free events.

### **LIVE MUSIC**

There's plenty of live music here in Missoula. From nationally touring artists to local bands, you'll always have a show to see.

## **TRAVEL**

### **DRIVING DISTANCE**

Both Yellowstone and Glacier are just a couple hours away — perfect for a weekend trip. There are also hot springs and state parks and Canada! All within driving distance from UM.

### **MSO AIRPORT**

Missoula's International Airport is just 10 minutes from campus. You can find flights from several major airlines departing from their brand new terminal.

**NEED GEAR? CAMPUS RECREATION HAS AFFORDABLE RENTALS ALL YEAR ROUND**



# THE COST OF IT ALL

## FINANCIAL EDUCATION

**ABER HALL 5TH FLOOR. [UMT.EDU/FINANCIALEDUCATION](http://UMT.EDU/FINANCIALEDUCATION)  
(406) 243-6016. [FINANCIALEDUCATION@UMONTANA.EDU](mailto:FINANCIALEDUCATION@UMONTANA.EDU)**

The goal of the UM Financial Education Program is to help you become knowledgeable about your finances. We want you to understand them so you can manage your financial aid, any loans you might take out, and save for the future while still having some cash to enjoy college.

This office does not award or distribute aid, but helps with understanding the aid you are offered and what it means to accept or decline the aid. One-on-one financial counseling sessions are offered, as well as regularly scheduled workshops on a variety of topics. All UM students are welcome, including those at Missoula and Bitterroot Colleges.

## TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE:

### FAFSA

File the FAFSA and understand financial aid award packages.

### FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

Understand federal aid and examine borrowing trends.

### LOANS

Prevent over-borrowing and discuss repayment and forgiveness options.

### BUDGETING

Balance long-term goals against short-term needs.

### CREDIT

Use credit wisely to build a strong credit score and pay off debt.

### AND MORE!

Visit [umt.edu/financialeducation](http://umt.edu/financialeducation) to see upcoming workshops on topics like these.

## WORKSHOPS

All workshops are customizable for student groups, classroom visits, and special topics hosting throughout the semester.

### KNOW WHAT YOU OWE

To view federal student loans and important borrower information we encourage you to visit [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov). Personalized information is available there and on your loan services webpage. If you need help with accessing your account, you can schedule an appointment with us.

### HELP

The Financial Education Program will work with you to help you reach your financial goals.

**VISIT [UMT.EDU/FINANCIALEDUCATION](http://UMT.EDU/FINANCIALEDUCATION) TO SEE UPCOMING WORKSHOPS ON TOPICS LIKE BUDGETING AND SAVING, CREDIT, STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS, REPAYING DEBT AND MORE.**

## SCHOLARSHIP PORTAL

### UMT.EDU/SCHOLARSHIPS

The UM Scholarship Portal offers additional funding opportunities. Complete one general application through the portal and gain access to a wide variety of scholarships. Check back each semester, as new scholarships are added all the time.



# BEING SUCCESSFUL

## OFFICE FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

UMT.EDU/OSS. ABER HALL 4TH FLOOR. (406) 243-2800

Your one-stop place for help with everything you need to be successful in college. Some of their most popular programs are:

### STUDY JAM TUTORING

Study Jam provides free, drop-in tutoring during the semester. Visit [umt.edu/study-jam/tutoring](http://umt.edu/study-jam/tutoring) for a full list of courses supported by our tutors.

### WRITING CENTER

The Writing and Public Speaking Center works with all students as they write papers or prepare presentations in any discipline, at no additional cost. Visit [umt.edu/writingcenter](http://umt.edu/writingcenter) to make an appointment or view drop-in hours.

### MATH LEARNING CENTER

Math Learning Center offers free drop-in tutoring to any student taking math and statistics courses through the 200-level.

### ACADEMIC ADVISING

Visit the advising directory at [umt.edu/advising](http://umt.edu/advising) for a list of major and minor specific contacts and links to departmental websites. The Undergraduate Advising Center also provides supplemental advising assistance for all students. Visit [umt.edu/uac](http://umt.edu/uac) for walk-in hours.

