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BUSINESS SCHOOL HONORS OUTSTANDING UM ALUMNI

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana School of Business Administration recently presented awards to three outstanding UM alumni.

Phil Palm, a 1950 UM graduate, received the Outstanding Alumnus Award; 1976 graduate Roberta Dahl received the Outstanding Distinguished Alumnus Award; and Walt Muralt, who graduated in 1989, received the Outstanding Early Career Alumnus Award.

Palm came to UM after serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1944 to 1946 and attending Northern Montana College in Havre until 1948. In addition to his degree from UM, Palm completed the Stanford Executive Program at Stanford University in 1968. Palm worked for Buttrey Foods for 33 years, serving as president and CEO for 15 years.

He has served as a member of the boards of directors of Pacific Steel and Bancorporation of Montana and was a member of the UM Foundation's board of trustees from 1977 to 1979.

Palm is now retired and lives in **Great Falls**. He has supported the Great Falls Education Scholarship program for 12 years and has funded four years of higher education costs for 12 different students within the Montana University System.

Dahl has more than 28 years experience in public accounting and is a partner in the **Los Angeles** office of Deloitte Touche. She began her professional career in Portland before

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transferring to one of Deloitte's mergers and acquisitions groups in New York City, where she worked for 19 years. Dahl is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Following graduation, Muralt spent some time on various business ventures in California before returning to Montana to assist his family with the operations of Muralt's Travel Plaza in **Missoula**. He now serves as president of the plaza, has recently acquired two additional Missoula businesses, and leads The Muralt Family Foundation. The foundation annually awards five "Spirit of Achievement" scholarships to western Montana high school students and hosts blood drives for the American Red Cross.

The awards were presented at the school's 58th Annual Donor Recognition and Scholarship Awards Banquet.

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