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MISSOULA –

Acclaimed musician Martin Bresnick, whose music has been performed in festivals and concerts around the world, will present the next installment of the President’s Lecture Series at The University of Montana.

Bresnick will deliver “Listening to Images, Hearing the Text: New Music that Engages the Visual and the Literary” at 8 p.m. Monday, April 9, in the University Theatre. The event is free and open to the public.

Bresnick’s lecture will explore how the art of music has always been unusually easy to connect with other arts – especially poetry, dance, theater and cinema – as well as how computers and other technologies have expanded and enhanced the association of music, words and images. Lisa Moore, his wife, will provide musical accompaniment on the piano.

While at UM, Bresnick also will participate in a series of workshop hosted by the UM School of Music.

Bresnick, the Charles T. Wilson Professor in the Practice of Composition at the Yale University School of Music, is acclaimed for his compositions in nearly every medium, from chamber and symphonic music to film and computer music.

More information on the President’s Lecture Series is online at http://www.umt.edu/president/events/lectures/2011-2012.

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MISSOULA –

Work crews at University Villages, a University of Montana housing complex, will apply herbicides to selected areas this spring and summer. Residents and the public should watch for signs posted along the perimeter of treated areas or call grounds supervisors Rich Erving or Matt Burbank at 406-243-6030 with any questions.

“We may begin spot spraying as soon as April 9 as daytime temperatures increase,” Erving said. “We post a lot of signs, so people should be on the lookout. It should be obvious that work is happening.”

Glyphosate – commonly known as Roundup, one of its brand names – will be spot sprayed near parking lots, curbs and sidewalks, as well as in some ornamental flowerbeds. Craighead, Sisson, Elliot, Toole, and Lewis and Clark Villages are scheduled for treatment this spring. The herbicide Horsepower will be used for treatment of broadleaf weeds in some areas.

Erving stressed that workers will strictly adhere to all procedural regulations and guidelines in applying the herbicide.

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MISSOULA —

University of Montana President Royce Engstrom has announced that former UM associate head coach Mick Delaney will serve as the interim head football coach, and Jean Gee has been selected as the school’s interim athletics director.

Delaney recently concluded his fourth season as an assistant coach at Montana working with the running backs, and was the associate head coach. A veteran mentor, Delaney has been in the coaching ranks 44 years, with 29 of them at the collegiate level. Originally from Butte, he came to Montana from Colorado State University, where he was an assistant coach from 1993 to 2007.

Prior to coaching the Rams, Delaney was the head football coach and athletic director at Montana Western in Dillon from 1991 to 1992. He served as the athletic director at Montana Tech in Butte from 1983 to 1985. He began his coaching career at Butte Central High School (1964-1967) as head wrestling coach and assistant football coach.

Delaney was an assistant football coach at UM under head coach Jack Swarthout from 1968 to 1969. He also was the head wrestling coach at Montana at that time. He then moved on to Great Falls High School (1969-1976) where he taught English and was the assistant wrestling coach and track and field coach. He coached at Montana State University from 1979 to 1980.

Delaney earned his bachelor’s in education at Montana Western in 1964. He is an inaugural inductee into the Western Montana College Sports Hall of Fame.

Gee has been involved with Grizzly Athletics for more than 15 years. She has served as the associate athletics director and senior woman administrator for Grizzly Athletics for the past eight years.

Prior to that, Gee was assistant athletics director for Compliance & Academic Services at UM for almost six years. A native of Lewistown, Gee received a bachelor’s in psychology from UM in 1995 and a master’s degree in public administration in 2006.

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MISSOULA –

The Confucius Institute at The University of Montana will take high school students to China this summer to study Chinese language and culture in traditional classrooms, participate in various sports and engage in cultural activities.

The summer camp will be held July 15-29. Students do not need to speak Chinese to participate. All expenses in China will be covered for the accepted participants. Students will pay for their round trip airfare from Missoula to Beijing, the visa application fee and international insurance.

The institute invites Montana high school students interested in China and Chinese culture to apply by Monday, April 16. Applications must include an application form, a personal application letter and a recommendation letter from a teacher. Detailed instructions and the application form can be found online at http://www.umt.edu/Mansfield/ci/Visiting%20China/default.aspx.

For more information call Suhan Chen, associate director of UM’s Confucius Institute, at 406-243-2895 or 406-214-4431 or email suhan.chen@mso.umt.edu.

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Contact: Suhan Chen, associate director, UM Confucius Institute, 406-243-2895, suhan.chen@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA –

The Associated Students of The University of Montana recently awarded the ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center with funding for a new Neighborhood Ambassador program.

The program aims to encourage relationships between student renters and permanent homeowners in a portion of the University District. The program includes roughly 39 blocks located between Woodworth and Daly avenues, east of Ronald Avenue.

The program received support from ASUM, the Missoula Police Department’s Quality of Life Officer Dustin Delridge, Missoula Mayor John Engen and many University District homeowners.

The Renter Center hired five student ambassadors who are each assigned to four to six blocks. The student ambassadors will create a monthly newsletter, a listserv of all residents and bi-weekly educational campaigns, as well as collect neighborhood survey data and create a neighborhood event. In the positions, students will learn civic engagement, communication, event programming and community-building skills.

More information on the program can be found online at [http://life.umt.edu/asum_agencies/Off_Campus_Renter_Center/Neighborhood%20Ambassadors/default.php](http://life.umt.edu/asum_agencies/Off_Campus_Renter_Center/Neighborhood%20Ambassadors/default.php).

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**Contact:** Beki Hartmann, director, ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center, 406-243-2017, beki.hartmann@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA –

The University of Montana has determined not to renew the contracts of Athletics Director Jim O’Day and head football coach Robin Pflugrad. The University will announce an interim athletics director and interim head coach by the end of the week. Further details about the search for permanent replacements will be released as the process develops. We thank Jim and Robin for their dedicated service to the University, and we wish them the best.

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Contact: UM Office of the President, 406-243-2311.
MISSOULA –

Journalism students at The University of Montana will host the second installment of “Without Consent,” a series of live radio programs on sexual assault. The program will air on KGBA College Radio 89.9 FM at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 29.

“Without Consent,” produced by students in the School of Journalism’s Advanced Audio course, invites a group of citizens and listeners to explore the reasons behind sexual assault and work toward solutions. The final goal is to generate solutions by the citizen panel and live callers and offer those suggestions to policymakers.

In the second episode, students will report on efforts made to improve communication when a sexual assault is reported and what laws restrict the flow of information. They’ll also explore societal myths and victim-blaming, and listeners will hear from law enforcement on challenges that face victims and officers trying to prove a case. Panelists will respond to these reports in an attempt to come up with productive suggestions for change.

Listeners who would like to participate in the program can call KBGA during the show at 406-243-4173 or email footbridgeforum@gmail.com.

The final episode of “Without Consent” will air live at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 26.

The series is part of a larger body of work called the “Footbridge Forum,” which explores community issues. Since 2004, the program has tackled a variety of topics, from the development of the South Campus area to cheating in college. More information on the “Footbridge Forum” is available online at http://www.footbridgeforum.org/.

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MISSOULA –

A wildlife policy expert will speak on modern applications of an ancient legal doctrine at the final installment of the spring semester Natural Resources and Environmental Policy Forum at The University of Montana.

Chris Smith of the Wildlife Management Institute will deliver “From Ancient Rome to the Ruby River: Why the Public Trust Doctrine Matters to You” at noon Tuesday, April 10, in Law Building Room 101. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The public trust doctrine is the legal principle that certain natural resources, including water, fish and wildlife, belong to no single individual, but are held in trust by the government and are managed for the benefit of current and future generations. The doctrine is fundamental to Western water law and serves as the basis of fish and wildlife conservation in North America.

Smith will trace the evolution of the public trust doctrine from its roots in Roman law, through U. S. Supreme Court rulings to Montana’s stream access law and wildlife management system. He also will discuss the role of each branch of government and the rights and responsibilities of the public as beneficiaries of the trust. Finally, he will explain why the ancient legal concept remains relevant today, some recent challenges to the public trust doctrine and how Montanans can ensure the benefits they currently enjoy from the trust remain available for future generations.

Since 2010, UM’s Natural Resources and Environmental Policy Forum has featured speakers from a variety of disciplines, providing insight into the way we make decisions, resolve conflicts and plan for sustainable use of air, water and land.

The series is sponsored by UM’s Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy in collaboration with the UM College of Forestry and Conservation, School of Law, Bolle Center for People and Forests, Resource Conservation Program, Department of Geography, Department of History/H.D. Hampton Lecture Series, Environmental Studies Program and the Indian Land Tenure Foundation.

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MISSOULA –

KBGA College Radio 89.9 FM at The University of Montana will present folk-punk band Murder by Death live in concert at 9 p.m. Monday, April 2, at The Badlander, located at 208 Ryman St. in downtown Missoula.

Puerto Rican band Los Vigilantes will play alongside Murder by Death, and bluegrass group The Brass Monkey Band will open the show.

Admission costs $10 in advance and $13 the day of the show. The event is open to ages 18 and older, and there is a $2 surcharge for those under 21. Tickets are available at Rockin Rudy’s and Ear Candy.

Murder by Death hails from Bloomington, Ind. Each of the band’s songs has its own tableau of drunken regret, hopeful longing and bittersweet realization.

Los Vigilantes is a Spanish-language garage pop band with a punk spin. Members of The Brass Monkey Band hail from Billings and Missoula, and their sound is inspired by bluegrass and punk rock influences.

More information is available online at http://www.kbga.org.

