

# **THE** **IMPACT** **OF YOUR GIVING**

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**UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA FOUNDATION  
ANNUAL REPORT**

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**JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022**



Dear UM Supporters,

Please join me in celebrating your incredible philanthropic giving to support the University of Montana: In fiscal year 2022 your gifts reached near record-breaking levels, totaling more than \$83 million. This total is the second-highest fundraising achievement in the UM Foundation's 72-year history. Thank you so much for supporting the University of Montana.

Because of you, more students have access to a UM education, our campus is undergoing a renewal of learning spaces and academic programs and faculty are uplifted. Because of your thoughtful giving, UM continues to help students prioritize their preparation for careers and providing clear pathways for their current and future success.

You are part of our loyal giving community. You are a **catalyst for good**, making a transformational impact on our University and the lives of our students.

I am pleased to share this report, which demonstrates how philanthropy makes an impact at UM and provides highlights from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

On behalf of all of us at the UM Foundation who are dedicated every day to enhancing excellence and opportunity at the University of Montana, thank you.

Sincerely,



*Cindy Williams*

Cindy Williams  
President and CEO

P.S. I want to extend a very warm welcome to the over 1,500 donors who made your first gift to support the University of Montana in the past year. You have joined a very caring and dedicated community of donors. We welcome you and look forward to helping you deepen your relationship with the University and learn more about the impact of your giving.

Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends,

I am pleased to share with you information about your gifts to the UM Foundation during fiscal year 2022. Together with other members of the UM Foundation Board of Trustees, I proudly celebrate this year's incredible near record-breaking fundraising with all the generous donors who joined us in empowering UM to be a hub for unbridled curiosity and untamed creativity. Thank you for your steadfast commitment to UM, as demonstrated by your more than \$83 million in giving. I know you will be as inspired as I am to read just a few highlighted impacts of this giving.

I am so grateful you are part of this special UM giving community that believes in the power of higher education to transform lives and to create opportunity. Together, we help provide an education that is so much more than a degree, that builds bright futures for graduates who give back to the world around us. Thank you for your support and commitment to the University of Montana.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug James '82". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Doug James '82  
Chair, University of Montana Foundation  
Board of Trustees

Your generosity helps UM fulfill its mission to foster inclusive prosperity on campus and throughout our community.



## YOU ARE A CATALYST FOR GOOD

From July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022:

# 10,408

**alumni and friends**  
came together to commit more than

# \$83M

**in donations** to support UM

**\$33 M**

Academic and Institutional Support

**\$10.5 M**

Facilities

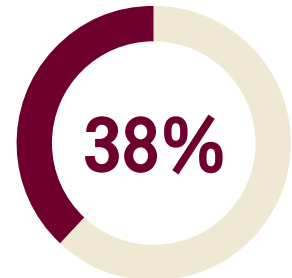
**\$18.4 M**

Scholarships and Student Support

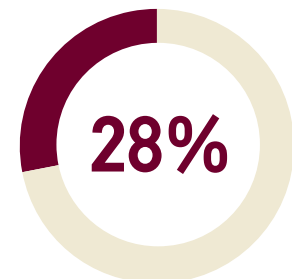
**\$21.2 M**

Private Grants Paid Directly to UM

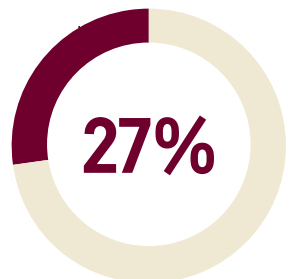
## THANK YOU to the FY2022 UM giving community



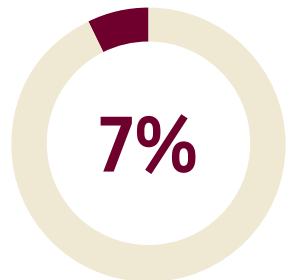
Alumni



Friends



Corporations and  
Foundations



Other

# \$25M

Total Support distributed to the University of Montana in FY2022 to support students, scholarships, academic programs and faculty, facilities and more.

## COMMITMENTS MADE TODAY WILL CHANGE FUTURES

Many donors have named the University of Montana Foundation as a beneficiary of a will, trust, financial or retirement account, life insurance policy, charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust. These donors are valued members of our Oscar J. Craig Heritage Society, honoring those who support UM through a planned gift. Your thoughtful giving ensures UM will continue to thrive and benefit future generations for years to come.

### FY2022 Planned Giving Donor Impact

**\$13.8M**

PLANNED GIFTS  
DOCUMENTED

**21**

NEW OSCAR J. CRAIG  
HERITAGE SOCIETY MEMBERS

**\$3.3M**

REALIZED  
PLANNED GIFTS

## THE BIG GIVE

**When we unite together  
we make a life-changing impact**

Over 24 hours in March 2022, donors raised more than **\$380,000** during the most successful giving day in UM history. You made **1,070 gifts** of all sizes in support of University priorities such as the Excellence Fund, academic programs and Grizzly Athletics.

