

THE UNIVERSITY *of* MONTANA WESTERN

FOUNDATION

2020-2021

GRATITUDE REPORT

Journal for



Celebrating the incredible people who make our work possible, including YOU!



Despite the challenges of the past year, you and other caring alumni and friends of Montana Western continue to change lives by supporting Montana Western through financial gifts, in-kind donations and volunteer hours.

Your generosity has made a tremendous impact on students reaching their goal of obtaining a college education.

*Total Gifts
Received*

\$1,429,575

Together over the past year, we:

- Awarded Scholarships in the amount of **\$511,918**
- Directed funds to UMW in the amount of **\$1,027,596**
 - 48% - Scholarship Support
 - 52% - Program Support
- Total Donors **1,309**
 - 1,147 Gifts Under \$1,000

THE POWER OF ONE

a letter from the executive director

Dear Montana Western Alumni, Family & Friends,

On behalf of the entire Montana Western community, I want to thank you for contributing to the extraordinary power of one gift added to another. Together, with your investment, we have made a difference in the lives of our students, faculty and staff. We appreciate your thoughtful leadership, volunteer efforts and commitment to this one-of-a-kind institution.

During the historic challenges of this past year, we continued to experience tremendous support from our alumni and friends. Your generosity provided over \$1M in program and scholarship support to Montana Western.

Through the stories and statistics in this impact report, we hope to demonstrate how your support continues to benefit our future leaders who will move us to the highest levels of excellence.

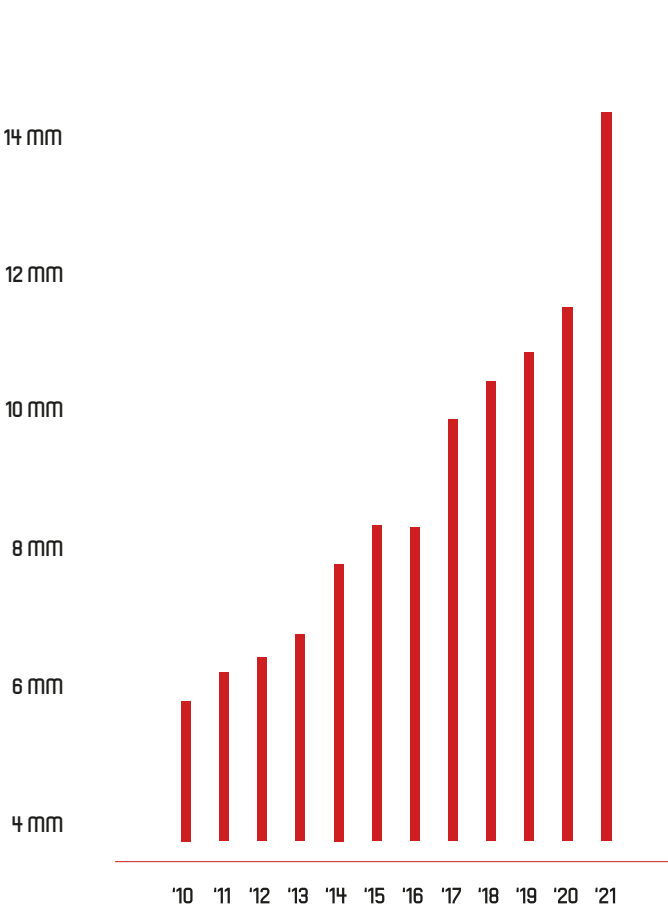
Thank you, and Go Dawgs!



Roxanne G. Engellant
Executive Director



UMW FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT



Value of Endowment

\$14,042,539

\$495k

Total Distribution from Endowment Fund in Support of Students and Programs at UMW

FY21



Returns are calculated as per the last of the fiscal year, June 30.

ALUMNI & EMPLOYEES GIVE BACK

Employees of UMW have the power to invest through the Foundation's employee giving program: Our employees who invest in UMW support academics, research, Experience One, athletics and other areas they care about.



Chelsea Hyde graduated from Montana Western in 2012 with a BS in Business Administration and a minor in Equine Management. Chelsea was an active member of the Montana Western Rodeo Club and ASUMW during her time at UMW. Chelsea returned to the Dillon and Montana Western community in 2016 and currently works in Dining Services. You would be hard-pressed to attend an event on campus and not find Chelsea in the crowd. Her support and love for this University are unparalleled.



Chelsea gives back to UMW because she loves to see the students' faces when they succeed. Being able to support students who might not have all their needs met inspires Chelsea to donate to the UMW Foundation. Montana Western is home to Chelsea. In addition to supporting Montana Western students, Chelsea is a tremendous advocate for the Montana Youth Challenge Academy cadets. She loves the MYCA program and the opportunities that it provides to some of Montana's most underserved students.

FUND FOR EXPERIENCE ONE MAKES MOTION CAPTURE RESEARCH POSSIBLE FOR UMW STUDENTS

Last fall, the University of Montana Western Foundation awarded the Department of Health and Human Performance financial support from the Fund for Experience One to purchase Innovision's Motion Capture Package for use in kinesiology courses at Montana Western. This innovative collection of technologies, often used in advanced scientific, private industry, and military research, represents the pinnacle of two-dimensional movement analysis and is used in a variety of medical assessments to predict and prevent injury and to assist in rehabilitation.

“Without the Foundation’s support, students would not have had the opportunity to learn about and employ these technologies themselves; with its support, students now graduate from the degree programs with practical experience that benefits them in both successive graduate programs and in their career positions.”

*UMW Assistant Professor
and Kinesiology 325 course
instructor, Dr. Mitchell Stephenson*

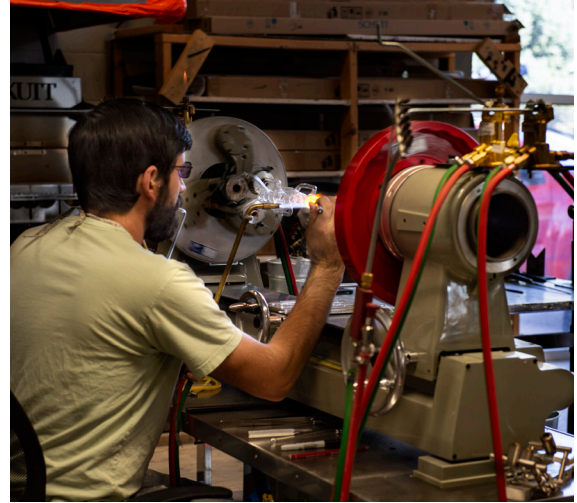


SCHOLARSHIPS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

2021 UMW graduate, Ben Kenealey, majored in glass and recently featured his custom neon glass installation in the Emerick Art Studio Gallery on the Montana Western campus overlooking Atlantic Street. Kenealey owns his own glass blowing business which specializes in making custom neon signage for both commercial and artistic use. Kenealey also recently completed an internship at the Idaho National Laboratory in Idaho Falls that focused on scientific glass blowing.

Kenealey received an Emerick art scholarship that provided the vital support he needed to complete his degree.

“The Emerick Scholarship was a great help to me and my family as I continued my education at UMW. After working with neon for 12 years, I was looking to grow my skills and expand my business and the glass program at UMW was a perfect fit. My family and I moved to Dillon so I could complete my degree in glass and I’m so glad we did because of the opportunities it has opened up for me. This would not have happened without Montana Western and the Foundation’s support.”



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A heartfelt thanks to John Schuyler for his unparalleled dedication to the UMW Foundation and Montana Western

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