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Contact: KBGA College Radio 89.9 FM, 406-243-6139, promotions@kbga.org.
MISSOULA –

A team of students and instructors with The University of Montana College of Technology will test the limits of an energy-efficient vehicle they’ve spent several months building when they travel to a national competition this week.

The team – led by Brad Layton, director of the COT’s Energy Technology Program, and energy tech student Grant Myhre – will bring its aluminum-framed, solar-powered car to the Shell Eco Marathon, which takes place Thursday through Sunday, March 29-April 1, in Houston.

The competition challenges teams of high school and college students from around the country to design, build and test energy-efficient vehicles. It will take place on the city streets of downtown Houston.

"Perhaps the most intriguing aspect of this entire competition is that the car must complete the 6-mile race with more energy than it had at the starting line," Layton said. "It’s essentially like finishing a trip without ever stopping for gasoline and having more in the tank than when you left. The trick is to pull in more photons than you burn."

Layton said the team built the entire vehicle, which they’ve worked on since September, with minimal outside machining assistance, including all the design, solar cell soldering, fiberglass layup, circuit design, welding and assembly.

"Of the 120-plus entries, about 10 of them are solar, so we have our work cut out for us, especially since the sun has been hiding during the majority of our build," he said. "But I have every reason to believe that this team has a shot at victory this coming weekend."

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NOTE TO MEDIA: Images of the vehicle are available by calling Layton at 406-203-2365 or emailing bradley.layton@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Oval will be transformed from a grassy lawn to a sea of colorful eggs and candy on Saturday, April 7, when UM hosts the 12th annual Missoula Easter Eggstravaganza.

Children ages 9 and under are invited to bring their baskets and search for thousands of eggs packed with Easter treats during western Montana’s largest egg hunt, which gets under way when the Main Hall bell tolls 1 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, and Mountain Line will provide free bus rides all day.

There will be separate sections for 0-2, 3, 4-5, 6-7 and 8-9 age groups. One lucky child in each age group who finds an egg with a special coupon will win a brand-new bicycle and helmet.

Children also will find special eggs with certificates that will bring them back to campus. UM has donated educational opportunities for children, including UM soccer and basketball camps, swim lessons at the Grizzly Pool, a birthday party and summer camp at spectrUM Discovery Area, UM dance lessons and more.

“The University strives to be an integral component of the Missoula community,” said Andrea Lewis, event coordinator for University Relations. “In addition to hosting this free, festive event for the community, UM departments joined in to donate experience-based top prizes.”

During the event, parents can text to win prizes from Verizon Wireless and enter a free raffle for gift certificates to Busy Hands Fun Center.

KPAX chief weather forecaster Erin Yost and 102.5 Mountain FM radio morning personality Rick Sanders will emcee the event. The Easter Bunny, as well as UM mascot Monte, will be on hand for the fun. At noon near the Grizzly Bear statue, kids can explore with spectrUM Discovery Area and the Montana Natural History Center.

The Missoula Easter Eggstravaganza is organized by UM’s University Relations, with generous sponsorship from local businesses. Student athletes and UM Advocate volunteers will help spread candy and eggs across four acres of lawn the morning of the hunt, and UM students and high school students in the Missoula Flagship Program helped fill eggs leading up to the event.

Missoula Federal Credit Union, NorthWestern Energy and Verizon Wireless are the major monetary sponsors of this year’s Eggstravaganza. Additional cash sponsors include Missoula Pediatric Dentistry, Freemasons Lodge No. 13, The Bookstore at UM and Culligan Water.

University Relations also received in-kind donations of candy, prizes and coupons for free items or admission from 40 local businesses and organizations. In-kind donors include Ace Hardware, Baskin Robbins, Bernice’s Bakery, Carmike Cinemas, Carousel for Missoula, Coldstone Creamery, Coca-Cola Bottling of Montana, Dairy Queen (Brooks Street), Dairy Queen (Higgins Avenue), UM Department of Computer Science, Good Food Store, Great Harvest Bread, Import Market, The Learning Tree, Lil’ Griz Cub House, Missoula in Motion, Montana Natural History Center, Murdoch’s, Pizza Hut, Play It Again Sports, Party City, Rosauers, Safeway, Sheehan Majestic, spectrUM, Taco Johns, The Huckleberry People, The Sweet Palace, UM Cascade Country Store, UM Dance Program, UM Grizzly Pool, UM Intercollegiate Athletics, UC Market, University Dining Services, Walmart (Highway 93 South), Walmart SuperCenter and Westside Lanes.

“Support from generous community organizations and businesses make this event possible,” said Lewis. “Because of their help, UM is able to continue this cherished community event.”

For more information, call University Relations at 406-243-5478 or email Lewis at andrea.lewis@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana recently received two prominent civic engagement awards. The Corporation for National and Community Service honored UM with a place on the 2012 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, and Campus Compact awarded a UM student with the Newman Civic Fellows award.

The 2012 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal government recognition that a university or college can receive for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors that demonstrate a strong culture of service, including demonstration of exemplary community service through volunteerism, academic service-learning and national service; and achievement of meaningful outcomes in the community.

The 2012 Newman Civic Fellows Award honors inspiring college-student leaders who have demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country. Maureen Karlin, a UM junior studying education, received the award for her work coordinating the America Reads America Counts K-12 tutoring program in Missoula.

Karlin develops relationships with area elementary schools and works with local principals and teachers to identify classrooms and students with the highest needs. Once identified, Karlin works to recruit, screen, train, place and support tutors throughout their volunteer experience. In addition to coordinating tutors, Karlin provides direct service as a tutor in elementary classrooms herself.

UM has a long tradition of community service and civic engagement. According to Andrea Vernon, director of UM’s Office for Civic Engagement, there are many examples of long-standing partnerships between community-based organizations and university staff, faculty and students.

“Our community engagement programs help to enliven curriculum and make learning more impactful and meaningful for students and the community,” Vernon said. “Service is embedded in the University’s mission statement, and each year thousands of students engage in community service work that benefits their learning and meets some of the critical needs facing our community related to poverty, the environment and education.”

Last year, 2,068 UM students volunteered 169,190 hours of service to the local community. The Independent Sector, a leadership forum for charities, foundations and corporate giving programs, has determined the value of a volunteer hour by state, and Montana’s hourly rate is $14.89. Using that hourly rate as a guideline, the volunteer hours by UM students brought an economic impact to the Missoula community of nearly $2.5 million.

“We take very seriously the charge to provide graduates of The University of Montana the foundation to make positive impacts on the world and to prepare students for meaningful lives as committed, engaged and ethical citizens of their communities,” said UM President Royce C. Engstrom. “I am incredibly proud UM students are putting their education to work to benefit their community.”

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Contact: Andrea Vernon, director, UM Office for Civic Engagement, 406-243-5159, andrea.vernon@umontana.edu
MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Physical Therapy Student Association will offer 20- and 40-minute massages during campus fundraising clinics in April.

The clinics will take place from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, April 9-12, 16-19 and 23-26, in Skaggs Building Room 129. A 20-minute massage costs $12, and a 40-minute massage is $20. Proceeds will help UM physical therapy students attend local and national conferences.

Appointments are required and can be made by calling 406-243-4753.

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Contact: UM Physical Therapy Student Association, 406-243-4753.
MISSOULA –

The director of The University of Montana Irish Studies program plans to lead a nine-day tour of Ireland this summer.

From Sunday, June 10 to Tuesday June 19, Traolach O'Riordain will guide tour participants through The Burren, Ennis, Dingle, Killarney, Cork, the Beara Peninsula, Waterford, Wexford, the JFK homestead, Glendalough and Dublin.

The tour will move in a horseshoe shape from west to east, taking in sites like the Cliffs of Moher, Wicklow National Park and the pubs and shops in Killarney.

The trip costs $1,799 to share lodging with another person. An additional $342 pays for single lodging arrangements.

A full itinerary of the trip can be found at http://www.irishmontana.edu.

To register for the trip, call O'Riordain at 406-544-0311 or email toriordain@hotmail.com. O'Riordain needs to have a final list of travelers by the beginning of April.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana College of Technology has five cooking classes planned for this summer.

The first course, Food and Wine Pairing, runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, May 22-25. The course will explore the different wine regions and the history of their cuisine. Since wine will be involved, all participants must be of legal drinking age. The class, taught by chef Aimee Ault, costs $400 for noncredit or an additional $135 for one COT credit. The registration deadline is April 20.

A class geared for Family and Consumer Science Teachers, Tips for Teachers: Honing the Basics, runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 11-15. The class introduces knife skills, soups, stocks and sauces. Taught by chef Tom Siegel, the class costs $425 for no credit or an additional $135 for two COT credits. The registration deadline is May 11.

Bread Baking runs from 1-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 25-28. Students will master the basic procedure of bread making and make a variety of breads. The class is $250 for no credit. Registration needs to be completed by May 31.

Each of the classes has space for 16 students. To register, visit http://www.cte.umt.edu/outreach.

The COT culinary program also will offer introductory classes, Intro to Food Service Industry and Food Service Sanitation.

Intro to Food Service Industry is offered from 8:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, June 19-July 25. The class is an introduction to food handling, history, cooking methods, tool skills, safety and menu development. The class is worth five credits.

Food Service Sanitation runs from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Mondays, June 18-July 23. The course introduces students to fundamentals in safe and sanitary food handling practices. The course is a two-credit class.

To register for the introductory courses, call the COT admissions department at 406-243-7882.

