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UM TO VISIT ROCKY BOY’S, FORT BELKNAP INDIAN RESERVATIONS

MISSOULA –

University of Montana President George M. Dennison and other campus officials will visit the Rocky Boy’s and Fort Belknap Indian reservations Sept. 15-16.

The purpose of the visit is to reinforce University ties with these two Hi-Line reservations, meet with tribal and educational leaders, connect with area UM alumni and recruit potential college students.

“It’s always a great pleasure to visit Indian Country in Montana,” said Dennison, an honorary member of the Blackfeet Tribe. “The purpose of these trips is to renew our strong ties with Montana’s tribal nations and learn how we can work together to benefit both parties.”

The UM contingent will visit the Rocky Boy’s Indian Reservation on Tuesday, Sept. 15, and the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation on Wednesday, Sept. 16. Stops are planned at several area schools and tribal colleges.

In addition to Dennison, other top UM administrators making the trip will include Jim Foley, executive vice president; Teresa Branch, vice president for Student Affairs; and Jed Liston, assistant vice president for enrollment. During the visits, UM faculty members also will interact with students and teach at various schools.

Following is a tentative schedule that is subject to change:

Sept. 9, 2009
Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Rocky Boy’s Indian Reservation

Rocky Boy High School
7:45-8:30 a.m. – breakfast meeting with faculty
8:45 a.m. – cultural class visitation
8:45 a.m. – UM faculty members visit classes
8:45 a.m. – admissions and financial aid presentation in Library

Stone Child College
11 a.m.-2 p.m. – lunch meeting, faculty forum, cultural forum in the Stone Child College Atrium

Box Elder High School
2:30 p.m. – rotation into various classes
3:30 p.m. – roundtable discussion and Q&A with the principal

Stone Child College
5 p.m. – UM reception with alumni and prospective students

Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Fort Belknap Indian Reservation

Hays-Lodge Pole High School
8:30-9:10 a.m. – faculty roundtable (topics: UM’s Native American Center, matriculation data from the last five years, graduation rates)
9:13-10 a.m. – student and faculty presentations for Native American Heritage Day

Fort Belknap College
Lunch – meeting with faculty and transfer student admission and financial aid presentation

Harlem High School
11 a.m. – admissions and financial aid presentation in the library
1:45 p.m. – UM administrators meet with the principal
2:37 p.m. – rotation into calculus and Native language classes
3:30 p.m. – faculty roundtable in the teachers’ lounge

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