Total  
UM Foundation  
Endowment  
as of June 30, 2022

**\$246.4M**

The UM Foundation endowment provides critical and ongoing support of the UM mission.

# DONORS

## Spark Bright Futures

*Each year, private support helps committed UM students use their education to change the world. Your continued, consistent support for student scholarships puts a college education within reach for hundreds of UM students each year.*

**W**hen I began thinking about what I may want to do with my life, there was always a clear and resounding answer. Theatre. I have been in love with theatre for the last decade of my life and I honestly can't see a version of myself that exists without it. However, I knew that I couldn't afford to follow that passion alone.

Then I was granted an opportunity that has changed the trajectory of my life: I was offered the Presidential Leadership Scholarship. This scholarship has allowed me to not worry about debt after graduation. Now I can use my time in college to explore different academic connections. I get to see how theatre interacts with issues like climate change and social justice.

Most importantly, with this scholarship I am free to find the life that is right for me. I don't have to accept the first job I'm offered. Instead, I can explore everything the world has to offer me, and I wouldn't be able to do that without this scholarship.

*Natalie Renk,  
Theatre and English major*



*The Payne Family Impact Scholarship, established with a significant \$7.5 million gift from longtime UM supporters Terry and Patt Payne in November 2021, supports hundreds of Montana high school students whose families earn too much to secure large financial aid packages such as Pell Grants, but don't have the resources to outright pay for college. More than 170 students received a Payne Family Impact Scholarship to support their 2022 academic year.*



**F**or more than three decades, Kent Hamer owned the Clinton Market, located a short drive east on I-90 from Missoula. To Hamer, the market was much more than a gas station and grocery store, it was a place to build relationships with customers who became lifelong friends.

He sold the business in 2020 and will continue to serve his community into retirement. In November 2021, he announced a significant gift through a trust that will create the Kent Hamer Emergency Support Fund as well as merit- and need-based scholarships for Missoula College students. Hamer's generosity will provide financial assistance for students pursuing occupational and technical degrees in fields such as industrial technology, health care and culinary arts.



*Students studying health professions, culinary arts, industrial technology and other Missoula College disciplines will benefit from Hamer's gift.*

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I wanted to support people who are interested in learning a trade and bettering their lives but have trouble paying for an education. Making financial aid available to a broad group of students felt like the right thing to do.

**Kent Hamer**

Hamer chose to establish both an emergency support fund and scholarships at Missoula College so he could help a diverse population of students afford two-year degrees and work toward trade careers. His giving will assist some students facing unexpected financial hardship and reward others for their academic accomplishments.

I, like many of my fellow students, look forward to my future. With my degrees, I aspire to be an entrepreneur, marketing manager, international businessman and hopefully a professor in a Latin-American country where I will teach business in Spanish. The University of Montana and Davidson Honors College have given me a plethora of amazing opportunities and ways to accelerate my future career.

At UM, there are many things I look forward to every day. Friends, professors, courses, projects and the positive environment. But what I look forward to the most is to study abroad in Puerto Rico where I will take business courses in Spanish. If it weren't for scholarship support, I would not be able to make the dream that I have had for the last seven years come true.

*Jacob Treece,  
Marketing and Spanish major*

Approximately 75% of Missoula College alumni remain in the region after graduating and continue serving their community.



# DONORS

## Elevate UM's Educational Excellence and Impact



A gift of this magnitude has never been offered to UM's creative writing program before, and it will certainly enhance the stature and visibility of the program. But the vision also recognizes the value of literature in both Lois's and Jim's lives.

**Judy Blunt**, *chair of the College of Humanities and Sciences Department of English and director of UM's Creative Writing Program*



**N**ative American voices are elevated at UM through a fund established by Lois Welch to honor her late husband, acclaimed author James Welch. Her gift, announced in November 2021, allows UM to invite a prominent Native American writer to campus to teach each spring semester. In the future, the position will become endowed through a significant gift included

in Welch's estate plan. The endowment means her gift will be invested and the earnings made available to support the program in perpetuity.

*In February 2022, UM earned R1 status, becoming one of the top 4% of research universities in the nation. UM's incredible research growth is advancing the reach of human knowledge and also creates jobs and companies in Montana.*



Undergraduate Native American student enrollment has increased by 24% since 2018, a testament to our enhanced efforts to strengthen partnerships with tribal communities across Montana.



**R**alph and Norma Hartse were beloved Montana educators who taught students more than music — they inspired young musicians to strive for excellence in all areas of life.



The Hartses are remembered by their former Custer County High School students, the Miles City community and fellow musicians across the country for the values they embodied and instilled, including teamwork, persistence and

discipline. Through their teaching careers, these UM alumni built a respected legacy that lives on today.

In 2021 their daughter Dr. Kristyna Hartse honored their legacy by creating the Ralph J. and Norma M. Hartse Endowed Professor of Bands at UM's School of Music. The Hartse Professorship, which will be fully funded by 2025, will provide salary support for a faculty member who is a director of bands, including concert band, symphonic wind ensemble, jazz band and marching band.

