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UM HIRES UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING CENTER DIRECTOR

MISSOULA —

The University of Montana has hired S. Beth Howard to direct the Undergraduate Advising Center. She will begin her duties at UM on Dec. 1.

Howard comes to UM from Rutgers University, where she is assistant dean in the Office for Nontraditional Students and Special Populations. She will lead the UM center in its work of advising and challenging students to consider their academic options in a way that promotes self-discovery, reflection and good decision-making skills.

Prior to her current position at Rutgers, Howard served as assistant dean for Academic Services at that university's Douglass College. She holds a doctorate in cell and developmental biology and has been active in advising and mentoring undergraduates since 1981.

UM's search committee cited Howard's ability to create and sustain a team approach and her excellent background and interest in assessment of advising effectiveness as some of the strengths she brings to the position.

"I am looking forward to becoming a member of The University of Montana community," Howard said. "I am especially pleased to join the staff of the Undergraduate Advising Center and the Office for Student Success. The University's history of commitment to the advising needs of the undergraduate is impressive, as is the dedication of the advising staff."

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