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November 30, 2012

MISSOULA –

Entertainment Management students at The University of Montana are teaming up with Eric Clapton's 2013 Crossroads Guitar Festival once again to promote the two-night festival slated for April 12-13 in Madison Square Garden in New York City.

UM students have been charged with spearheading the online communications for the festival. Together with Gate6, a Web-marketing company that provides technical support, UMEM students designed and built the website, <http://crossroadsguitarfestival.com/>, from the ground up. The students also manage the festival's social networks and will assist with major event-sponsor promotions.

"The students are responsible for communicating this event to the world," said Maria Brunner, UMEM instructor and one of the founders of the program. "It's a great learning opportunity for the students because they are working with international leaders on a high-profile project."

Brunner, entertainment-marketing specialist and owner of Phoenix-based Insight Management, helped to bring this opportunity to UM students. She has worked with Clapton since 1982 and originally approached UMEM Director Scott Douglas with the opportunity in 2004 when the Crossroads Guitar Festival was born. Under Douglas' oversight and management, the students began working on the website. The first year, students were involved in collecting content for the website, reaching out to the artists' management companies and collecting biographical information.

In 2007, the festival moved from Dallas to Chicago and Crossroads once again brought on UMEM students to help spread the word. Then-student, now UM alum, Jamal Calhoon spearheaded building the website and led a group of students who designed the pages and hosted the content.

In 2010, students were asked to build a Facebook audience, continue to manage the site built by Calhoon, and with a scholarship gifted by Dirk Visser, president of Allegiance Benefit Plan Management, two students traveled to Chicago to gain hands-on experience during the two-day festival.

This year, in addition to their former roles in the festival, the students were presented with the opportunity to market two promotions related to the festival. The first is titled "Play Crossroads," which is an Ernie Ball-sponsored YouTube contest for undiscovered musicians to submit a clip for the chance to play live on the main stage. The students will roll out and promote this opportunity.

The second promotion is titled "Road to Crossroads," and will give students the opportunity to secure national radio promotions for Guitar Center, a national chain of music stores. Under the guidance of Clapton's label, students will approach stations, write and make a pitch, confirm sponsorships and follow through in getting the station everything they need for the promotion to be successful.

"Eric Clapton's camp continues to allow students to be involved at an increased capacity," said Sonja Grimmismann, UMEM program coordinator. "I believe that is a true testament for what our students have been able to build."

According to Brunner, the process has not been without mistakes and oversights.

"Failure and mistakes are a wonderful learning opportunity," Brunner said. "The group working on the project this year has become tighter and has had more fun because they learned how to bounce back from those mistakes."

Ultimately, Brunner says she continues to involve UMEM students because Douglas has worked with the students to lay a foundation of knowledge — and more importantly to Brunner — accountability.

"I'm a huge proponent of the students being involved," Brunner said. "Great learning can happen when the professors step out of the way and let the students dive in."

General-public tickets for the 2013 Crossroads Guitar Festival presented by Chase go on sale Friday, Nov. 30, and organizers estimate they will sell out in fewer than 10 minutes.

This year's artist lineup includes Albert Lee, Allan Holdsworth, Allman Brothers Band, Andy Fairweather Low, BB King, Blake Mills, Booker T, Brad Paisley, Buddy Guy,

Citizen Cope, Dave Biller, Doyle Bramhall II, Earl Klugh, Eric Clapton, Gary Clark Jr., Jeff Beck, Jimmie Vaughan, John Mayer, John Scofield, Jonny Lang, Keb Mo, Keith Urban, Kurt Rosenwinkle, Los Lobos, Quinn Sullivan, Robbie Robertson, Robert Cray, Robert Randolph, Sonny Landreth, Taj Mahal and Vince Gill.

"The Crossroads Festival is the realization of a dream for me, to gather a group of amazingly talented musicians to perform on one stage," said Clapton. "The Crossroads performers are all musicians I admire and respect.

All proceeds from the event support Crossroads Centre Antigua, a treatment and education facility founded by Clapton for chemically dependent people. The festival is presented by Chase. Other sponsors include Gibson, Fender, Martin and Co., Guitar Center and Erine Ball.

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MISSOULA –

New Experience Montana courses through The University of Montana School of Extended and Lifelong Learning allow participants to interact with Montana's landscape, natural resources and cultural heritage.

The two- to five-day, non-credit courses are taught by UM faculty and outside experts. Learning time is split between a traditional classroom and in-the-field experience. With no tests, papers or grades, Experience Montana reinvents the classroom.

"Experience Montana allows instructors and participants the chance to take advantage of the hands-on learning opportunities that are so easily accessible in our state," said UM Extended Courses Director Candi Merrill.

The next course, "Winter Animal Tracking in the Wild Swan," takes place Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 26-27. The two-day field course will be taught by Melanie Parker and Adam Lieberg of Northwest Connections. Participants will explore the Swan Valley on snowshoes and learn to identify animals by their tracks, interpret animal behavior and study the ecology of animals active during winter.

