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UM School of Education ranks in Top 10

The University of Montana is among only 10 schools in the nation that met all standards of a recent National Council on Teacher Quality study for preparation of teachers in mathematics.

The NCTQ report, "No Common Denominator: The Preparation of Elementary Teachers in Mathematics by America's Education Schools," was released last month. The analysis is the most comprehensive picture to date of how education schools are preparing—or failing to prepare—elementary teachers in mathematics.



Roberta Evans

The two-year study developed a set of five standards that would be the mark of a high-quality program of teacher training and evaluated a sample of 77 education schools. A team of renowned mathematics specialists from universities and K-12 education analyzed the quality of preparation required for elementary education majors at each institution. The

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schools selected for the study were located in every state except Alaska.

"The University of Montana's ranking among the top 10 in the nation to meet all National Council on Teacher Quality standards for the preparation of elementary mathematics teachers offers external affirmation of the quality of the education provided by the University's School of Education," said UM President George Dennison.

School of Education Dean Roberta Evans found the news "very exciting," noting that "visionary leadership for mathematics and science programs at the very highest levels of the University and state are proving invaluable to quality initiatives in these areas. This recognition

demonstrates the dedication of the School of Education's commitment to offer UM students the best possible preparation for teaching careers."

Dennison and Evans both emphasized the increasing importance of mathematics education in today's internationally competitive world, and Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer and his wife, Nancy, recently stressed the need to improve mathematics and science education through the Governor and First Lady's Math and Science Initiative.

NCTQ rated the schools by studying entrance and exit requirements, course syllabi and tests, textbooks, and state licensing tests.

"At this time in our nation, it is difficult to imagine a more important aspect of teacher education than the preparation of mathematics teachers," said UM Provost Royce Engstrom. "We are proud of the University's mathematics educators, both in the School of Education and the College of Arts and Sciences, for designing such an effective program. It is rewarding to be among the leaders in the country in mathematics education."

The full NCTQ report is available online at <http://www.nctq.org>. 🐾

Montana PBS producer wins Northwest Emmy



Gus Chambers

Gus Chambers, a television producer for the Broadcast Media Center at UM and Montana PBS, recently received an Emmy Award from the Northwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Chambers was recognized for Individual Accomplishment in Audio for his historical documentary "Hidden Fire: The Great Butte Explosion" at a June 7 ceremony held in Seattle.

The documentary revived the forgotten story of devastating explosions in Butte in January 1895 that destroyed a large section of

the warehouse district. The blasts killed 57 people, including most of the members of the newly formed Butte Fire Department.

Chambers re-created the explosions using scale models and small explosive charges. To emphasize the impact of the blasts, he layered multiple tracks of audio, including many he recorded in the studio.

Chambers says he's happy that the judges recognized his extra effort. "It's great to be acknowledged for something that nobody does anymore," he said. "It's kind of old-fashioned to make

it up rather than just use a sound effects track."

"Hidden Fire: The Great Butte Explosion" is the highest-rated local documentary ever broadcast on Montana PBS, said KUFM-TV General Manager William Marcus.

"The re-creations were central to the program's impact and, when you think about it, the video would have been much less impressive without the sound track," Marcus said.

Learn more about "Hidden Fire" at <http://www.montanapbs.org/HiddenFireTheGreatButteExplosion/>. 🐾

Huddle Up, Ladies—More than 250 women attended the inaugural Huddles & Heels Women's Football Clinic on May 21 at UM. Grizzly head football coach Bobby Hauck and his staff lectured on the ins and outs of the sport while the ladies sipped wine and nibbled appetizers. The event was organized by Christie Anderson, director of marketing for Intercollegiate Athletics. At the end of the evening, the group entered Washington-Grizzly Stadium through the players' tunnel and ran a few plays on the field. Huddles & Heels raised \$3,920 for the Guardian Angel Foundation, a local organization that helps cancer patients cover their out-of-pocket expenses as they undergo treatment.