“ This professorship signals a new era for the School of Music. It honors the deep impact inspired music educators can make and will ensure our exceptional Bands Program continues for generations to come.

**Laurie Baefsky,**  
*Dean of the College of the Arts and Media*



**U**M launched its Military and Veteran Services Office (MVSO) in November 2021 to better elevate UM's active duty military members, veterans and military families. MVSO's mission is to transform the lives of these military-affiliated students through galvanizing a strong sense of community, dedicated to the success of their academic and career development. Since then, many generous donors have chosen to invest in this mission and are currently making a difference for UM's military-affiliated students through the MVSO Impact Fund. The growth of the MVSO Impact Fund and a developing Student Ambassador Program are providing essential opportunities and resources that these students need to thrive and build civilian careers after their military service.

“ At UM, we understand what it means to serve, and we recognize the importance of a seamless and welcoming transition for military-affiliated students.

**Pat Beckwith,**  
*Director of Military and Veteran Services Office*

13% of UM's student population identify as military-affiliated (active duty military members, veterans or military spouses and dependents)



# DONORS

## Help UM Better Serve Our Students and Communities

*UM is in the midst of the largest infrastructure refresh in the history of our campus with upgrades underway to residence halls, learning spaces, dining and athletic facilities, and the groundbreaking of a new museum. These new and improved spaces, made possible by public funding and donor gifts, will benefit generations of UM students, faculty, staff and the many communities UM serves.*



We are grateful for all that you make possible at the University of Montana – this year and for years to come.

**U**M's School of Music is the nexus of learning, performance and creativity for UM students, as well as thousands of community members. Over the past year, the Music Building received some much-needed

upgrades, and more are planned. Renovations to the choir and band rehearsal rooms as well as individual student practice rooms were completed in 2022, thanks to the generosity of three UM alumni and longtime supporters who donated \$3 million. With

additional private support, future renovations will include updating classrooms and practice rooms with integrated audio-video systems, flexible furnishings, new lighting fixtures and windows, and soundproofing.



The School of Music serves the state of Montana as a hub for music education, with its Music Education Program boasting a 100% graduate job placement rate.





“ The aim of this facility is to build the first permanent home for this significant art collection in its history. Secondly, the building will provide spaces that allow us to fulfill our mission as a teaching and research institution and invite the public to enjoy these beautiful and compelling collections.

**H. Rafael Chacón**, *Suzanne and Bruce Crocker Director of MMAC*

**C**onstruction is underway on a new home for the Montana Museum of Art and Culture, bringing together items from the Museum’s Permanent Collection that have not been displayed in decades. A new 17,000-square-foot building for

the museum will be finished this fall. With three levels for galleries, climate-controlled storage and preservation space and education and public event areas, the new LEED-Certified building will be a campus landmark and a beacon for the arts in our community.

The privately funded building is made possible by many donors, including lead donors Terry and Patt Payne, who committed \$12.5 million to the project. Ongoing charitable donations are needed to sustain MMAC operations and its Permanent Collection.



*The new MMAC building taking shape along Campus Drive.*

# Student Testimonials About the Impact of Philanthropy

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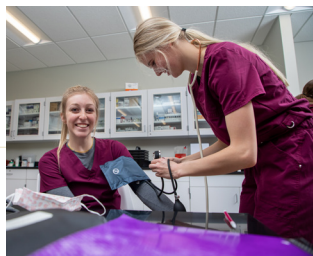
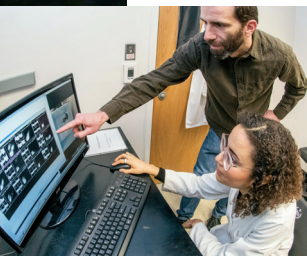
I chose to pursue Computer Science so I can achieve my dream job. I've always had a love for being able to make others around me happy. Growing up, video games helped me a lot given how much I lacked social skills. I'm trying to get to the point that I can work on helping to program video games so I can help give others the same kind of happiness I have been given. **With scholarship support I can continue my studies next year.**

*UM student,  
Computer Science major*

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I genuinely love helping other people and nursing allows me to positively impact patients while they are most vulnerable. I am very excited to continue to grow in a career that provides me with an exciting, fast-paced profession that is ever-changing. **This scholarship is helping me focus more on my education and less on the other stresses that come with nursing school. Scholarship support helps me fulfill my goals and makes my dreams become a reality.**

*Missoula College student,  
Nursing major*



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I look forward to my next couple years at UM, and because of donor support, I will be able to stay in school and finish my degree without having to take a gap year to work to afford the bill. **Scholarships have truly changed my life and impacted it in the most positive way that I needed.** All in all, pursuing education and knowledge is my biggest passion, so thank you, donors, for allowing me to live my passion.

*UM student, Media Arts major*



# THANK YOU

Your commitment to UM promotes excellence and opportunity for students today and for future generations. Thank you for playing a role in so many stories of success and empowerment and for being a catalyst for good, for opportunity and for optimism.

# THE LIVES WE CHANGE WILL CHANGE THE WORLD

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