Beck Homestead, an 80-acre, turn-of-the-century property complete with a barn, bath house and cook house in Condon, will serve as both classroom and lodging for participants. The \$395 course fee includes all course materials, instruction, local transportation, accommodations and food. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from Condon.

Registration is open to the public, but limited space is available to ensure a small-group, quality experience for participants. Registration is available through Friday, Jan. 11, online at <http://www.umt.edu/animaltracking>.

In a course last summer, "Discover the Crown of the Continent," UM Professor Rick Graetz led participants on a three-day journey through Glacier National Park. Experts provided information about water, flora, fauna, geology, climate and fire, inspiring participants to learn more and spend more time interacting with the environment.

Upcoming courses for spring and summer 2013 include urban archaeology in the historic Missoula underground, paleontology in Makoshika State Park, grassland ecology at the Matador Ranch in Dodson, history at Bannack Ghost Town and archaeology at the Rosebud Battlefield. Courses are limited to five days to accommodate the busy schedules of working adults. All courses offer hands-on learning experiences with a view into research being conducted in Montana.

For more information call Beth Burman Frazee, marketing director for the UM School of Extended and Lifelong Learning, at 406-243-6721 or email beth.burman-frazee@umontana.edu.

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Media note: The School of Extended and Lifelong Learning can accommodate one reporter who would like to attend the course and write a feature article. Contact Burman Frazee for more information.

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November 29, 2012

MISSOULA –

Five high school seniors were awarded \$1,000 scholarships to attend The University of Montana last week for their exemplary performance at the 47th Annual Montana Model United Nations Conference. Each winner wrote an outstanding position paper and actively and accurately represented his or her country during two days of debate on world issues.

The awardees include Jessica Stevens and Mackenzie Lombardi from Missoula Sentinel High School; China Lexi from Missoula Hellgate High School; Tom Dooling from Kalispell's Flathead High School; and Austin Standley from Missoula Big Sky High School.

Any scholarship turned down by one of the first five seniors will be offered to the next senior on the top-20 list. In recent years, at least half of the top-20 seniors have been offered a scholarship.

Schools also were acknowledged with awards at the conclusion of the conference. The 17 participating schools were divided into small and large delegations based on the number of students they brought to the conference and were judged on the overall preparedness, participation and excellence of their delegates.

The three school award categories include Outstanding School for the top 10 percent, Distinguished School for the top 20 percent and Honorable School for the top 30 percent.

The small delegation winners were:

- **Outstanding School:** Ravalli Home School, advised by Tanya Horat.
- **Distinguished School:** Kalispell Flathead High School, advised by Genia Allen-Schmid, Sean O'Donnell and Lauren Gustafson.
- **Honorable School:** Jefferson High School in Boulder, advised by Fritz Bieler.

The large delegation winners were:

- **Outstanding School:** Missoula Hellgate High School, advised by Patty Hixon and Julia McCarthy-Mclaverty.
- **Distinguished School:** Helena High School, advised by Don Pogreba; and Coeur D'Alene Charter Academy, advised by Karen Coughenour.
- **Honorable School:** Missoula Big Sky High School, advised by Janice Bishop and Cameron Johnson; and Bozeman High School, advised by Beth Pfaff and Joyce Hannula.

Additional awards were given to the top 20 percent of the 350 students who attended the conference and to the top 20 percent of the 96 country teams. UM students who planned and staffed the conference also were recognized.

The complete award listing, including the top 20 high school senior list, can be found online at <http://www.cas.umt.edu/mun/documents/2012%20admin%20docs/Awards%20List%20MMUN%202012%20final.pdf>. For more information on award criteria, go to <http://www.cas.umt.edu/mun/HScference/advisorResources.cfm>. For information on the conference, including topics, guest speakers, and participating high schools, go to <http://www.cas.umt.edu/mun/HScference/default.cfm>.

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November 28, 2012

MISSOULA —

The University Center Gallery at The University of Montana is issuing its annual art call for the juried exhibition titled "Art for the End of the World." The Office of the President will award \$250 to the first-place winner.

Artwork must be delivered to the UC Gallery, located on the second floor of the UC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3. Artwork will be exhibited Dec. 4-13 with an opening reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6.

All media will be accepted, and work should be ready to be displayed. The entry fee is \$5 for the first piece of artwork and \$3 for each additional piece. The exhibition is open to both graduate and undergraduate students, and students must be enrolled in at least six credits to submit.

For more information visit the UC Gallery website at <http://umt.edu/uc/ucg> or call Gwen Landquist, UC marketing and art manager, at 406-243-5555 or email gwen.landquist@mso.umt.edu.

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November 28, 2012

HAMILTON –

Bitterroot College of the University of Montana will host a holiday open house from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at 274 Old Corvallis Road, Suite C, in Hamilton. The event is free and open to the public.

Perry Brown, UM provost and vice president of academic affairs, and Bitterroot College faculty, students and staff will be available at the open house. Tours of the facilities, including student art exhibits and science labs, also will be available. Cake and refreshments will be served.

For more information visit the BC website at <http://www.umt.edu/bcp> or call Victoria Clark, director of the BC, at 406-375-0100 or email victoria.clark@umontana.edu.