### EXPLORATORY STUDIES PROGRAM

Explore multiple majors through seven advising tracks: nature-based; humanities; science, math and technology; the arts; commerce and communication; health sciences, and societal and behavioral sciences. Find more information at [umt.edu/oss/esp](http://umt.edu/oss/esp).

### EDREADY MONTANA

EdReady Montana provides a free online assessment to gauge student readiness for college-level math and to refresh math skills through online tutorials. Successful completion of EdReady often negates the need for developmental coursework. To learn more, email Laura Fern, program coordinator, at [fern1@mso.umt.edu](mailto:fern1@mso.umt.edu).

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING & CAREER SUCCESS

CAREERHUB.UMT.EDU. ABER HALL 2ND FLOOR.

ELCS@UMONTANA.EDU. (406) 243-2022.

### CAREER HUB

Access tailored, interactive career content and resources 24/7 on UM's brand-new Career Hub. Explore career pathways, join communities, and find tools to help you take the next step – no matter where you are on your journey.

### ELEVATEU

ElevateU is your Griz Guide to Career Success. Whether you're ready to EXPLORE your career interests, ENHANCE your skillset, or EMBARK on your journey, we're here to support you every step of the way.

### APPOINTMENTS

Meet with one of our highly trained and supportive staff members for individualized coaching on topics including career planning, resume, cover letter, interview prep, internships, and much more.

### JOBS & INTERNSHIPS

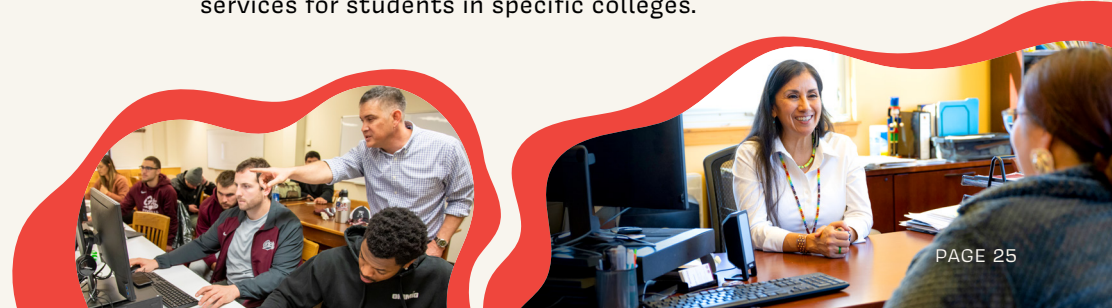
Use Handshake <https://umt.joinhandshake.com/login> and attend career fairs and events to connect with on-campus and global job and internships in every field

### VOLUNTEERUM

VolunteerUM is a vibrant, student-led volunteer group that makes a meaningful difference in the Missoula community and beyond. Whatever your passions or schedule, UM offers countless ways to make an impact.

### FIND YOUR CAREER CENTER

Not sure where to go for help? In addition to Experiential Learning & Career Success, UM has multiple career offices with targeted services for students in specific colleges.





## MANSFIELD LIBRARY

The **Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library** is the largest building on campus and offers many types of study spaces. From the library's Quiet Zones to group study rooms that you can reserve in advance, there is a comfortable place waiting for you in the library.

We know you expect a lot from the library, and so do we! All five floors provide new discoveries: virtual reality and specialized equipment like studio recording and editing software as well as items you may not think a library would offer like games, packets of seeds, and DVDs — all available for you to use free of charge!

### PEOPLE

Ask a librarian. We love helping you answer your questions — come in and share your research topics and questions with us. Find us at the reference desk, drop by a librarian's office hours (or use live chat, phone or email) for a one-on-one consultation. Check out books, print and scan, get technical support, and borrow materials for your courses. We are here to help make sure your research and information needs are met.

