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GRIZ GRAD SEND-OFF SET FOR MAY 11

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The University of Montana invites graduating seniors, as well as their friends and family, to celebrate at the Griz Grad Send-Off Wednesday, May 11, on the Mansfield Mall.

Held from 5 to 7 p.m., the event will feature authentic Italian calzones and root beer floats, as well as live music by the Volumen. Students who have purchased class rings can pick them up at the celebration, and several University administrators will be on hand to congratulate attendees. In addition, information from the Office of Career Services and Foreign Student and Scholar Services will be available.

"The send-off is low-key and relaxed so students have a chance to take a break from their finals and mingle with fellow classmates, alumni and faculty members before all the craziness of Commencement weekend kicks in," said Julie Schwartz, UM Alumni Association associate director.

In case of rain, the celebration will move to the University Center atrium. The UM Alumni Association and the UM Foundation sponsor the Griz Grad Send-Off.

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