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AREA STUDENTS CHOSEN FOR UM LAW SCHOOL PLACEMENT

MISSOULA --

Twelve eastern and northeastern Montana students entered The University of Montana-Missoula School of Law this fall.

Chosen from an applicant pool of nearly 500 were Nate Haney, Christie Hobbs, Jeff Ruff, Rod Souza, Christopher Widenhofer, all of Billings. Wendy Harmon of Bainville, Mark Kovacich of Colstrip, Travis Kinzler of Fairview, Sasha Brownlee of Glasgow, Mark Hathaway of Glendive, Michael Green of Malta and Michael Johnson of Plentywood. They are among 80 students entering the class of 1999.

Founded in 1911, UM's law school has drawn national recognition for its effective integration of legal theory and practice into its curriculum. Students are required to apply their book knowledge to hands-on experiences, Law Dean E. Edwin Eck said.

"University of Montana students not only study the theory of contract law, corporate law, and estate planning law, they also apply their knowledge by drafting contracts, creating corporations, and preparing and probating wills," Eck said.

Students in their third year of study represent clients in one of the school's 12 legal clinics.

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