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November 26, 2012

MISSOULA –

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at The University of Montana will host a NAFSA: Association of International Educators webinar titled, "Today's Chinese Student: Cultural Insights for Better Integration," from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, in the Mansfield Library Buckhous Room.

Presenters include Yenbo Wu, associate vice president for international programs at San Francisco State University; Jayme Harpring, instructor and research associate at Florida State University; and Peter Briggs, director of the office of international students and scholars at Michigan State University. Mansfield Library Dean Shali Zhang will make closing remarks.

Chinese students are enrolling in unprecedented numbers in U.S. colleges and universities. It is becoming increasingly important for universities to understand these students and how to bridge the cultural gap between them and other international and domestic students.

The webinar will address how group culture and shared experience affect the cultural and social integration of Chinese students on campuses, and will discuss best practices to gain campuswide support for orienting and supporting these students.

The webinar is sponsored by UM Foreign Student and Scholar Services, UM's English Language Institute and the Mansfield Library.

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MISSOULA –

The Rural Institute at The University of Montana will interview two finalists in early December for the institute's director position. Tom Seekins and Martin Blair will visit campus and present open forums for the UM and Missoula community.

The director of the Rural Institute will oversee the operation of the Center for Excellence in Disabilities, Research and Service. The Rural Institute's objective is to increase the independence, productivity, community integration and inclusion of those with disabilities through education, research and demonstration services. Major projects of the Rural Institute include the Montana Deaf-Blind Project, Montana Disability and Health Program and MonTECH.

The open-forum schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, Dec. 4:** Tom Seekins, 3:10 p.m., Skaggs Building Room 246.
- **Friday, Dec. 7:** Martin Blair, 1:30 p.m., Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences Room 241.

Seekins is a professor in the UM Department of Psychology and has served as director of research at the Rural Institute since 1988. He also has served as director of UM's Research and Training Center on Disability in Rural Communities since 1993. Prior to joining UM, Seekins worked as a research associate at the Research and Training Center on Independent Living at the University of Kansas and as a project director, coordinator and researcher in other programs. From 2007 to 2010, Seekins was a member of the American Psychological Association Guidelines Task Force for the Assessment and Treatment of Persons with Disabilities. He holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from UM and he received his master's and doctorate in psychology from the University of Kansas.

Blair currently is the associate director for the Center for Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education within the Center for Persons with Disabilities in the Utah State University College of Education and Human Services. He also serves as the associate director of the Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center, funded by the Office of Special Education Programs in the U.S. Department of Education; steering council chair for Utah Interagency Outreach Training Initiative for the Center for Persons with Disabilities; and adjunct assistant professor in the USU Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation. Before beginning his current positions in 2008, Blair served as the assistant director for policy and development for the Center for Persons with Disabilities and held project director and principal investigator positions as various organizations. He holds a bachelor's degree in special education, a master's in secondary education and a doctorate in education/disability disciplines, all from Utah State University.

For more information call head of the search committee UM College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean Jenny McNulty at 406-243-4458 or email mcnulty@mso.umt.edu. Candidate's curriculum vitae are available online at <http://www.umt.edu/provost/DRIsearch/>, and more information on the Rural Institute is available at <http://ruralinstitute.umt.edu/>.

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MISSOULA –

Two University of Montana students recently were selected to intern with a Member of the Scottish Parliament.

Larissa Monckton, a UM senior from Rocheport, Mo., studying political science and communications, and Haley Rondeau, a senior from Black Diamond, Wash., majoring in political science and minoring in international development studies and anthropology, will begin their four-month internships in Scotland on Jan. 7.

"I'm excited to learn more about my Scottish heritage and to have this incredible opportunity to be involved with the government of Scotland," Rondeau said.

Each student will be assigned to a different Parliament member. They will research topics of interest to the member such as economics, environment, drugs, crime, education, rural issues, affordable housing and trade with Europe and the European Union.

Previous interns have been involved in drafting motions and Parliamentary Questions to assist with research.

The internship was arranged through IE3 Global Internships, which provides opportunities for students to grow personally, professionally and cross-culturally.

"The ideal candidate for this internship has a passion for political science and very strong writing skills," said Cynthia Engel, IE3 Global Internships director for Europe and Oceania. "Both UM students possessed those qualifications."

This is the first time two UM students have interned with the Scottish Parliament at the same time, however one other UM student completed this internship during spring semester 2009.

"I love working with the students and faculty at The University of Montana because the students are so committed to the amazing experiences and the faculty and staff are incredibly supportive in making it possible for them," Engel said. "When students take the initiative to make the most of these opportunities, the internships often become among the most remarkable aspects of their university programs."

According to UM Internship Services Program Coordinator Kevin Hood, this experience will allow students to gain hands-on political experience and invaluable skills working within a country's system of government. It also will help students gain tangible working experience before they graduate and join the workforce.

For more information about this internship, call Hood at 406-243-4613 or email kevin.hood@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



November 21, 2012

MISSOULA –

A study in a tropical forest in Costa Rica that examined the role tree leaf litter plays in regulating the organic carbon stored in soil recently was selected by the Faculty of 1000 for special recognition.

