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HARDIN STUDENT ACCEPTS AWARD FOR UM HONOR SOCIETY

MISSOULA —

Kaja Stevenson, a senior from **Hardin** studying psychology at The University of Montana, recently accepted a prestigious award on behalf of the UM chapter of an academic honors society.

Stevenson, the daughter of Hardin's Gary and Janet Stevenson, is president of UM's Golden Key Honor Society, an international academic honors organization that provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, career networking and scholarships. She has presided over the UM chapter of Golden Key since last November.

Stevenson accepted a Key Chapter Award during the society's international convention, "The Magic of Excellence," in Orlando, Fla. UM received the award for excelling in communication, publicity, meeting management, chapter activities and leadership, as well as participation in regional and international programs. The chapter also participated in Golden Key programs, honorary member activities, sophomore recognition and community service projects aimed at helping area children and the elderly.

The society has presented Key Chapter Awards for 19 years. Delegates from the UM

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chapter accepted their award at the convention's awards luncheon in front of 1,250 delegates from around the world.

Chapter adviser Carol Bates said all chapters may apply for the award, but only the most outstanding are selected to receive the honor.

The Golden Key Society has 285 chapters across the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Australia, Canada, Malaysia and New Zealand. Membership into the society is by invitation only to the top 15 percent of juniors and seniors in all fields of study.

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