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LOCAL UM STUDENT INTERNS IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

MISSOULA, Mont. --

Michelle Connor of **Somerset**, **Wis.**, a junior in biology at The University of Montana-Missoula, has picked up some practical experience this semester through an internship administered by UM's Center for Work-based Learning.

She has worked for the Montana Natural History Center to help implement an environmental education project for area fourth-graders and the public. The project's focus has been on the biodiversity and protection of Missoula's Mount Jumbo, habitat for many plant and animal species and a wintering range for elk.

Connor is a 1995 graduate of Somerset High School. Her parents are Michael and Barbara Connor.

The Center for Work-based Learning at UM's Center for Continuing Education and Summer Programs helps students integrate their academic education with practical job experience by developing internship opportunities and coordinating placement activities with employers and faculty advisers. It serves about 1,800 students a year, placing 400 to 500 of them as interns throughout Montana and the nation in more than 35 fields of employment.

Information about the work-based learning program is available at (406) 243-4614 or on the Web at http://www.umt.edu/coop_intern.

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