University of Montana alumnus Jonathan Leff conducted the study with researchers from the University of Colorado and the University of New Hampshire. Based on that research, they co-wrote a paper titled "Experimental litterfall manipulation drives large and rapid changes in soil carbon cycling in a wet tropical forest," which was published in the journal *Global Change Biology* in September.

While pursuing his master's degree at UM, Leff worked under terrestrial biogeochemistry Associate Professor Cory Cleveland in the College of Forestry and Conservation. Leff examined the relationship between the amount of carbon added by plants, organic carbon in the soil and CO₂ released through decomposition to the atmosphere.

Soils store the majority of Earth's terrestrial organic carbon, so changes in these relationships could have important effects on the global carbon cycle and the climate system. Deforestation and agriculture have led to declines in plant-derived carbon inputs to the soil of tropical forests while the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is increasing.

The effects of elevated atmospheric CO₂ on belowground carbon cycling are not yet well known, but some data suggest temperature increases could cause declines in the vegetative productivity of tropical forests and thus lead to net losses of soil carbon. This could, in turn, enhance atmospheric CO₂ emissions and accelerate climate warming.

Leff's study suggests that shifts in leaf litter inputs in response to localized human disturbances and global environmental change could have rapid and important consequences for belowground carbon storage and CO₂ fluxes in tropical rain forests. The authors also highlight potential differences between tropical and temperate ecosystems, where belowground carbon cycling responses to changes in litterfall are generally slower and more subtle. Overall, the results of Leff's study suggest that changes in forest litterfall inputs could impact carbon cycling on a global scale.

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November 21, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana has hired Scott Whittenburg as its new vice president for research and creative scholarship.

Whittenburg currently is vice president for research and economic development at the University of New Orleans. He will start his new duties at UM on Jan. 2.

Whittenburg has worked at UNO since 1979, starting as an assistant professor of chemistry and eventually serving as dean of the graduate school before taking over as vice president for research and economic development. He received a physical chemistry doctorate from the University of Utah and completed his undergraduate degree at Oregon State University.

"We are delighted to have Dr. Whittenburg join us at UM," President Royce Engstrom said. "Research is a central aspect of UM's mission, contributing to fundamental knowledge, improved quality of life and economic development. Scott understands all of those areas, bringing to the position tremendous productivity as a researcher, himself, and as an experienced administrator in a research-intensive environment. UM is definitely on the move as a research institution, and Scott will accelerate that trajectory."

Whittenburg was chosen for the position after a national search that brought four finalists to campus for interviews.

"I am excited about the opportunity to help UM grow its research enterprise and expand its nationally recognized creative and academic programs," Whittenburg said. "I look forward to working with President Engstrom, the leadership team and the students, faculty and staff to reach the vision outlined in the UM strategic plan."

Upon Whittenburg's arrival, Interim Vice President for Research and Creative Scholarship Dave Forbes will return to his position as dean of the College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences.

"We thank Dave for his good work," Engstrom said. "He has helped chart the path for the future of research at UM."

The Office of the Vice President for Research and Creative Scholarship supports the educational and research mission of UM through advocacy and advancement of basic and applied research, creative work and academic scholarship. In recent years the University has garnered \$60 million to \$70 million in external funding to support its research mission. For more information visit <http://www.umt.edu/research>.

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November 21, 2012

MISSOULA –

Ninety freshman students of Big Sky High School's Health Science Academy will participate in a hands-on tour of three departments within The University of Montana College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences and will visit Curry Health Center on Friday, Nov. 30.

Student teams will have the opportunity to work with a state-of-the-art computerized simulation mannequin in the Skaggs School of Pharmacy, examine fruit fly brain tissues in the histology department, and be introduced to customary practices of direct patient care at the UM Physical Therapy New Directions Wellness Center and Curry Health Center. In accordance with Health Science Academy curriculum, UM department representatives will highlight academic preparation necessary for employment in the health care fields.

The mission of the Big Sky High School Health Science Academy is to provide students with an intellectually challenging and relevant education in a small, supportive environment. Every student enrolled will complete high school with the knowledge and skills to be successful in a post-secondary educational program. The academy's teachers and administrators work with parents and community partners to develop opportunities through which students can become exceptional and well-rounded scholars and citizens. The curriculum is college-preparatory with a focus on careers in the medical health sciences and in veterinary/animal science.

The tour is coordinated by Western Montana Area Health Education Center at UM, which is a member of the Missoula Chamber Workforce, Development and Education committee – a consortium of business, health care and community members dedicated to supporting the Big Sky High School Health Science Academy.

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UM NEWS



November 20, 2012

MISSOULA –

Renowned writer Victor LaValle will deliver a craft lecture and reading at The University of Montana on Friday, Nov. 30. LaValle's lecture, "What the Hell is Going on? Structuring Your Story," will be held from 12:10 to 1 p.m. in Stone Hall Room 304, and the fiction reading will be held at 7 p.m. in the Dell Brown Room of Turner Hall.

