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CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AT UM

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will hold events Monday through Friday, Nov. 16-20, to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide.

The celebration will take place during International Education Week, a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the United States.

UM's International Education Week events begin at noon Monday, Nov. 16, in the University Center Atrium with presentations by Associate Provost for International Programs Mehrdad Kia, Foreign Student and Scholar Services Director Effie Koehn and International Student Association President Felicity Dugo. A Spanish dance performance will follow.

The celebration will continue at 4 p.m. Monday in University Center Room 326 with a study abroad information session by Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry, assistant director of UM International Programs. "Healing Hearts in Ethiopia," a presentation by a Missoula cardiac surgery team about their mission to take care of children with rheumatic heart valve disease, will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in University Center Room 326.

The Food Zoo, located in the Lommasson Center, will offer international cuisine all week, and information about study abroad opportunities will be available in the University Center Atrium from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily.

Weeklong events will include several presentations, information sessions and performances. A complete schedule of UM International Education Week is available on the International Programs Web site at <http://www.umt.edu/ip>.

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