Book Brings Home Bronze—UM Professor Richmond Clow recently received a third place award in a national contest for the book, "The Sioux in South Dakota History: A Twentieth Century Reader." The title won bronze in the anthology category of the 12th annual Independent Publisher Book Awards. Clow, a Native American studies professor, edited the book, which was published by the South Dakota State Historical Society Press in 2007. The book is a selection of 13 essays that examine a variety of themes in Sioux history since 1900. The essays were selected from past issues of South Dakota History, the peer-reviewed quarterly journal of the South Dakota State Historical Society.



Mondale To Chair Board—The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, a nonprofit organization that promotes understanding and cooperation in U.S.-Asia relations, recently announced that Walter Mondale will serve as chair of its board of directors. Mondale has served as vice president of the United States, U.S. ambassador to Japan, U.S. senator and attorney general for Minnesota. He also was the Democratic Party nominee for president in 1984. The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation was established in 1983 to honor Mike Mansfield (1903-2001), a revered public servant, statesman and diplomat from Montana. The Mansfield Foundation supports the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at UM.

UM Orientation—Aug. 20-22.
Information: http://admissions.umt.edu/orientation_summer.html; Karissa Drye, 406-243-2332, 800-462-8636, karissa.drye@mso.umt.edu.

College of Technology Orientation—Aug. 21, 7 a.m. COT Health and Business Building Room HB01. Information: COT Admissions Office, 406-243-7882 or 800-542-6882, cotadmissions@umontana.edu.

State of the University address—Aug. 22, 10 a.m. Montana Theatre. Presented annually by UM President George Dennison.

Residence Halls: First Official Housing Day—Aug. 23.

Siegel Named Chef Of Year—Tom Siegel, a certified executive chef of UM's University Dining Services, recently was named Chef of the Year. The Montana Chefs Association, the local chapter of the American Culinary Federation, made the announcement at its annual Chef of the Year Dinner



Tom Siegel

on June 13. The award recognizes Siegel for his dedication to ACF members and his passion for the culinary profession. Since 1978 Siegel has devoted his career to educating UM guests and employees about culinary issues, international cuisine and sustainable food practices. He has won numerous regional, national and international culinary awards individually and on behalf of UM.

Marketing Department Wins Awards—The National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators has chosen UM and its marketing department in Intercollegiate Athletics as the winners of three of its prestigious national awards for 2007-08. Montana won silver awards in the categories of Promotional/Schedule Poster-Football, Promotional/Schedule Poster-Olympic Sport, and Video Board Segment. Christie Anderson serves as UM's director of marketing for Intercollegiate Athletics, and Kenny Dow is the assistant marketing director for Intercollegiate Athletics. They received their awards during NACMA's 17th annual convention June 9-12 in Dallas.

Fire Restrictions Online—The public now can access a new Web site, <http://www.firerestrictions.org>, to learn about restrictions and closures that are in place during the 2008 wildland fire season in Montana, Idaho, North Dakota and northwestern South Dakota. On the user-friendly, map-based Web site, the public can search for areas of interest and find the most current information on fire restrictions and closures. The Web site is a cooperative effort between the Northern Rockies Coordination Group and the National Center for Landscape Fire Analysis at UM. NCLFA developed the public Web site and the backend data entry site for restrictions and media coordinators. 🐻

UM Events

Information: <http://life.umt.edu/rlo>.

Academic Convocation—Aug. 23, 4 p.m., University Theatre. Reception will follow.

Information: Arlene Walker-Andrews, associate provost, 406-243-4689, arlene.walker-andrews@umontana.edu.

Fall Semester 2008 Begins—Aug. 25.

Fall Student Job Fair—Aug. 28, 10 a.m., University Center Ballroom. At event to connect students and employers for work study, non-work study, part-time, on-campus and off-campus employment, as well as volunteer opportunities. Information: Valerie Marsh, UM Career Services, 406-243-5460, valerie.marsh@umontana.edu, <http://www.umt.edu/studentjobs>. 🐻



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