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Contact: Mary Opitz, UM College of Technology Outreach, 406-243-7812, mary.opitz@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA —

The University Center at The University of Montana will host a group workshop titled “Transitions” on Tuesday, April 17, designed to teach outgoing student group leaders goal-setting strategies and how to pass down a legacy and a vision to incoming leaders.

Both current and incoming leaders are encouraged to attend the workshop, which will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. in UC Room 326. The event is free, and registration is not required.

The workshop will include a presentation on how to effectively transfer leadership and group vision at the end of the year. The workshop will give leaders the opportunity to learn how to create binders to guide next year’s leaders and members and ensure continued group success.

Other topics will include how to make the most of weekly meetings, including management of group time, as well as booking rooms and catering. The workshop will help attendees improve their management and marketing techniques, including how to plan ahead for days that will attract attendance.

Leaders also will learn about brainstorming and formatting their vision for their group for the current year and the years following. The motto for this workshop is “Vision—Reality—Leadership,” which originates from the following quote: “Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality” by Warren G. Bennis.

To learn more about the “Transitions” group workshop, visit [http://life.umt.edu/uc/ucsi/leadership/default.php](http://life.umt.edu/uc/ucsi/leadership/default.php).

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MISSOULA –

The Montana Board of Regents recently approved a new minor in Arabic Studies at The University of Montana.

Coursework in the minor is designed to help students achieve an advanced level in Arabic based on American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages standards of foreign language proficiency. The content of the Arabic studies minor includes linguistic and cultural components such as:

-- the orthographic, phonological, morphological, syntactic and sociolinguistic systems of the Arabic language;
-- the four language skills (i.e., listening, speaking, reading and writing); and
-- the literature, history, politics, geography, religions, economy and cultures of the Arab world.

To earn an academic minor in Arabic studies, normally students need 30 credits, with at least nine credits in upper division courses. A minimum grade of C is required in all the courses to fulfill the minor.

For more information visit [http://www.umt.edu/cswa/arabic](http://www.umt.edu/cswa/arabic) or call Khaled Huthaily, head of Arabic Studies Section and adviser of the Arabic studies minor, at 406-243-6602 or email khaled.huthaily@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Beginning Tuesday, May 1, the procurement of all goods and services by University of Montana employees must be processed through GrizMart, the University’s new electronic procurement system.

Exceptions include employees who are using a ProCard to purchase from a non-GrizMart vendor. All rental/leases, contracted services, maintenance agreements, photocopiers and software procurements must go through GrizMart regardless of payment method. State of Montana and UM procurement rules and regulations will apply and were automatically built into GrizMart.

UM will host a series of open forums to discuss the transition to GrizMart and provide an opportunity for faculty and staff to ask questions. The first meeting is scheduled from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, in the University Center Theater. The second meeting will take place from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 17, in the UC Theater.

UM partnered with SciQuest, a leading provider in integrated, Web-based, end-to-end electronic procurement solutions, to develop GrizMart to deliver one-stop shopping across campus, allowing users to buy against contract vendors in an online private marketplace. GrizMart also automates labor and paper-intensive procurement and accounts payable tasks, such as order creation and invoice processing, which will free up staff to focus on more strategic priorities. It also makes the procurement experience more easy, efficient and effective for users.

UM completed the initial GrizMart implementation in July and went live with a limited pilot group of users from several UM departments. UM completed the final implementation in October by adding a settlement manager module that automates and streamlines receiving, matching and invoicing processes.

UM plans to fully automate its invoice processing by using software technology to electronically scan all of its paper-based invoices and feed directly into GrizMart for payment processing. To support this effort and maximize internal controls, UM also will centralize vendor-invoice distribution to its Accounts Payable department beginning May 1.

For more information on GrizMart, including frequently asked questions, available training, participating vendors and more, visit the GrizMart Customer Service website at http://www.umt.edu/bussrvcs/employees/services/procurement/grizmart/default.aspx.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana College of Technology will offer two courses this summer in Stevensville for those who would like to become certified nursing assistants.

The training, which will take place in May, June and August at the Bitterroot Valley Living Center, prepares students for careers in health care under the supervision of a licensed nurse. The center is located at 63 Main St. in Stevensville.

Curriculum includes first aid and CPR training in providing or assisting in client care, use of equipment, documenting and reporting. Theory and clinical study will provide necessary information and skills needed in long-term, home-care and acute-care settings. Students also will prepare for and complete the Montana Department of Health State Competency CNA Evaluation Examination.

The first course begins Wednesday, May 16, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students are asked to bring a lunch that day. Classes will continue from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays through June 1, with Saturday classes from 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. May 19 and 26 and June 2.

The second course begins Wednesday, Aug. 1, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students are asked to bring a lunch that day. Classes will continue weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Aug. 17, with Saturday classes from 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Aug. 4, 11 and 18.

The course costs $820, which includes the textbook, CPR/first aid fee, supplies and the state examination fee. No previous academic experience is required. The registration deadline for the first course is Friday, April 20, and payment is due Friday, April 27. The registration deadline for the second course is Friday, July 13, and payment is due Friday, July 20. Complete details about course requirements and additional costs are online at http://www.cte.umt.edu/Outreach/CNA_Classes.aspx.

Space is limited. To register, call Mary Opitz of the COT Outreach Program at 406-243-7812 or email mary.opitz@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana International Programs and other UM departments will host several events in honor of International Week, March 25-30.

Events will feature a keynote address and presentation by Andre Lewis, deputy assistant secretary for International and Foreign Language Education at the U.S. Department of Education. Lewis will deliver "Maintaining U.S. Capacity in Critical Foreign Languages and Area Studies Instruction" at 11 a.m. Monday, March 26, in University Center Room 330. The address will focus on the Obama administration’s efforts to support international education and foreign language learning and why they are essential to national prosperity.

Lewis also will deliver a presentation, "Why Global Citizenship is What Our Country Needs," at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, in conjunction with kickoff events for UM’s Global Leadership Initiative. Both events are free and open to the public.

UM will host a bevy of other events throughout the week, including several held in conjunction with GLI kickoff events. The Food Zoo also will feature an international menu each day.

A schedule of other events slated for International Week that are open to the public follows. All events are free unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, March 25

- Noon to 5 p.m., University Center: International Food and Culture Festival. Features cultural displays and performances and a variety of authentic ethnic foods from around the world. Admission costs $5 for adults and $3 for children ages 3 to 12.

Monday, March 26

- 3:30 p.m., Law Building Room 101 – Panel discussion: “International Human Rights, Global Values and the War on Terror: A Dialogue.” Amos Guiora, University of Utah law professor; Paul Lauren, UM Regents Professor of History; and David Aronofsky, UM legal counsel and adjunct law professor. GLI kickoff event.
- 4 p.m., UC Room 327 – Study Abroad Information Session. Learn about study abroad opportunities at UM, including programs, application deadlines and procedures, the credit transfer process, and financial aid and scholarships. Representatives also will man a table with information each day in the UC Atrium.

Tuesday, March 27

- 9 a.m., UC Ballroom – Opening remarks by Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer. GLI kickoff event.
- 10:10 a.m., UC Ballroom – “Having it All: Success in a Global Economy,” Deborah McWhinney, chief operating officer, Citi Global Enterprise Payments. GLI kickoff event.
- 11 a.m., UC Ballroom – “Students – Catalysts for Change in a Global Society.” Joseph Thiel, Montana Board of Regents. GLI kickoff event.
- 11:30 a.m., UC Ballroom – “From Missoula to Malaysia: One Student’s Trek to Global Leadership.” Jennifer Gursky, president, Associated Students of UM. GLI kickoff event.
- 3:30 p.m., Lommasson Center Room 154 – “The World is Your Job Site” work abroad workshop. Sponsored by the UM Office of Career Services.

Wednesday, March 28

- Noon, Stone Hall Room 303 – “The University of Montana and India – Opportunities for Meaningful Collaborations.” Sandy Ross, UM Graduate School associate dean; Prageeta Sharma, English department; Keith Bosak, society and conservation department; and Peter Baker, International Programs.
- 1:30 p.m., UC Room 330 – Peace Corps Information Session. Opportunity to learn more about the Peace Corps’ volunteer programs in more than 75 countries. Find out
how to become a more competitive applicant and have questions answered by a Peace Corps volunteer.


**Thursday, March 29**

- **11 a.m., UC Room 330** – “Social Empowerment in the Middle East: UM Student Builds Bridges in Arab Communities.” UM student Caitlyn Ajax.
- **1:30 p.m., UC Theater** – “Documentary Filmmaking Abroad: The Making of ‘Montespana.’” Nic Davis.
- **3:30 p.m., UC Room 330** – “Predicting Cultural Collaboration and Adversity – Can It Be Done in a Globalizing World?” Udo Fluck, International Programs.
- **7 p.m., UC Theater** – “Pelada.” Film follows two former college soccer stars as they travel the globe. Discussion to follow. An installment of UM’s Peace & Justice Film Series. Admission by donation.

**Friday, March 30**

- **Noon, UC Room 330** – “Exploring Wild India.” Apoorva Joshi, UM student.
- **7 p.m., Broadway Building Conference Center, 500 W. Broadway St.** – “Panel discussion: ‘Turning the Tide: A Spiritual Response to a Planet in Crisis – What is Our Obligation to the Future?’” Samir Bitar, Mike Cox, Father Jim Hogan and the Rev. Peter Shober. Moderated by Mary Anne Sladich-Lantz. Sponsored by St. Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center.

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MISSOULA –

A slate of high-profile experts with extensive knowledge in antiterrorism policy, international human rights, foreign language education, international business and more will be on The University of Montana campus next week as part of the official kickoff of the University’s Global Leadership Initiative.