### IDEAS

The library is here to make your research and creativity possible. With a collection of nearly 2 million items and many large electronic database subscriptions, the library will connect you with the information you need. Your ideas are important to us and we are always excited to join you on your many research paths.

**FIND UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE LIBRARY'S OPEN HOURS AT [UMT.EDU/LIBRARY](http://UMT.EDU/LIBRARY).**



## BEING WELL AT UM

### CURRY HEALTH CENTER

**[UMT.EDU/CURRY](http://UMT.EDU/CURRY). 643 EDDY AVE.**

Your one-stop place on campus for trusted, student-centered care. Questions or need support? Call us at **(406) 243-2122** or email **[contactcurry@mso.umn.edu](mailto:contactcurry@mso.umn.edu)**. Our staff is ready to help.

### MEDICAL (406) 243-4330

Appointments and same-day walk-in care available.

- Primary Care (injury, illness & preventive services)
- Sexual Health services
- Psychiatric Care / Behavioral Health
- International Travel Clinic
- Lab & X-ray on site

### DENTAL (406) 243-5445

- Affordable dental care for students
- Cleanings, exams, X-rays, fillings, & emergency services
- Accepts Montana Medicaid

### WELLBEING (406) 243-2809

- Support for stress, coping skills, sleep, & healthy lifestyles
- Wellbeing Support Coaches, Relaxation Station, & Wellness Wall to help you thrive

### PHARMACY (406) 243-5171

- Full-service campus pharmacy that accepts most insurance
- Prescriptions, immunizations, & discounted OTC medications

**OUR MEDICAL CLINIC ACCEPTS MOST HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS!**

Students can also enroll in the **Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP)**, a Blue Cross Blue Shield plan offering strong, affordable coverage each semester

### COUNSELING & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (406) 243-4712

Appointments available with licensed therapists. In-person and tele-counseling options available

- Individual, group, & urgent same-day sessions
- Crisis services
- Alcohol education classes
- Safe, inclusive, & confidential care

### SARC (406) 243-4429

Free and confidential support for students impacted by identity-based harm (such as sexual violence, discrimination, or bias).

**NEED IMMEDIATE SUPPORT?**

**CALL THE MISSOULA YWCA AT 406-542-1944 TO SPEAK WITH A LOCAL ADVOCATE**

**(406) 243-6559**

# CAMPUS TRADITIONS

## RIVER RENDEZVOUS AND FRESHMAN FLOAT

The freshman float caps off the Big Sky Experience — a week of essential info, new friends, and getting to know campus and the Missoula community. Each year, River Ambassadors guide students down the river, ending at the River Bowl fields where UM hosts a party with snacks and music. There's no better way to end your orientation experience.



## FORESTERS' BALL

At more than 100 years old, the annual spring Forester's Ball is a legendary UM tradition. This two-night takeover, when students turn a gym into a full-blown logging town, is part fundraiser, part massive dance party, and 100% Montana in every way. You can get "married" or "divorced", show off your square-dancing skills, and even snag a quick haircut in the barber shop!



## HELLO WALK

The Hello Walk began in 1924 as a way for early UM students to greet anyone passing by. Legend says that if you didn't say hello between the Social Science Building and Jeannette Rankin Hall, you'd bomb your next exam. Today, during **Homecoming Week**, students keep the tradition alive with hellos in every language and bit of slang along the brightly painted sidewalks.



## NUMBER 37

Since 1983, when Plentywood native Kraig Paulsen first wore it, the University of Montana has passed number 37 from one Montana-born Grizzly to the next. The tradition continues today, and every fall in Washington-Grizzly Stadium you'll see thousands of fans wearing their own 37 jerseys.



