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HAMILTON STUDENT BECOMES UM ADVOCATE

MISSOULA--

A Hamilton resident became an ambassador for The University of Montana in December when he joined the ranks of the UM Advocates, a 100-member volunteer organization on campus.

After a challenging selection process and a two-credit leadership training seminar, Advocates serve as campus tour guides and orientation leaders. They also staff a wide variety of events throughout the year, including Homecoming, Parents Weekend, UM Days, the Big Sky Career Fair, the International Food Festival, the World's Largest Garage Sale, college fairs, alumni events and community service projects.

The new Advocate from Hamilton is Mario Schulzke, a sophomore majoring in international business, finance and Spanish.

When the organization was formed in 1969, UM Advocates was a traveling speakers bureau. In fall 1999, Advocates donated more than 1,300 hours of service to the campus and community.

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