UM will host several panel discussions and presentations Monday and Tuesday, March 26-27, to celebrate the inaugural class of GLI Fellows. The unique initiative, spearheaded by a faculty committee co-chaired by UM Associate Provost Arlene Walker-Andrews and sociology Professor Daisy Rooks, aims to help the 200 students who begin the program each year to become engaged, articulate global citizens. It’s the first university program of its kind in Montana.

“The GLI Committee has done a terrific job of putting together both the program and this event,” UM President Royce Engstrom said. “The GLI itself represents a big step forward in the education of today’s students, and it is a cornerstone of ‘Building a University for the Global Century.’ I am delighted that our students will have the opportunity to hear from such interesting speakers.”

Events begin with a panel discussion, “International Human Rights, Global Values and the War on Terror: A Dialogue,” at 3:30 p.m. Monday, March 26, in Law Building Room 101. It will feature Amos Guiora, University of Utah law professor; Paul Lauren, UM Regents Professor of History; and David Aronofsky, UM legal counsel and adjunct law professor.

The panel will discuss the history of human rights, the development of human rights laws and how they apply to recent events, including the Arab Spring revolution and the death of Osama bin Laden. Half of the program will be set aside for questions.

Remaining events will take place in the University Center Ballroom and are free and open to the public. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, March 26


Tuesday, March 27

- 9 a.m.: Opening remarks by Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer.
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- 11 a.m.: “Students – Catalysts for Change in a Global Society,” Joseph Thiel, Montana Board of Regents.
- 11:30 a.m.: “From Missoula to Malaysia: One Student’s Trek to Global Leadership,” Jenifer Gursky, president, Associated Students of UM.

A key component of UM’s strategic plan, GLI will provide participants with unique experience-based educational opportunities and professional training infused with international and interdisciplinary emphases. The four-year program will create opportunities for global engagement and leadership by funding co-curricular, study-abroad and service-learning activities for students involved.

When students begin the program, they will identify a big and enduring issue affecting the world community and then choose classes that will help them focus on that issue, complete a beyond-the-classroom experience, such as study abroad or an internship, and collaborate on a senior-year group project to raise questions about their global issue and propose solutions.

All full-time freshmen students pursuing four-year degrees at UM’s mountain campus are eligible for the program. More information on the initiative is available online at http://umt.edu/gli.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana student Mariah Rys-Sikora will formally accept her title as Miss Rodeo Montana during a coronation ball on Saturday, March 24, in Missoula.

The event will be held at the Missoula Winery and Event Center, located at 5646 W. Harrier Drive. The doors open at 3 p.m. for a silent auction and cocktails. Evening events start at 6 p.m. and include a buffet and live auction, and a dance featuring Russ Nasset and the Revelators kicks off at 9 p.m.

The coronation ball serves as fundraiser for the Miss Rodeo program, generating revenue for travel and expenses and scholarships for Miss Rodeo contestants. Rys-Sikora, 20, is a junior majoring in communication studies and is a member of the UM Rodeo Team.

Tickets for all events cost $25. Dance tickets after 9 p.m. cost $15. Gold table sponsorships with six seats cost $500, and silver table sponsorships with four seats cost $350. Tickets are available at the door or online at http://www.missrodeomontana.com. Donations also are accepted at the door or online.

For more information call 406-542-3809 or 406-544-3100. More details and a list of auction items are available on the website.

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MISSOULA —

The University of Montana’s spectrUM Discovery Area will bring its popular "The Brain: A World Inside Your Head" exhibition to Victor next week.

Students in the Victor School District will participate in guided field trips of the exhibition Monday through Thursday, March 26-29, at Victor High School and Middle School. The exhibition will be free and open to the public for family science fun from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 28.

"The Brain” features interactive science exhibits and activities exploring the wonders of neuroscience, including an EEG measurement station, a colossal brain and an activity in which visitors can move a ball using their own brain waves.

spectrUM travels the state with a mobile science center featuring various interactive science exhibitions, including "Hands on Health" and "The Brain: A World Inside Your Head." Since 2007, spectrUM has visited dozens of counties and all seven Indian reservations across the state, including some of Montana’s most remote communities.

"We travel hands-on science around the state, transforming gymnasiums and cafeterias into powerful science learning centers that help inspire Montana’s next generation of scientists, health care providers, engineers and visionaries,” said Holly Truitt, spectrUM director.

Victor is the first of spectrUM’s nine scheduled stops on its spring tour. Over the next few months, spectrUM also will bring hands-on science exhibitions to schools in Hamilton, Ronan, Lodge Grass, Browning, Heart Butte, Rocky Boy, Fort Belknap and Stanford.

spectrUM’s visits to these rural communities are sponsored by the Jane S Heman Foundation, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana, the Western Montana Area Health Education Center and the UM Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience. Neuroscientists and staff from the UM center collaborated with spectrUM on the design and development of “The Brain.”

spectrUM Discovery Area in Missoula is located in Skaggs Building Room 166 on the UM campus. It’s open to the public Thursdays from 3:30 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is $3.50 per person.

Teachers who would like to arrange class field trips to spectrUM, which cost $3.50 per student, can call 406-243-4828. To arrange for spectrUM to visit a school or organization, go to http://www.spectrum.umt.edu or call 406-243-4828.

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MISSOULA –

According to the most recent National College Health Assessment survey, 10 percent of University of Montana students stated that they “seriously considered suicide” over the past academic year. In an effort to raise awareness of this fact, and depression and suicide in college students in general, Curry Health Center’s Health Enhancement program will host the Lose the Blues Fest on Wednesday, March 21.

The third annual event will include student musicians playing the blues from noon to 1 p.m. in the University Center and from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. in The Payne Family Native American Center atrium. Curry Health Center staff and representatives from the Peers Reaching Out and Active Minds student groups will be on hand at each venue to talk about the difference between “the blues” and depression. Promotion will focus on healthy resources such as “happy lights” to treat seasonal affective disorder and the benefits of therapy dogs, courtesy of the Delta Society.

The event also will include access to campus resources, such as Counseling and Psychological Services, that treat depression and suicidality. Other educational resources and opportunities for students to get involved in promoting positive mental health on campus will be available as well.

The Health Enhancement program focuses on student health and well-being, offering students healthy lifestyle advice, kits to quit smoking and more. More information is available online at http://www.umt.edu/curry/healthenhancement.

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MISSOULA –

Performing artist Cosy Sheridan will present “The Pomegranate Seed” at 7 p.m. Monday, March 19, in the University Center Theater at The University of Montana. The performance is free and open to the public.

“The Pomegranate Seed” is a narrative chronicling one woman’s journey into the symbolic underworld and her emergence as a more vibrant and empowered person. Sheridan created this one-woman show in 2004 and has toured colleges and universities throughout the United States. She also performs at benefits for women’s issues.

Originally written as a final project for an undergraduate degree in psychology, “The Pomegranate Seed — An Exploration of Appetite, Body Image and Myth in Modern Culture” blends together Sheridan’s own experiences and the stories of other women. The show addresses eating disorders and body image issues as well as difficult sexuality issues that young women encounter as they grow into maturity.

Using myth to frame one woman’s journey to enlightenment, “The Pomegranate Seed” tells the story of finding meaning in life’s experiences. The performance weaves together humor and music in exploration of messages from the media, from cultural icons and family and from Barbie dolls to fad diets, from Eve and her apple to the tragic comedy of bathing suit shopping. Sheridan comes to grips with her body, her self-image and all that it implies, finding a way to joyfully inhabit herself.

The UM Department of Psychology, Curry Health Center, Residence Life, University Center, Campus Recreation and University Dining Services collaborated to bring the performance to UM. For more information call registered dietitian Rebecca Wade at 406-243-2315.

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MISSOULA –

A Harvard business professor and Missoula native will discuss the relationship between economics and the environment during the next installment of the President’s Lecture Series at The University of Montana.

Forest Reinhardt will deliver his lecture, “Global Natural Resource Markets: Perspectives from Business Strategy,” at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 22, in the Montana Theatre of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. The event also will serve as UM’s annual Brennan Guth Memorial Lecture.

In addition, Reinhardt will present a seminar, “The Environment and Business: A Case Study,” from 3:40 to 5 p.m. that day in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The seminar will be held in conjunction with UM’s Philosophy Forum.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Reinhardt is the author of “Down to Earth: Applying Business Principles to Environmental Management,” as well as several seminal articles analyzing the problems of environmental and natural resource management. The John D. Black Professor of Business Administration, Reinhardt received his bachelor’s, MBA and doctorate from Harvard.

Reinhardt currently co-chairs Harvard Business School’s Global Energy Seminar, a new executive education course for leaders of firms that produce oil and gas, generate and distribute electricity, or play other important roles in the delivery of energy services. His course on global markets draws on microeconomics, macroeconomics, political science and history to help business leaders understand the economic and political environment in which business is conducted, as well as the strategic opportunities and risks to which globalization gives rise.

More information on the President’s Lecture Series is online at http://www.umt.edu/president/events/lectures/2011-2012/default.php.

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MISSOULA —

Noted writer and environmentalist Rick Bass will join art-folk band Stellarondo for “An Evening of Songs and Scored Stories” on Wednesday, April 11, at The University of Montana. The University Theatre doors open at 7 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. show, which is appropriate for all ages.

Tickets cost $15 at the door, $12 in advance and $10 for students and children under age 12. Tickets are available at all GrizTix locations, online at [http://www.griztix.com](http://www.griztix.com) or by calling 406-243-4051.