LaValle is author of the short-story collection "Slapboxing with Jesus," novels "The Ecstatic," "Big Machine" and "The Devil in Silver," and an e-book novella "Lucretia and the Kroons." He is the recipient of the Whiting Writers' Award, a United States Artists Ford Fellowship, a Guggenheim Fellowship and the key to southeast Queens, N.Y. He currently teaches fiction writing at Columbia University.

Both the craft lecture and reading are free and open to the public. LaValle's visit is sponsored by the UM Creative Writing Program and the President's Writers-in-Residence Series.

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UM NEWS



November 20, 2012

MISSOULA –

Renowned art curator, author and lecturer Gloria Groom will deliver a talk titled "The School of Nature in French Art: From Realism to Impressionism" as part of The University of Montana President's Lecture Series at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, in the Montana Theatre of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

Groom, the Mary and David Winton Green curator of 19th-century European painting and sculpture at The Art Institute of Chicago, also will present an afternoon seminar that same day titled "Impressionism: Fashion and Modernity" from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. Both the seminar and lecture are free and open to the public.

In her evening lecture, Groom will comment on the artists and works seen in the Montana Museum of Art & Culture exhibition "Labor and Leisure: Impressionist and Realist Masterpieces from a Private Collection." The exhibit includes 19th-century French art from painters including Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Alfred Sisley and Augustin Lhermitte. The MMAC is located in the PAR/TV Center.

Groom joined The Art Institute in 1984 and has worked as a curator and catalogue author for exhibitions of French artists including Odilon Redon, Renoir and Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec. Her book "Edouard Vuillard: Painter-Decorator" was published by Yale University Press in 1993. She organized the major loan exhibition "Fashion, Impressionism and Modernity," which opened in Paris this fall. Groom was awarded the title of chevalier des arts et lettres by the French government in 2005 and officier des arts et lettres in 2012.

The President's Lecture Series consists of 10 talks on vital topics by distinguished guest speakers throughout the academic year. Groom's lecture is co-sponsored by the MMAC. For more information on the President's Lecture Series, visit <http://umt.edu/president/events/lectures/> or call UM history Professor Richard Drake at 406-243-2981.

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UM NEWS



November 20, 2012

MISSOULA –

University of Montana School of Music student opera singers are having an exciting year. Aside from three students moving to regional final auditions for the Metropolitan Opera, two scenes from the upcoming production of “Dizzying Dilemmas at the Opera” are finalists in the National Opera Association Collegiate Scenes Competition.

“Dizzying Dilemmas at the Opera” will show at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 27-28, in the Music Recital Hall at UM. School of Music students will perform scenes from “The Marriage of Figaro,” “Eugene Onegin,” “Die Fledermaus,” “Hansel & Gretel,” “La Rondine” and “The Magic Flute.” Costumes, sets and lighting were designed by students from the UM School of Theatre & Dance.

Tickets cost \$11 for general admission, \$6 for seniors and \$5 for students. They are available for purchase online at <http://www.ummusic.org> or by calling the UMArts Box Office at 406-243-4581.

The show offers the Missoula community a chance to hear UM’s young singers before they travel in January to the NOA convention in Portland, Ore., where students Jenna Preston and Thain Bertin will perform a scene from “Eugene Onegin” and John Knispel and Arielle Nachtigal will perform a scene from “Die Fiedermaus.” Also in January, Nachtigal, Knispel and Neila Getz will travel to Seattle to compete in the Northwest Regional Finals of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions.

“The UM School of Music has spectacular singers. They are having a banner year,” said UM Opera Theater Director Anne Basinski. “Those who have competed and their fellow students have learned amazing things about setting goals, teamwork and continually striving to improve. We could not be prouder of them.”

For more information call Basinski at 406-243-5192 or email basinskia@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



November 19, 2012

MISSOULA —

The University Center Holiday Giving Campaign will begin after Thanksgiving. All proceeds from the campaign will go to families living in the University Villages.

The campaign kicks off with decorating the campus-community Christmas tree at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, in the UC in front of The Source. Although the UC will provide ornament-making supplies, personal ornaments and supplies are welcome. The community tree will remain in the UC throughout the holiday season. Donors can buy stockings from The Source, which will be displayed on the tree.

The giving campaign includes the Griz Thrift Swap on Wednesday, Nov. 28, in the UC Ballroom. Students can donate clothes and swap out something old for something new. Clothing donations will be accepted through Monday, Nov. 26, at The Source, and the remaining clothing will be given to charity.

The UC also will host a Wii "Just Dance-A-Thon" 6 a.m. to midnight Wednesday, Dec. 5 in the UC Campus Court. Teams of students can sign up online for a one-hour dancing commitment. Student teams will raise funds and the group that raises the most money will receive a prize.

The final event of the campaign is the UC Midnight Movie Night, a pajama party with food, holiday treats and a hot chocolate bar, from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7. "Elf" will play in UC 330-332 and "Lethal Weapon" will play in the UC Theater. The event is free but toys or non-perishable food donations are encouraged.

