UM SCHEDULES EDUCATORS' FAIR FOR MAY 6-7

MISSOULA --

Job-seeking teachers and school administrators will have the opportunity to meet with representatives of up to 150 school districts from 12 states, Guam and Saipan during The University of Montana—Missoula’s 11th annual educator-recruitment fair Monday and Tuesday, May 6-7.

The fair will run from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday and from 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday in the Harry Adams Field House. Preview sessions on Sunday, May 5, will help teachers develop a job fair strategy and learn more about participating school districts.

UM’s teacher-recruitment fair draws more school districts than any other of the roughly 300 such fairs in the nation, said Jeanne Sinz, director of UM’s Office of Career Services. This year’s event will feature recruiters from Alaska; Arizona; California; Colorado; the territory of Guam; Idaho; Montana; Nevada; New Mexico; North Dakota; Oregon; Saipan, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Texas; and Washington, she said.

Registration at the door will cost $30; participants can preregister for $25 through Friday, May 3, by dropping by UM’s Career Services office.

Registration is scheduled from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday in the Holiday Inn Parkside, and begins at 7 a.m. Monday at the field house. Even those who have preregistered are encouraged to drop by the Holiday Inn Sunday to pick up their packets, which will provide valuable information about -more-
all of the participating school districts and the anticipated job openings in those districts, Sinz said.

This is the first year that the packets will be available a day before the fair begins to help participants plan their strategies and make the most of their time at the fair, she said.

Another new feature at this year's fair is a strategy session from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday in UM's Liberal Arts Building. At the session, Career Services personnel and school superintendents will offer tips on the most effective ways to find a job through the fair. A specific room for the session has not been determined yet, but signs will be posted to direct participants to the strategy session and to the orientation sessions that precede and follow it.

Educators can learn more about specific school districts during orientation sessions, featuring 30-minute presentations by recruiters, from 4 to 6 p.m. and from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Building.

Sinz expects a record number of teachers to attend this year's fair, more than the approximately 1,200 teachers from 35 states who participated last year. For more information, call Career Services at (406) 243-2359.

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