The Missoula show will kick off Bass’ and Stellarondo’s journey toward playing a full show in Nashville’s Ryman Auditorium next year. A documentary crew led by Doug Hawes-Davis of High Plains Films will cover the event, and a full documentary chronicling the writer’s and band’s “Road to the Ryman” is in the works. Attendees are encouraged to dress colorfully and represent Missoula well.

“Rick Bass and Stellarondo mesmerized the audience from the first note to the last vibrations of the weeping saw,” Whitefish Review founding editor Brian Schott wrote of one of their shows. “Start with the haunting voice and lyrics of Caroline Keys, throw in an astonishingly versatile and talented band, and then mix that up with the poetic storytelling of Rick Bass, and I can confidently say that I’ve never tasted such a beautiful ensemble of art. It’s a magic recipe.”

Bass is author of “Where the Sea Used to Be,” “The Lives of Rocks” and “Why I Came West,” among other notable works. On its website, Stellarondo describes itself as “a sonic bloom of pedal steel, banjo, cello, glockenspiel, musical saw, upright bass and vibraphone (that) spills out songs about stalkers, roadside anomalies, love and haunted hotels.”

For more information call Keys at 406-529-9985 or email [enilorackeys@gmail.com](mailto:enilorackeys@gmail.com).

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana’s College of Arts and Sciences wants students to study abroad this summer in Dublin, Ireland, as part of a course focused on the biological basis of language, language evolution and their connection to neuroscience.

Titled “Brain, Mind and the Literary Imagination,” the three-credit course will be taught by the College of Arts and Sciences Dean Christopher Comer in addition to professors from Trinity, University College Dublin and St. Patrick’s College. The course runs from May 24 to June 9.

Students will investigate how information about the brain and cognition can lead to an understanding of literary creativity and the appreciation of literary work. Practicing writers and critics will lead discussions. Students can take advantage of Dublin’s abundant resources, including the National Theatre, museums and galleries.

Prior knowledge of neuroscience is not required. Students need to apply to the program and attend several orientation meetings in March and April.

The course costs approximately $2,100, which includes on-site tuition in Dublin, housing, on-site orientation and a farewell dinner. Airfare is not included and must be arranged by the student. Comer can help find affordable airfare and will provide most course materials.

Interested students should apply by the end of March through the UM Study Abroad Office or directly to Comer. For more information, email Comer at christopher.comer@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA —

The University Center and Student Involvement Network at The University of Montana will celebrate the beauty of all shapes and sizes during a fashion show from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, in the UC Atrium.

The annual event gives models a chance to express themselves and highlight fashionable, affordable clothing for all body types that’s available at local businesses in Missoula. This year’s show will include thrift store clothing and, for the first time, will give students a chance to model their work.

SIN will hold a call for models from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, March 27 and 28, in the UC Atrium. All UM students, faculty and staff are welcome to participate, and no experience is necessary. Student designers also are encouraged to participate and showcase their work.

More information is online at http://life.umt.edu/uc/ucsi/uc_entertainment.

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MISSOULA –

In honor of St. Patrick’s Day, Friends of Irish Studies will host a celebration that includes a parade, free carousel rides for children and an evening of dining and dancing with all proceeds benefitting The University of Montana Irish Studies program.

The festivities kick off with the 31st annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade which will depart at 12 p.m. Saturday, March 17 at the three X’s on Higgins Ave. The 31st annual St. Patrick’s Day parade will depart from there. Entry forms for the parade are available at the Missoula Chamber of Commerce. The event is sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, a Catholic Irish-American fraternal organization dedicated to preserving Irish culture. After the parade, kids can enjoy free rides on A Carousel for Missoula from 2 to 4 p.m.

The day tops off with an evening celebration from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Parkside. In addition to dinner, silent and live auctions are planned. Guests will have a chance to meet with visitors from Ireland and dance to the music of Malarkey and the Missoula Irish Dancers.

Dinner tickets cost $25. They will be available at the door or can be purchased by calling 406-370-6780.

For more information, call Patrick Toomey at 406-240-0418 or Traolach O’Riordain at 406-544-0311.

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MISSOULA —

Eric D. Johnson’s Fruit Bats will light up the Top Hat at 9 p.m. Friday, May 4, with Pure Bathing Culture and Mountain Breathers slated to open.

Tickets go on sale at 8 a.m. Thursday, March 15. They can be purchased online at http://www.brownpapertickets.com, Rockin’ Rudy’s, The Source in the University Center at The University of Montana and at Ear Candy Music.

Since signing with Sub Pop Records in 2002, the Fruit Bats have released four albums with their latest, “Tripper,” released in 2011. Johnson recorded “Tripper” at WACS Studio in Los Angeles with Thom Monahan, best known as producer for the last four Vetiver albums and Devendra Banhart’s “Cripple Crow.” His expertise in synthesizers was critical to the 2011 Fruit Bats’ keyboard-heavy album.

Pure Bathing Culture formed in Portland, Ore. in 2011 by indie pop duo Daniel Hindman and Sarah Versprille. Both formerly performed in the band Vetiver.

Mountain Breathers is the collaborative folk project between California-songwriter Chase McBride and Missoula multi-instrumentalist Michael Corson. Based in Missoula, the duo mixes strong harmonies, endearing lyrics and mature songwriting into a unique style of folk.

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MISSOULA –

The School of Art and the Gallery of Visual Arts at The University of Montana will present two Master of Fine Art thesis exhibitions from Thursday, March 22, through Thursday, April 19.

The gallery will host an opening reception for exhibitions by Michael Flynn and Sarahjess Hurt from 5 to 7 p.m. March 22. All events and exhibitions are free and open to the public.

“Michael Flynn 2012” features sculptures that comment on the current condition of society and culture and are inspired by new commercial products, methods of social interaction and sustainability. He uses recognizable, everyday objects and images that often reflect necessities of life, and his work encourages viewers to reconsider the ways they exist in the current world and culture.

In her exhibition, “Fragments of Fiction,” Hurt explores the human need to document or attach personal emotion to objects. Her intimate ceramic cups and found-object sculpture made from remnants of consumer culture investigate the reinterpretation of memory.

The Gallery of Visual Arts is located on the first floor of the Social Science Building. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday; and Monday by appointment only. The gallery will be closed April 2-6 for spring break.

Information about the UM School of Art is online at http://www.umt.edu/art.

Contact: Cathryn Mallory, UM Gallery of Visual Arts director, 406-243-2813, gallery.visarts@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA –

Counseling and Psychological Services at The University of Montana will hold a training seminar on Friday, March 23, on how to assist someone who in having suicidal thoughts.

Dr. Brian Krylowicz, CAPS director, will lead the free seminar, “Help Someone – Help Yourself: First Responder Training,” from noon to 1:30 p.m. in University Center Room 329. It’s open to all UM students, faculty and staff.

The seminar is designed to raise awareness about suicide issues on campus and present several basic strategies and techniques that can be helpful when dealing with suicide.

Participants will learn how to assist students, colleagues and friends who are experiencing depression or suicidal thoughts; become familiar with available services such as CAPS and the national suicide hotline; and learn how to refer those in need of professional help.

CAPS also will offer the seminar on Thursday, April 12. Call 406-243-2809 to reserve a spot for either day.

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MISSOULA –

“Sound is Place,” an exhibit featuring work by local artist Burke Jam, will be on display Monday, March 26, through Friday, April 20, in the University Center Gallery at The University of Montana.

The gallery will host an opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29, and an artist lecture is slated for 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 16, in the UC Theater.

Jam’s multidisciplinary work mainly focuses on sound, as he uses audible elements to challenge the viewer’s perception of time and place. A Montana native, Jam currently is pursuing a Master in Fine Arts degree at UM. His work is rooted in his interest in perception, perspective and the experience of place. It questions the hierarchy of the senses and aims to alert viewers to how they listen, consider and interact with sound.

The “Sound is Place” exhibition and related events are free and open to the public. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and is located in UC Room 227.

Call 406-243-5564 or visit http://www.umt.edu/uc/ucg for more information.

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MISSOULA –

The Montana Board of Regents recently approved a new interdisciplinary minor in global public health at The University of Montana.

Coursework in the minor will emphasize a global perspective on issues of public health policy and science and applications to international and domestic situations. Students will learn about public health challenges such as parasitic and vector-borne diseases, HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment, tuberculosis, climate change impacts, trauma and violence, avian influenza, obesity, and the role of indigenous healers. Courses will use insights from disciplinary approaches that include epidemiology, anthropology, biology, political science, community health planning, communication studies and ethics.

“The GPH minor nicely complements two other popular transdisciplinary international minors on the UM campus: international development studies and climate change studies,” said Peter Koehn, UM political science professor and director of the new Global Public Health program.

The global public health minor requires completion of 21 credits, including one required social science course and one required biology course.

For more information call Koehn at 406-243-5294 or email peter.koehn@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

A noted polar bear biologist will present the second installment of the spring semester Natural Resource and Environmental Policy Forum at The University of Montana.

Ian Stirling of the University of Alberta will deliver “The Ecology of Polar Bears, Climate Warming and the Effects on Human-Polar Bear Interactions” at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 22, in Urey Lecture Hall.

The presentation, which is free and open to the public, will focus on how climate change may cause more human-bear conflicts as ice becomes less available. It will be held in conjunction with the fourth International Human-Bear Conflicts Workshop.