For more information, visit the Student Involvement Network website at <http://life.umt.edu/uc/ucsi/SIN/fun/justdance.php>, call Adrienne Donald, assistant director for Student Involvement and Communications, at 406-243-6029 or email adonald@mso.umt.edu or call Brooke Hoareau, communications coordinator of the UC Marketing Department, at 406-243-5341 or email brooke.hoareau@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



November 19, 2012

MISSOULA –

An open house was held Friday, Nov. 16, to officially launch the new Biomechanics Laboratory at The University of Montana. The new facility is part of the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences.

Directed by UM researcher Matthew Bundle and housed in the Phyllis J. Washington Education Center, the lab will study the science of human movement for the Department of Health and Human Performance.

Bundle said the facility was made possible by the support and leadership of UM President Royce Engstrom and Dean Roberta Evans.

"It will expand the research capabilities at The University of Montana and allow students and faculty to pursue study in a world-class facility," Bundle said. "The equipment here is found at only a select few universities around the world."

"This lab and the internationally recognized work being performed in it are helping to grow not just the reputation of the PJW College of Education and Human Sciences, but The University of Montana as well," Evans said.

Bundle said the lab investment complements the existing strength and expertise that already exist on campus in the area of health and human performance.

"The measurement capabilities that we have put in place will allow our undergraduate students to gain marketable scientific skills and provide an opportunity for our graduate students to receive advanced training and be competitive with scholars from any university," Bundle said.

Hired in 2011, Bundle studies the limits of human performance. His research discoveries recently have been applied to understanding the gait differences of amputee running and to the maximum speeds athletes can attain.

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University of Montana students (left to right) Sara Hedges, Chris Sundberg and Nicole Grenier demonstrate some of the equipment at the Biomechanics Laboratory on Nov. 16. (Photo by Jonathan Crummett)

Helpful link: <http://www.umt.edu/urelations/pubs/Vision%20magazine/Vision%202011/Movement%20Mechanics.php>

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UM NEWS



November 19, 2012

MISSOULA –

University of Montana students will compete in artistic categories for the Golden Grizzly trophy in the first-ever Entertainment Management Awards on Friday, Nov. 30. The inaugural talent competition is hosted, planned and managed by UM's Entertainment Management students.

The EMA's main event will kick off at 7:30 p.m. at Monks Bar, located at 225 Ryman St. in Missoula. Tickets for the 18-and-older show cost \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door and VIP tickets cost \$50. VIP ticketholders, ages 21 and older, are invited to a 6 p.m. pre-event cocktail hour and an exclusive viewing of the dance entries at the Downtown Dance Collective, located at 121 West Main St.

The EMAs will showcase talented UM students and provide them with an opportunity to be discovered. Award categories include music, visual art and dance. Participants auditioned in front of an EMA team, who selected finalists to perform at the main event in front of a panel of judges and a live audience. The judges will select three top performers to receive awards and a gift bag, and the winner of the People's Choice Award also will receive a Golden Grizzly and a gift bag. In addition, the first place winner will receive \$300, the second place winner will receive \$200 and the third place winner will receive \$100.

Currently UMEM students are working to gather event sponsors and sell tickets. The proceeds from the event will support the UMEM Student Opportunity Fund, a scholarship program that helps students gain hands-on experience through internships and other extracurricular activities.

For more information, to become a sponsor or to purchase tickets, email the EMAs team at emas@business.umt.edu, visit the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/EntertainmentManagementAwards> or follow the Twitter feed at <https://twitter.com/MissoulaEMAs>.

UMEM is a unique program within the School of Business Administration which serves the mission to build community through entertainment. UMEM seeks to introduce students to the entertainment industry and provide them with the opportunity to network with industry professionals. The program relies on community support to develop experiential learning opportunities for students and bring guest instructors to campus. For more information visit <http://www.business.umt.edu/degreesprograms/UMEM>.

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UM NEWS



November 16, 2012

MISSOULA –

Leaders of the Legal Atlas initiative, a partnership between the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at The University of Montana and a Missoula private startup venture, traveled to The Hague, Netherlands, earlier this month to accept the 2012 Innovating Justice Award and 50,000 euros to further develop the initiative.

Legal Director Jim Wingard and Science Director Maria Pascual founded Legal Atlas and approached the Mansfield Center in 2010 to propose a partnership to do research with their company. UM students in disciplines such as natural sciences, political science and law are working to research laws in countries around the world that relate to agriculture, land reform, oil and gas, natural resources mining, water rights and other environmental topics.

Legal Atlas builds a virtual knowledge platform with this information, which can assist governments, international agencies, businesses, practitioners, academics and nonprofits on work or research they are doing that requires a broad understanding or comparison of laws. Wingard and Pascual came up with the idea after working 20 years in international development. They both encountered difficulties in identifying regulations and laws relevant to the implementation of projects in different countries, which can vary greatly. The platform helps businesses and organizations, and the partnership, they say, helps students.

"This kind of project or activity has a strong social-entrepreneur concept behind it," Wingard said. "It's something where a lot of research can be done and is typically best done in an academic setting."

Working with Legal Atlas provides students with internships during school, and can provide career paths and opportunities as they graduate.

Kelsey Stamm, a second-year graduate student in political science, began working with Legal Atlas because of her interest in international development and her experience living in Latin America.

