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30 STUDENTS SELECTED TO JOIN UM ADVOCATE CLASS OF 2007

MISSOULA –

A new group of 30 University of Montana Advocates have been selected this semester to join more than 60 other students already involved in the program.

The UM Advocates are a select student group who support the outreach efforts of the University and assist students with the college transition.

The new advocates had to stand out during a competitive application process, which included a written application, a presentation with other prospective advocates to a committee of University personnel, a presentation to current advocates and a face-to-face interview with the current advocate coordinators.

Students are selected based on their leadership skills and ability to communicate and relate positively with others. Once chosen, advocates retain their membership throughout college, as long as they maintain certain requirements.

“After a competitive selection process, we’ve found the most qualified students,” said Erin Rogge, UM Advocates director. “They’re going to add a lot to the organization and the campus community as a whole.”

This year’s group of new UM Advocates include:

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- Veronica Asmus, **Aptos, Calif.**, sophomore, anthropology and recreation management
- Amanda Barker, **Kalispell**, freshman, business management
- Kevin Barnett, **Gresham, Ore.**, freshman, business marketing
- Liz Beal, **Tucson, Ariz.**, junior, business marketing
- Lucy Beard, **Kalispell**, junior, art and art history
- Paige Browning, **Spokane, Wash.**, sophomore, environmental studies
- Megan Carlson, **Great Falls**, freshman, business management and sociology
- Amanda Conley, **Homer, Alaska**, sophomore, undeclared
- Kayla Drozd, **Gresham, Ore.**, freshman, business marketing
- Andrew Dusek, **Havre**, freshman, journalism
- Corey Fifles, **Jackson Hole, Wyo.**, freshman, undeclared
- Alexander Gosslin, **Spokane, Wash.**, sophomore, accounting and management
- Rachel Gundlach, **Fairfield**, freshman, political science
- Katrina Johnson, **Olympia**, sophomore, anthropology and Irish studies
- Peter Knox, **Billings**, sophomore, history
- Megan Majerus, **Hobson**, sophomore, health and human performance
- Maureen Muri, **Helena**, freshman, political science and Mandarin Chinese
- Bill Oram, **Hebo, Ore.**, sophomore, journalism
- Paige Ostahowski, **Hardin**, sophomore, forensic anthropology
- Courtney Oyler, **Rapid City, S.D.**, freshman, undeclared
- Matt Phair, **Lynden, Wash.**, sophomore, human biology
- Sam Rostad, **Great Falls**, freshman, history
- Andy Salonen, **Great Falls**, freshman, broadcast journalism
- Bridget Smith, **Missoula**, freshman, undeclared
- Sarah Snow, **Billings**, sophomore, exercise science and physical therapy
- Erin Snyder, **Arlee**, freshman, undeclared
- Liz Sykora, **Whitefish**, freshman, drama education
- Jessica Tade, **Scobey**, freshman, business administration
- Nicole Wilkie, **Idaho Falls, Idaho**, sophomore, nursing
- Herbert Evan Zeiger, **Birmingham, Ala.**, junior, human biology

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