Stirling is the author of four books on bears, including 2011’s “Polar Bears: The Natural History of a Threatened Species,” considered the definitive work on polar bear biology. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

Stirling studied polar bears in the Canadian Arctic for more than 37 years with the Canadian Wildlife Service, and his long-term studies of polar bears in Western Hudson Bay confirmed the negative effects of climate warming. He’s currently the most senior member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature’s Polar Bear Specialist Group and an adjunct professor at the University of Alberta.

Since 2010 UM’s Natural Resource and Environmental Policy Forum has featured speakers from a variety of disciplines, providing insight into the way we make decisions, resolve conflicts and plan for sustainable use of our air, water and lands.

The series is sponsored by the Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy in collaboration with the UM College of Forestry and Conservation, School of Law, Bolle Center for People and Forests, Resource Conservation Program, Department of Geography, Environmental Studies Program and the Indian Land Tenure Foundation. Polar Bears International provided special funding to support Stirling’s appearance.

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MISSOULA—

Transfer Transition, an early registration day for students who plan to transfer to The University of Montana next autumn, will be held Friday, April 20.

During the daylong event, students will meet with academic advisers to develop schedules and register for classes. All transfer students who have been admitted to UM for autumn semester 2012 prior to Wednesday, April 11, are welcome to register.

Information also will be available about campus resources, on-campus and off-campus living options, and the costs and payment options associated with attending UM.

To sign up to attend the event, access the online registration form at http://admissions.umt.edu/forms/transfer-transition. For more information, call UM Admissions and New Student Services at 406-243-6266 or toll free at 1-800-462-8636.

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MISSOULA –

The No. 13-seeded University of Montana Grizzlies, who won both the Big Sky Conference regular-season and tournament titles, will head to Albuquerque, N.M., on Tuesday to face No. 4 Wisconsin in 2012 NCAA Men’s Basketball Championship second-round game.

The Missoula community is invited to give the basketball players a warm send-off as they head to the airport Tuesday, March 13.

Team buses will depart at 10:30 a.m. from the back of Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Accompanied by Missoula police and fire department escorts, the team will head out on Campus Drive and over the Madison Street Bridge. They’ll take a left turn onto Broadway, which they will follow through downtown to Missoula International Airport.

Businesses along the route are encouraged to decorate their windows and send employees outside to cheer on the Grizzlies as they go by.

The Griz will take on the Wisconsin Badgers at 12:10 p.m. (MDT) Thursday, March 15. TNT will broadcast the game.

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MISSOULA –

Get ready to travel the world without leaving Missoula.

This year’s International Culture and Food Festival at The University of Montana will offer a taste of everything, from Italian pasta puttanesca to Indonesian mung bean dessert. Festivalgoers also can take in entertainment such as Polynesian and Tajik dance performances, children’s games and crafts from around the world.

With the theme “A Taste of Traditions,” the event will take place from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 25, in the University Center. Admission costs $5 for adults and $3 for children ages 3 to 12.

More than 40 countries will be represented at the festival, which is organized by UM’s International Student Association and the office of Foreign Student and Scholar Services. Local ethnic organizations such as the Sons of Norway, the Japan Friendship Club of Montana, the Greek community and Sweden-Vasa Lodge also will participate.

“The international festival is a great way to share and experience the cultural diversity that exists in Missoula,” said Grecia Pacheco of Venezuela, president of the International Student Association. “The students are very motivated to organize this event largely because of the warm and receptive members of the Missoula and campus communities. We invite you all to come and share our foods and traditions.”

The festival kicks off at noon with a parade of flags, followed by the opening of the Food Bazaar and Culture Show, cultural pavilions and Children’s World.

About 20 booths at the Food Bazaar will feature authentic recipes from many different regions of the world. Booths will be located in the UC Atrium, and dishes are priced at 50 cents to $4. The food goes fast, so hungry guests are advised to show up early.

The Culture Show will offer nearly two dozen traditional performances throughout the day in the third-floor University Center Ballroom.

Located on the second floor, Children’s World will offer events and activities designed especially for kids such as fan painting, African story-telling, Japanese origami folding and games from different parts of the world. Children will be issued “passports” and are encouraged to visit various festival activities to earn prizes.

Cultural pavilions in the UC Ballroom will present literature, maps, art and photographs from individual countries, making the festival an ideal inspiration for those planning a trip abroad. A display table about the Missoula International Friendship Program will have sign-up sheets and information on how to of become a Community Friend to incoming UM international students.

On the third floor lobby of the University Center between noon and 4 p.m., MIFP also will hold a silent auction of donated international items and a special dinner with UM President Royce Engstrom and his wife, Mary, who are former Community Friends.

The UM festival will partner with campus to accept UNICEF contributions at the doors.

All are invited to participate in this unique Montana multicultural extravaganza of vibrant sights, lively sounds, exotic scents and exciting tastes in a bazaar-like atmosphere.

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MISSOULA –

Award-winning writers Barry Lopez and Debra Gwartney will present a reading and workshop on Friday, March 23, at The University of Montana.

Lopez and Gwartney, co-editors of “Home Ground: Language for an American Landscape,” will give a nonfiction reading at 7 p.m. in UM’s North Underground Lecture Hall. A book signing will follow the reading.

Gwartney also will present a craft lecture on memoir writing from 12:10 to 1 p.m. that day in McGill Hall Room 210. Both events are free and open to the public and are sponsored by UM’s Creative Writing and Environmental Studies programs. The events are installments of the UM President’s Writers-in-Residence Series.

Lopez is an essayist and short-story writer who has traveled extensively in remote parts of the world. He is the author of “Arctic Dreams,” winner of the 1986 National Book Award, as well as “Of Wolves and Men,” eight works of fiction and two essay collections. Lopez regularly contributes to magazines such as Outside and Orion, and his work has appeared in dozens of anthologies, including “Best American Essays 2009.”

Gwartney is the author of 2009’s "Live Through This," a memoir about her experience having her teenage daughters run away from home following her divorce. It was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle and the National Books for a Better Life awards. Gwartney has published her work in dozens of magazines, newspapers and literary journals, including Poets & Writers, Washington Square Review and The New York Times. She currently serves on the nonfiction writing faculty at Portland State University in Oregon.

More information is online at [http://www.cas.umt.edu/english/creative_writing/](http://www.cas.umt.edu/english/creative_writing/).

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MISSOULA –

The Japanese Student Association at The University of Montana hosted a fundraising dinner March 3 at the First Presbyterian Church in Missoula to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

The event raised $3,737 for the Japan Rising Opportunity Scholarship established to assist future UM students from the Tohoku region that was most affected by the disaster.

Following a speech by the Consulate General of Japan in Seattle, UM students and faculty from the Tohoku region gave personal testimonials and members of the Japanese Student Association performed music and danced. The dinner attracted more than 170 guests and ticket sales revenue support the scholarship fund.

Foreign Student and Scholar Services, International Programs, Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center and the Office of Vice President for Student Affairs sponsored the event. The Japanese Student Association and the planning committee thank those who contributed to the dinner and scholarship fund.

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MISSOULA –

Washington Post popular culture critic Hank Stuever will be the 2012 T. Anthony Pollner Professor at The University of Montana School of Journalism.

Stuever will teach a course on pop culture coverage and will mentor students working at the Montana Kaimin, the campus newspaper.

The Pollner professorship was created in 2000 to honor the memory of UM alumnus Anthony Pollner. It brings to campus each fall a nationally prominent journalist who teaches for the semester in the journalism school.

Stuever began his career at the Albuquerque Tribune, then spent three years as a reporter for the Austin-American Statesman before joining the Post in 1999. He was a feature writer for a decade before becoming the paper’s TV critic in 2009.

He was twice a Pulitzer finalist in feature writing. Stuever also is the author of two books, "Off Ramp: Adventures and Heartache in the American Elsewhere" and "Tinsel: A Search for America's Christmas Present." He’s made numerous appearances on network television news and talk programs and has contributed commentaries on National Public Radio.

"I've always secretly hoped I would get a chance like this someday, to not only teach a class and share what I know but also learn from a group of committed students who care deeply about journalism and writing," Stuver said. "I'm thrilled to have been chosen. And I'm impressed by what The University of Montana and the Pollner family have created with this unique position."

Carol Van Valkenburg, a professor emerita at the school who heads the Pollner selection committee, said Stuever was selected from a strong field of nearly 30 applicants, which included several Pulitzer Prize winners.

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MISSOULA –

A distinguished visiting scholar will give two talks about Buddhism on Thursday, March 15, at The University of Montana.

Dale S. Wright, the David B. and Mary H. Gamble Professor of Religion at Occidental College in Los Angeles, will deliver “Is the Buddhist Concept of Karma an Admirable Ethical Principle for Contemporary Global Society?” from 3:40 to 5 p.m. in the Law Building Pope Room. The lecture is an installment of the UM Philosophy Forum.

Wright also will give a lecture titled “Buddhist Wisdom and the Foundations of Zen Humor” from 7:30 to 9 p.m. that day in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. Both events are free and open to the public.

One of the world’s leading authorities on Buddhism in general, and Zen Buddhism in particular, Wright has written numerous articles and published eight books, including “Philosophical Meditations on Zen Buddhism” and “The Six Perfections: Buddhism and the Cultivation of Character.”

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MISSOULA –

The Montana Museum of Art & Culture at The University of Montana will host a lecture by UM art and criticism Professor H. Rafael Chacon in conjunction with the exhibition “Curiosity: Selections from the Permanent Collection.”

Chacon will present “Cabinet of Curiosities” at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, in the Masquer Theatre of UM’s Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. The lecture is free and open to the public.

