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### **ALTERNATIVE WINTER BREAK TAKES UM STUDENTS TO HOLLYWOOD**

#### **MISSOULA—**

The University of Montana Office for Civic Engagement is currently accepting applications for the Alternative Winter Break trip Jan. 7-18.

The trip, combined with three days of mandatory seminars, is worth two credits. Students will work in Hollywood, Calif., with the volunteer organization Discovering Opportunities for Outreach & Reflection (DOOR).

Mandatory seminars will be held Wednesday to Friday, Jan. 7-9, and the trip will leave Missoula Saturday, Jan. 10, and return Sunday, Jan. 18.

An information session will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, in Davidson Honors College Room 119. Pizza will be provided.

Alternative Winter Break applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24. They should be turned in to OCE, located in Davidson Honors College Room 015.

In Hollywood, students will be assigned different work sites each day by the people at DOOR. Students will work in places such as soup kitchens, children's organizations and Habitat for Humanity projects. Jobs will be assigned based on what the city needs at the time of the trip.

Students also will have free time to explore the more glamorous side of Hollywood, exposing them to the striking contrasts that exist between poverty and prosperity.

The goal of alternative breaks, sponsored for more than 10 years by OCE, is to provide students with an opportunity to learn through volunteerism, to work in a group of peers and to become vitally connected with a new and different community.

OCE is a department of the Davidson Honors College and serves as UM's primary agent of community activism and civic responsibility.

For more information, call 243-5531 or go online to <http://www.umt.edu/oce>.

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