"It opened up my perspective to issues in the world," Stamm said. "I am interested in international development, but I had never thought of legal development being part of that."

Stamm's professional paper for her master's degree, which she recently presented, was inspired by her work with Legal Atlas. After graduation, she will stay on full-time at the Mansfield Center, working on the Cambodia and economic development programs.

Otto Koester, associate director of the Mansfield Center, said the center and the University have supported the partnership by providing offices for Legal Atlas in the MonTEC building and a salary for one of the primary researchers working as a part-time research faculty member. The information and service provided by Legal Atlas falls under the Mansfield Center's mission to promote ethics and public affairs on a global scale.

Koester said in addition to providing information about the laws in different countries, the Legal Atlas website relies on geographic information systems to provide data about the implementation and impact of laws on people and everyday life in any part of the world. It could be equally useful in providing essential information about local conditions for a developer looking to invest or build in a different country or a nonprofit advocating for legal, regulatory or social change.

Wingard and Pascual also are developing the business side of Legal Atlas, which they say aims to create job opportunities for professionals and graduates in the community.

The award money from the Innovating Justice Award will allow them to access business incubator services in Europe to further develop Legal Atlas.

The beta version of the platform has not yet been released to the public, but Legal Atlas has a social network presence on Twitter and Facebook. More information about Legal Atlas and the Mansfield Center is available at <http://www.umt.edu/mansfield/Legal-Atlas/>. For more information call Wingard at 406-532-3223 or email james.wingard@legal-atlas.net.

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UM NEWS



November 16, 2012

MISSOULA –

High school students from 17 Montana and Idaho schools will attend the Montana Model United Nations Conference on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 19-20, at The University of Montana.

At the conference, 350 students will represent 96 of the United Nations' 193 member states, debating and writing resolutions addressing important international issues.

Students will participate on one of five UN committees: the Security Council, General Assembly Plenary, General Assembly First Committee (security issues), General Assembly Second Committee (economic and financial) and General Assembly Third Committee (social, cultural and humanitarian). Each committee is staffed by a team of UM students from Associate Professor Karen Adams' Model United Nations class, a service-learning course offered by the Department of Political Science.

Events begin at 8:30 a.m. Monday with opening ceremonies in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre. The keynote address titled "Doing Good Better" will be delivered by Kimberly Maynard. Maynard has worked on rebuilding war-torn societies and providing international disaster relief for 25 years in crises-affected areas such as Afghanistan, Bosnia, Indonesia and Rwanda and has worked with the United Nations, the American Red Cross and the World Bank. All events are free and open to the public.

Students will work on the third floor of the University Center. They will meet in committees from late Monday morning through Tuesday afternoon. At 7:30 p.m. Monday, country teams will meet with other high school groups from their regions to learn about the politics, economics, history and culture of the region during Region Night. Students from the region will present and MMUN staff who have studied and traveled in the region will lead discussions. An ice cream social will follow.

Closing ceremonies will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Dennison Theatre. Secretaries General Madeline Bermes and Madison Brooke will announce awards for delegates, schools and conference staff. Five high school seniors will be awarded scholarships to attend UM.

The Montana Model United Nations Conference is funded by school and delegate fees, as well as contributions from the UM Office of the President, Office of the Provost, Division of Student Affairs, College of Arts and Sciences and Department of Political Science.

For more information, including participating high schools, visit MMUN online at <http://www.cas.umt.edu/mun> or call Adams at 406-214-5451.

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UM NEWS



November 15, 2012

MISSOULA –

Seven student-athletes from colleges and universities across the state will receive the 2012 Montana Athletes in Service Award sponsored by the Montana Campus Compact. Each student-athlete will be recognized Saturday, Nov. 17, in Washington-Grizzly Stadium for their outstanding commitment to civic engagement, volunteerism and the impact that their service has on their communities.

“These students deserve special recognition for taking time from their busy academic and athletic schedules to engage in projects that improve life for everyone in Montana,” said Jane Karas, Montana Campus Compact board chairwoman and Flathead Valley Community College president.

The 2012 Montana Athletes in Service are:

- Galen Mills, senior, football player at Carroll College in Helena.
- Jacqueline Elliott, sophomore, basketball player at Montana State University- Bozeman.
- Kirstin King, senior, volleyball player at Montana Tech in Butte.
- Maegan Nahrgang, junior, rodeo athlete at The University of Montana Western in Dillon.
- Navin Marimutha, senior, tennis player at Montana State University-Billings.
- Olivia Weber, senior, golfer at The University of Montana-Missoula.
- Sara Williamson, sophomore, volleyball player at Dawson Community College in Glendive.

The awards will be presented by Karas, UM President Royce Engstrom, MSU President Waded Cruzado and Gov. Brian Schweitzer on the field at the “Brawl of the Wild” football game held this year at UM.

In its 12th year, the Montana Athletes in Service Award commemorates the historic signing of the Presidents’ Declaration of the Civic Responsibility of Higher Education. The first award was given November 2001 in Bozeman. The award presentation alternates with the location of the annual football game between the MSU Bobcats and the UM Grizzlies.