“Curiosity: Selections from the Permanent Collection” is on display in the Meloy Gallery of the PAR/TV Center through May 19. It features seldom-seen aspects of the vast treasury of the MMAC Permanent Collection, which numbers nearly 11,000 objects. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

MMAC’s hours are noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. For more information call 406-243-2019 or go online to http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum.

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HAMILTON –

The Bitterroot College Program of The University of Montana has partnered with Montana Western to offer an associate of applied science degree in early childhood education.

Students will enroll in Montana Western’s Early Childhood Education program but take courses at the BCP facility in Hamilton. To enroll students must follow both Montana Western and BCP admission procedures.

The program will begin in autumn semester of 2012, and applications must be submitted to BCP Enrollment Services by June 15.

For specific admission and program information, call Kathleen O’Leary in BCP’s Enrollment and Advising Services office at 406-375-0100 or email kathleen.oleary@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The University Center Student Involvement Network at The University of Montana is now accepting nominations for several awards recognizing students and student groups.

Members of the campus community are asked to submit nominations for the Outstanding Student Leader Award, the Sentinel Service Award and the Americans with Disabilities Act Award. All UM students are eligible to be nominated.

Based on leadership and service to the University, the Outstanding Student Leader Award is given to a student who exhibits ethical, creative leadership and promotes a positive campus climate while remaining in good academic standing. The recipient also may be eligible for an in-state tuition waiver.

Student groups that have made outstanding contributions to the campus and Missoula communities can apply for the Sentinel Service Award. The award recipient also will receive a $500 cash stipend.

The Americans with Disabilities Act Award recognizes students whose important contributions advance education and employment opportunities for people with disabilities at UM. Awardees continually set a high standard of excellence by honoring the importance of civil rights laws, using best quality practices and creating innovative solutions that support UM’s vision to create a completely accessible campus.

Criteria and applications for the three awards are available online at [http://life.umt.edu/uc/ucsi/leadership/recognition_programs.php](http://life.umt.edu/uc/ucsi/leadership/recognition_programs.php). Applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, March 30.

For more information or to request a disability-related modification, call Maureen Ward, Student Involvement Network program coordinator, at 406-243-5527 or email maureen.ward@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana's spectrUM Discovery Area will host NanoDays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 10, as part of the Kids Fair at Southgate Mall.

NanoDays, an exciting educational exhibit developed by the Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network and sponsored by the National Science Foundation, will offer families a hands-on opportunity to explore the ways people experience itsy-bitsy technologies in their everyday lives.

Every child measuring at least 500 million nanometers tall (that’s everyone!) can experience hands-on science activities such as wheat germ DNA extraction, super expansion gel, polymer chemistry, interactive games to understand scale and a liquid nitrogen demonstration.

The annual Kids’ Fair is hosted by 102.5 Mountain FM.

SpectrUM Discovery Area is located in Skaggs Building Room 166 on the UM campus. It's open to the public Thursdays from 3:30 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is $3.50 per person.

Teachers who would like to arrange class field trips to spectrUM, which cost $3.50 per student, can call 406-243-4828. To arrange for spectrUM to visit a school or organization, go to http://www.spectrum.umt.edu or call 406-243-4828.

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MISSOULA –

The Davidson Honors College at The University of Montana announced this year’s recipients of the Paul Lauren Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor Award. The 2012 recipients are:

- Daisy Rooks, sociology assistant professor
- Edward Rosenberg, chemistry professor
- Scott Samuels, professor of biological sciences
- Tobin Shearer, history assistant professor

This award recognizes UM faculty members who excel in guiding undergraduate students in their research projects through the Davidson Honors College. The award pays tribute to Regents Professor Emeritus Paul Lauren, who served as an exemplary faculty mentor to many undergraduates pursuing advanced research in history and other fields.

UM alumnus Nelson “Jerry” Weller, of Healdsburg, Calif., generously donated the seed money for the award. A UM class of 1958 graduate with a degree in economics, Weller directed more than $20,000 to the fund with the intent of encouraging other UM alumni and friends to double the same. Former students, colleagues and friends of Professor Lauren are encouraged to make contributions to the award fund.

UM President Royce Engstrom will recognize the recipients of the Paul Lauren Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor Award during Honors Convocation, to be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, in the University Center Theater. A dessert reception will follow in the Davidson Honors College Ephron Student Lounge. This event is free and open to the public. Lauren will join Engstrom in recognizing the award recipients at the Honors Convocation.

This year’s award value is $1,000. A UM faculty committee appointed by the Davidson Honors College dean made the award selection.

Any UM faculty member, student or alumnus may nominate a UM faculty member for the award. The annual nomination deadline is Feb. 15.

For more information about the award or to make a donation to the award fund, call the Davidson Honors College at 406-243-2541, email dhc@umontana.edu or visit http://www.dhc.umt.edu/faculty/forms.cfm.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana and Bee Alert Technology Inc. will host a forum on Wednesday, March 14, to gather information for basic and master beekeeping courses.

The forum will be held at 7 p.m. in Room 110 of UM’s Interdisciplinary Science Building. The event is free and open to the public.

“This will be an informational meeting,” said Jerry Bromenshenk, a UM biology professor and Bee Alert co-owner. “We are responding to requests for beekeeping courses. Our intent is to gauge interest and obtain input.”

Bromenshenk said they hope to hear from Montana beekeepers and anyone interested in learning more about maintaining honeybee colonies. For more information call 406-541-3160.

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MISSOULA –

The city of Missoula, The University of Montana and Missoula County invite all Missoula residents to a public conversation about the state of the Missoula community at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 15.

Mayor John Engen, UM President Royce Engstrom and County Commissioner Bill Carey will lead the event for the Missoula community in the Montana Theatre in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center on the UM campus. The event is a departure from the traditional State of Missoula address hosted by the Missoula Chamber of Commerce in previous years.

“We wanted to give the community the opportunity to attend an event without having to pay for a ticket at a time when they are most likely to be able to,” Carey said. “This is an important conversation about collaboration among the city, the county and the university, and it needs to be as accessible as possible for the citizens we serve.”

Engen, Engstrom and Carey look forward to talking with the public about the work Missoula does together.

“The longer I have the privilege of serving as mayor, the more I realize that there’s real opportunity in working together in important ways,” Engen said. “This meeting, this conversation, is our way of formalizing that notion among the county, the university and the city. We’re accomplishing concrete, meaningful things together, and we need to acknowledge those and discuss what’s next.”

The event will be a moderated discussion led by UM’s Broadcast Media Center Director William Marcus and will give members of the audience opportunities to ask questions of the three leaders.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Allies Program will hold its spring semester training sessions from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 16, in University Center Room 331 and from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 27, in UC Room 330.

All trainings are free and open to UM faculty, staff and administrators. Each session is limited to 20 participants and registration is required. Call Adrienne Donald at 406-243-6029 or email adonald@mso.umt.edu to sign up.

UM Allies promote a campus environment that is inclusive and supportive of all individuals, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. The program aims to identify and nurture safe people and spaces for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex communities at UM; develop opportunities for heterosexual and gender-conforming allies; promote broad awareness of diversity issues on campus; recruit and train new Allies; and reach “invisible” and vulnerable community members.

More information is available online at http://www.umt.edu/umallies.

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MISSOULA –

Catherine Berg, Nick Engelfried, Talasi Brooks and Hilary Eisen have been named The University of Montana’s 2012-13 Wyss Scholars for Conservation in the American West.

The Wyss Scholars Program provides financial support to UM students who are committed to careers in Western land conservation through a federal or state land management agency or at a nonprofit in the region. It’s funded through the Wyss Foundation, a private charitable foundation dedicated to land conservation in the intermountain West.

Berg, originally from Falmouth, Maine, earned a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from Union College and currently is working toward her master’s in environmental studies at UM. She gained practical experience in the field while working as the community development planning engineer for Pitkin County in Aspen, Colo., from 2006 to 2011. Berg seeks a career working for an environmental nonprofit or state agency restoring and conserving Western watersheds.

Engelfried grew up in Hillsboro, Ore., and received his bachelor’s in environmental studies from UM and now is enrolled in the environmental studies master’s program at the University. He’s passionate about environmental advocacy and currently works to oppose coal mining throughout the Western U.S. to preserve its land and species. He’s involved in several environmental advocacy organizations, including 350.org, Rainforest Action Network and the Sierra Club.

Brooks, from West Hartford, Conn., received a bachelor’s degree in English from the University of Connecticut and is now earning her master’s degree in environmental studies and a law degree from UM. She previously produced policy documents and organizational positions on wilderness management while interning with Wilderness Watch. Brooks plans to pursue a career in conservation after completing both programs.

Eisen, who grew up in Billings, has a bachelor’s degree in biology and environmental studies from Middlebury College and is studying in UM’s wildlife biology graduate program. Previously a public lands advocate for the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Eisen enrolled in the master’s program to help ensure that natural resource decisions are determined by real science, rather than “politics masquerading as science.”

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Local, hometowns (The Forecaster, Hillsboro Argus, Hartford Courant, Billings Gazette)

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Office for Civic Engagement and Campus Corps, an AmeriCorps program offered through OCE, will host several events March 10-17 in honor of AmeriCorps Week.

AmeriCorps Week will kick off with a Service Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 10 at the Kids Fair at Missoula’s Southgate Mall. Volunteers will partner with spectrUM Discovery Area and teach children about technology at its Nanofest Exhibit.

The OCE and Campus Corps will host a potluck from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, at The Loft, located at 119 W. Main St. The family-friendly event is open to all local AmeriCorps members, alumni and supporters. Members will share information and experiences about their perspective programs, and information on AmeriCorps in Montana and other opportunities also will be available.

