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UM STUDENT TO ATTEND UNITED NATIONS COLLOQUIUM MISSOULA --

University of Montana sophomore Pemba Lama will go from UM to the UN this month as one of 23 U.S. college and university students chosen to attend the International Albert Schweitzer Colloquium at United Nations headquarters in New York City Aug. 23 and 24.

Lama, a native of Tibet who was raised in Nepal and India, is a computer science major in the UM honors program. He was selected to participate in the colloquium on the strength of his original acrylic painting, "Touching the Heart with Inspiration." His painting will be on display at the UN during the colloquium.

Lama is one of two Montana students chosen to attend the colloquium. Debra Arnst, a student at Flathead Valley Community College, was selected for her sandstone sculpture. For the national competition, students were asked to submit an original piece of work — an essay, painting, video, musical composition or other artistic expression — that expresses the colloquium theme of "The Relevance of Albert Schweitzer at the Dawn of the 21st Century."

Dr. Schweitzer, who won fame for his work with leprosy patients in Africa, is considered by many to be the greatest humanitarian who ever lived. This year marks the 25th anniversary of his death.

The colloquium will feature keynote addresses by Costa Rican

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President Oscar Arias Sanchez and Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel. The gathering is sponsored by the Albert Schweitzer Memorial Foundation, which has its Western chapter office in Kalispell.

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NOTE: Lama will be in Missoula from Saturday, Aug. 18, until he leaves for New York Wednesday, Aug. 22. And he will return to Missoula after the colloquium. To arrange an interview, call Honors Program Director John Madden at 243-2541.

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