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**FOUR UM STUDENTS RECOMMENDED FOR FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS**

**MISSOULA--**

Four students at The University of Montana have been recommended for Fulbright scholarships, prestigious grants to be used for academic study abroad and for professional training in the creative and performing arts. The students are:

- Mark Carey, a graduate student majoring in history, who hopes to study in Nicaragua. A 1987 graduate of New York's Honeoye Falls-Lima High School, Carey is the son of John and Claire Carey of Mendon, N.Y.
- Kathryn Courtney, a senior majoring in music, who hopes to study in Austria. A 1992 graduate of Missoula's Big Sky High School, she is the daughter of Don and Anita Courtney of Bozeman.
- Susann Framness, a senior majoring in German, who hopes to study in Germany. A 1993 graduate of Flathead High School in Kalispell, she is the daughter of Vicki Nicholls and Dan Framness.
- Michael Kustudia, who graduated with a master's degree in environmental studies last year. Kustudia hopes to study in Chile. A 1979 graduate of Thousand Oaks High School, he is the son of Louis and Barbara Kustudia of Thousand Oaks, Calif.

The purpose of Fulbright scholarships is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge and skills. The

U.S. Fulbright screening committee recommended these students for awards, but their grants aren't final until the Fulbright committees in the host countries give approval.

Fulbright grants are funded under the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, through an annual appropriation made by Congress to the U.S. Information Agency, and by foreign governments, universities, corporations and private donors. The grants are available for study and research.

The J. Williams Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, composed of 12 educational and public leaders appointed by the U.S. president, establishes criteria for the selection of candidates and has final authority for awarding grants.

Full grants provide round-trip international travel, maintenance for the tenure of the award, a research allowance and, if applicable, tuition waivers. All applicants are required to have sufficient proficiency in the language of the host country to carry out their proposed study or research. In addition, applicants must be U.S. citizens and hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent by the beginning of the grant.

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