On Saturday, March 17, a group will head to Missoula County Animal Control, located at 6700 Butler Creek Road, to volunteer to walk dogs and play with cats.

To RSVP to the potluck or to volunteer for either Service Saturday, call OCE’s Shanna Ungate at 406-243-5531 or email shanna.ungate@mso.umt.edu.

A department of UM's Davidson Honors College, OCE was founded in 1992 as Volunteer Action Services at UM. It serves as the University’s primary agent of community activism and civic responsibility. Through various programs and projects, OCE promotes civic engagement as a means to develop actively engaged citizens.

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MISSOULA –

Fifty years ago the overall survival rate for acute lymphoblastic leukemia, the most common form of childhood cancer, was 4 percent. Today the survival rate is 94 percent. A group of University of Montana entertainment management students soon will market, promote and staff a Montana radio fundraiser to benefit St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, the facility that pioneered the research and treatment protocols for the once deadly disease.

The Montana radiothon, “Cherry Creek Cares for St. Jude Kids,” will be held between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m., March 8-9, on Cherry Creek Radio’s KGGL Eagle 93 in Missoula. Eagle 93 will serve as headquarters for the event, with five stations throughout the state joining the efforts to raise money to benefit childhood cancer research and treatment. Stations include KAAR at 92.5 FM in Butte, KBLL at 1240 AM in Helena, and KMON at 560 AM and KAAK at 98.9 FM in Great Falls.

Eagle 93, at 93.3 FM, partners with “Country Cares for St. Jude Kids,” a radio fundraising program with 200 participating stations from across the country that have raised more than $400 million for the children of St. Jude.

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. conducts research and treats children with cancer and other catastrophic childhood diseases from all 50 states and from around the world.

UM entertainment management students developed and designed flyers, posters and other marketing materials and are working with Missoula businesses to publicize the radiothon.

They also are recruiting volunteers to work the phones during the two-day event and have successfully lined up nearly 40 students, according to Jerry Furniss, associate academic director of UM’s Entertainment Management Program.

One of UM’s Entertainment Management Program Founders, Maria Brunner, brought this project opportunity to the program. Brunner is the owner of InSight Management, a company with offices in Scottsdale, Ariz. and Nashville, Tenn., that provides marketing services for entertainment events. Brunner has served as a member of the national St. Jude Country Cares Advisory Board for 20 years and is a core instructor for UM’s Entertainment Management program.

“This is a great learning experience for entertainment management students,” Furniss said. “Helping families who have children with serious medical problems is such a worthwhile cause, and students gain invaluable experience working with nonprofits. It teaches students the significance of giving back to the community and represents the types of projects that should be included in the program’s project portfolio.”

The Entertainment Management Program at UM’s School of Business Administration covers most aspects of the entertainment business including music, television, film, sports, live performance, literary and visual arts. The program introduces students to the business of entertainment while giving them the opportunity to speak with and learn from professionals in the industry.

For more information or to volunteer for the radiothon, call Furniss at 406-243-2062 or 406-360-7847 or Sonja Grimmsmann at 406-243-4869.

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MISSOULA–

The University of Montana Day of Dialogue committee is sponsoring a panel discussion titled “Coexist: A Dialogue between Students and Leaders” from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 15, in the University Center Theater.

The workshop will engage UM students, faculty, staff and administration in open dialogue about faith. The panel will include a community leader and student from the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths. Panel discussions aim to promote understanding among different views and perspectives by exploring each individual’s facts, ideas, emotions and beliefs.

Panelists include Laurie Franklin with the Har Shalom Jewish congregation in Missoula, Pastor John Lund with the Emmanuel Baptist Church organization and community leader and UM lecturer Samir Bitar.

The moderator will ask each panelist the following questions:

1. What is the relationship and responsibility between God and humanity in your faith?
2. What is the role of punishment and reward in your faith?
3. What is your religion’s relationship and views toward other religions?

The event is free and open to the campus community. For more information call Peter Donaldson, Day of Dialogue student coordinator, at 406-243-5622, email dayofdialogue@mso.umt.edu or visit http://life.umt.edu/dod.

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MISSOULA –

Visiting artist Anne Appleby will give a lecture on her work Thursday, March 15, at The University of Montana.

Her lecture will take place from 5:10 to 6 p.m. in Social Science Building Room 356 and is free and open to the public.

Appleby earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from UM in 1977. She went on to earn a Master of Fine Arts from the San Francisco Art Institute in 1989. She lives in Jefferson City, where she creates paintings that use light and color.

UM’s School of Art hosts from six to 12 visiting artists each year with the goal of enhancing curriculum and enriching the community. Lectures are supported by the Jim and Jane Dew Visiting Artist Fund.

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MISSOULA –

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano has appointed University of Montana President Royce C. Engstrom to the Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council.

This new council, composed of prominent university presidents and academic leaders, is charged with advising the secretary and senior leadership at the department on several key issues.

"President Engstrom’s extensive experience and expertise will make him a valuable asset to the council," Secretary Napolitano said. "I look forward to working with him on these critical issues."

The new council underscores the department’s commitment to working with the academic community. In this noteworthy role, Engstrom will provide advice and recommendations on issues related to student and recent graduate recruitment; international students; academic research; campus and community resiliency, security and preparedness; and faculty exchanges.

UM's president will attend the group’s inaugural meeting March 20 in Washington, D.C.

"It’s a great honor to be asked to serve on this national council," Engstrom said. "I appreciate the opportunity to lend my expertise to the Department of Homeland Security, and I know I will learn much that will benefit UM and the Montana University System."

Engstrom became UM president in October 2010. Before that he served as UM provost and vice president for academic affairs for three years.

He came to Missoula in 2007 from the University of South Dakota, where he was a chemistry professor, chair of the chemistry department, vice president for research, Graduate School dean, and provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Born in Michigan, Engstrom grew up in Nebraska and received a chemistry undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and a doctorate in analytical chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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MISSOULA –

The Associated Students of The University of Montana Office of Transportation will add three buses to the current fleet on Wednesday, March 7. The buses replace older equipment that will be pulled from the fleet and sent to state surplus.

The new buses are all from Transit Sales International in California. All the buses are reconditioned and will match the current fleet. One bus is a 30-foot 1997 New Flyer Transit and two are 35-foot 1998 New Flyer Transit buses.

To celebrate the fleet updates, the office will serve cookies at the University Center bus stop between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7.

2011-12 ASUM bus ridership increased 13 percent over academic year 2010-11. The bus system is expected to give 450,000 rides this year.

For more information call Nancy Wilson, ASUM Office of Transportation director, at 406-243-4599 or email nancy.wilson@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

A new study by The University of Montana and its partners suggests nearly 80 percent of current U.S. farmland would need to be devoted to growing corn for ethanol to meet current biofuel production targets with existing technology.

The study, “Bioenergy Potential of the United States Constrained by Satellite Observations of Existing Productivity,” was published recently in Environmental Science & Technology, a journal of the American Chemical Society.

Lead author W. Kolby Smith, a doctoral student in UM’s Numerical Terradynamic Simulation Group, said the federal 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act set a goal of increasing U.S. biofuel production from 40 billion to 136 billion gallons of ethanol by 2022.

“We learned that gaps exist in the ability to establish realistic targets for biofuel production, which the law fills with assumptions about technology developments and the availability and productivity of farmland,” Smith said. “To establish more accurate estimates, we used satellite data about the climate, plant cover and usable land to determine how much biofuel the U.S. could produce.”

The satellite analysis found that to meet goals using current technology, farmers would either need to plant biofuel crops on 80 percent of their farmed land or plant biofuel crops on 60 percent of the land currently used to raise livestock. The authors reported that both options would significantly reduce the amount of food U.S. farmers produce. They also noted that research shows increased farming could lead to more polluted freshwater and accelerate global climate change.

The other UM authors were Cory Cleveland, an assistant professor of soil sciences, and Steve Running, NTSG director and Regents Professor of Ecology. Other contributors were Sasha Reed of the U.S. Geological Survey in Moab, Utah, and Norman Miller of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in Berkeley, Calif.

“While we encourage the appropriate use of agricultural residues, forest slash and beetle-killed trees for bioenergy, the nation needs realistic targets of the capacity for bioenergy production that would not compete with food production,” Running said. “Additionally, bioenergy may be more efficiently used for electric power production instead of liquid fuels.”

The paper is available online at http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/es203935d.

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MISSOULA –

The Curry Health Center at The University of Montana publishes an online magazine for students each month titled Student Health 101, or SH101. The March issue focuses on sexual assault and is now available online at http://readsh101.com/umt.html.

This issue of SH101 addresses the importance of bystander intervention, how to intervene, services offered at UM’s Student Assault Resource Center and advice from SARC advocates.

The magazine also features interviews with UM students and videos produced by the Health Enhancement department of the Curry Health Center and Stephen Seder, a UM student and campus correspondent.

SH101 is sent to all UM student email accounts at the beginning of each month. The magazine is an interactive experience where students can learn wellness and health tips.

For more information about SH101, call Seder at 406-243-2809 or email stephen.seder@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The Associated Students of The University of Montana Off-Campus Renter Center will host the 2012 Housing and Community Resources Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, in the University Center Atrium.

ASUM agencies, government offices, property management companies and others will be available to talk with future and current renters. The Renter Center hosts the fair to educate more than 10,000 student renters of community resources, rental rights and housing options.

To reserve a table, call Beki Hartmann at 406-243-2017 or email beki.hartmann@mso.umt.edu.

For more information, visit http://life.umt.edu/asum/agencies/Off_Campus_Renter_Center.

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