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## ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION AT UM MAY 14

## MISSOULA -

The University of Montana School of Business Administration will host the 20th annual John Ruffatto Business Plan Competition with the Montana Academy of Distinguished Entrepreneurs on Thursday, May 14, in the Gallagher Business Building.

Student entrepreneurs from Montana colleges and universities will present their proposed ventures to the business community in an educational, competitive and fun environment. Thousands of dollars will be offered in prizes.

The authors of top business plans will compete at 5 p.m. in the final round in Room 106. The event is open to the public.

The competition provides a forum for students to interact with experienced business professionals and receive feedback on their work. The event also aims to foster new businesses in Montana.

For more information go to <u>http://www.business.umt.edu/made/programs/biz.asp</u>. If you plan to attend or need other details, e-mail <u>catherine.claro@business.umt.edu</u> or call 406-243-4309. CC/az Local, dailies 050109plan