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MISSOULA—

Author Robert Putnam will deliver the keynote address at the Montana Campus Compact’s 10th anniversary celebration Thursday, Sept. 25, in Billings.

Putnam’s best-selling book “Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community,” published in 2000, explores the idea that Americans are becoming less and less connected to one another and to community affairs and attempts to answer the question: What can bring us together again?

In a new book, “Better Together: Restoring the American Community,” Putnam and co-author Lewis Feldstein report on how Americans are developing new ways of connecting people, reestablishing bonds of trust and understanding and revitalizing civic spirit.

“It is fitting to have Dr. Putnam in Montana for this historic event,” said Dean McGovern, executive director of The Montana Campus Compact (MTCC). “The compact has been working for 10 years to encourage more partnerships between campus and community to bring about the change that Putnam addresses in his research.”

The anniversary celebration begins at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom at Montana State University in Billings. The event is open to the public and a $20 donation is suggested at the door. All proceeds will benefit MTCC.
Each academic year MTCC supports dedicated college students, staff members and faculty members who pledge to improve their communities as active and engaged citizens. MTCC volunteers are involved in a variety of community-building efforts, including tutoring in Montana schools, coordinating environmental cleanup efforts across the state, facilitating after-school activities for youth and collecting food for the hungry.

"Colleges and universities have a unique responsibility in the creation of social capital," McGovern said. "There is simply no better way to do it than for faculty and students to expand their classrooms into their local neighborhoods, use their knowledge, roll up their sleeves and work with community partners to improve the community."

Call McGovern at (406) 243-5177 for more information.

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