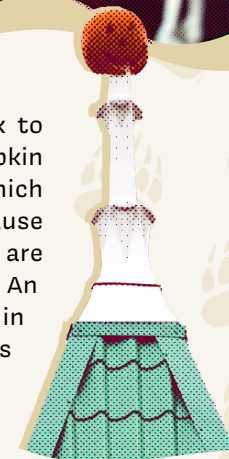
## FAMILY WEEKEND

Family Weekend happens every fall and is a great chance for your friends and family to visit you in Missoula, see your favorite places, and experience the connections you've made on campus and around town. A highlight of the weekend is the Grizzly football game, so keep an eye out for ticket packages that fit your family's needs.



## THE PUMPKIN

In the days leading up to Halloween, UM students look to historic Main Hall for an unusual sight: a fresh orange pumpkin stuck on the century-old building's spire. The prank, which began in 1995, has made UM administrators furious. Because removing the pumpkin is exorbitantly expensive, officials are forced to watch it rot for months until it falls on its own. An attempt to end the tradition with professional security in 1996 failed, and the culprit struck again. The pumpkin has remained a part of UM culture ever since.



## THE "M"

You can't miss it. Since 1908, the iconic "M" on Mount Sentinel has overlooked the UM campus. Few realize it's owned and maintained by the University and its students. After traversing the 13 steep switchbacks up to the "M", hikers can continue on miles on connecting trails up and down the mountain.





FIRST YEAR FINISH

# WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AT *THE BIG EVENT*

You're about to kick off your UM journey with The Big Sky Experience, and we want to see you at the end of the year at The Big Event too! Join your classmates in a day of service across Missoula, followed by a campus-wide celebration to mark your first year of college.

**SERVE, THEN CELEBRATE. THAT'S THE UM WAY.**

THIS SPRING  
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THE BIG  
EVENT







STUDENT SERVICES

- ★ 1. Gilkey Building: Admissions
- ★ 2. Aber Hall (Advising, Financial Aid, Office for Disability Equity, Registrar, Student Success, Housing)
- ★ 3. Lodge Dining Center
- ★ 4. Military and Veteran Services Office
- ★ 5. University Center

RESIDENTIAL

- 2. Aber Hall
- 6. Craig Hall
- 7. Duniway Hall
- 8. Elrod Hall
- 9. Miller Hall
- 10. Pantzer Hall
- 11. Jesse Hall
- 12. Knowles Hall
- 13. Turner Hall
- 14. International Residence

ACADEMIC

- 15. Alexander Blewett III School of Law
- 16. Art Annex
- 17. Charles H. Clapp Building
- 18. Chemistry Building
- 19. Davidson Honors College Building
- 20. Dennison Theatre

- 21. Don Anderson Hall
- 22. Eck Liberal Arts Building
- 23. Fine Arts Building
- 24. Gallagher Business Building
- 25. Health Sciences Building
- 26. Interdisciplinary Science
- 27. James E. Todd Building
- 28. Jeannette Rankin Hall
- 29. Mansfield Library
- 30. Math Building
- 31. McGill Hall
- 32. Montana Museum of Art and Culture
- 33. Music Building
- 34. Natural Sciences
- 35. North Underground Lecture Hall
- 36. Payne Family Native American Center
- 37. Performing Arts & Radio/Television Center
- 38. Phyllis J. Washington Education Center
- 39. Schreiber Gym
- 40. Skaggs Building
- 41. Social Science Building
- 42. Stone Hall
- 43. University (Main) Hall
- 44. Urey Lecture Hall
- 45. W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 46. Curry Health Center
- 47. Student Advocacy Resource Center
- 48. UM Police Department

ATHLETIC

- 49. Adams Center
- 50. Champions Center
- 51. Dahlberg Arena
- 52. East and West Auxiliary Gyms
- 53. Fitness & Recreation Center
- 54. Grizzly Pool
- 55. Indoor Practice Facility
- 56. Student Recreation Courts
- 57. Riverbowl
- 58. Washington-Grizzly Stadium

ADMINISTRATION

- 59. Brantly Hall
- 60. Clinical Psychology
- 61. Corbin Hall
- 62. International Center
- 63. Leopold Institute
- 64. Lommasson Center