“It’s a special time of year for Montana,” said Karas. “Montanans are committed to their communities and they are committed to this long-standing state football rivalry.”

The Montana Campus Compact is based at UM and is the largest higher education network in the state. MTCC works to deepen the ability of colleges and universities to improve community life and educate students for civic and social responsibilities.

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UM NEWS



November 15, 2012

MISSOULA –

"Irish Christmas in America," a popular show celebrating the customs, lore and traditions of Christmas in Ireland through music, song and dance, returns to The University of Montana on Sunday, Dec. 9.

The performance, which serves as a fundraiser for UM's Irish Studies program, begins at 7:30 p.m. at the George and Jane Dennison Theatre. Tickets cost \$25 if purchased in advance or \$30 at the door. Student tickets cost \$15 with an ID, and kids age 12 and under will be admitted free. Tickets are available at all GrixTix locations, Rockin Rudy's, online at <http://www.grixtix.com> or by calling 888-MONTANA.

The tour begins with a stop in Butte on Saturday, Dec. 8. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Mother Lode Theatre, and tickets are available online at <http://www.grixtix.com>, the Mother Lode or Granite Mountain Bank.

Produced by Oisín Mac Diarmada of the award-winning Irish group Téada, "Irish Christmas in America" features top Irish musicians, singers and dancers in an engaging performance rich in history, humor and boundless energy. The 2012 tour features special guests Aaron Jones, a member of the award-winning Scottish band Old Blind Dogs, and Séamus Begley, famous for his heartfelt singing and accordion prowess.

The family-friendly performance incorporates Irish ballads, holiday carols, lively fiddle tunes and thrilling Irish dancing. Narration brings to life ancient customs and stories, while evocative photography provides a backdrop of rich historical context.

The event is sponsored by The Friends of Irish Studies, Anderson ZurMuehlen, Granite Mountain Bank, Worden Thane, ALPS, and Philips Haffey.

For more information call Kristen Green, Friends of Irish Studies, at 916-712-5193 or email thefriendsofirishstudies@gmail.com.

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UM NEWS



November 14, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Emerging Ceramic Artists and the Student Sculpture Association of the UM School of Art will host the 27th annual Holiday Sale and Juried Show Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 6-8, in the UM Art Annex.

The sale will include ceramics and sculpture by UM School of Art students and faculty, and the show will feature student work created in the past year. The work will be juried by nationally renowned ceramic sculptor Adrian Arleo of Lolo. Proceeds from the sale support UMECA and SSA. Funds will be used for scholarships, visiting artists, student travel to conferences and wood for the Anagama kiln firing.

All events are free and open to the public and will be held in the Art Annex, located just south of the Adams Center. The schedule is as follows:

- **Thursday, Dec. 6:** Opening celebration with music by Good Clean Dirt, 4-7 p.m.; Awards presentation, 5 p.m.
- **Friday, Dec. 7:** Holiday sale, 9 a.m.-7p.m.
- **Saturday, Dec. 8:** Holiday sale, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

For more information call UM Professor Beth Lo at 406-243-5893 or email elizabeth.lo@umontana.edu; or call the UM School of Art at 406-243-4181.

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UM NEWS



November 14, 2012

MISSOULA –

Fans of the Nintendo Wii game “Just Dance” should get ready to shake it for charity. The University Center will host its second annual “Just Dance-A-Thon” fundraiser from 6 a.m. to midnight Wednesday, Dec. 5, in the UC Campus Court on the first floor.

Donations raised by dance teams will go toward the UC Holiday Giving Campaign to benefit families from the University Villages during the holiday season.

Teams must have at least two members and no more than 12 and can sign up for a one-hour slot at <http://www.umt.edu/uc>. Slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis and teams must commit to dance for the entire hour. Donations can be raised through sponsorship or pledges before the event or participants can bring cash the day of the event.

A leaderboard will track the fundraising throughout the day and prizes will be awarded to the team that raises the most money. Other prizes, raffles and giveaways also will be available during the event.

To learn more about the “Just Dance-A-Thon,” visit the UC website at <http://www.umt.edu/uc>.

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UM NEWS



November 14, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will interview four candidates for the position of vice president for integrated communications in coming weeks.

The candidates are Scott Ochander, Valparaiso University vice president for integrated marketing and communications-greater Chicago area; Mario Schulzke, founder of IdeaMensch, a digital publication aimed at helping entrepreneurs; Kari Dilloo, group communications manager with Microsoft/Bing; and Libby Eckhardt, chief communications officer for the College of Arts and Sciences at Ohio State University.

The vice president for integrated communications is the chief communications officer for the University and will provide leadership for UM marketing and branding, licensing, social media and all other communications. This position directly oversees the Broadcast Media Center, Printing and Graphic Services, and University Relations.

"After an extensive national search, we have pinpointed four exciting candidates with the potential to enhance our University's communications strategies and take our marketing programs to a higher level," said Peggy Kuhr, interim vice president for integrated communications and chairwoman of the 16-member search committee. "We invite campus and community members to attend the candidate forums and help select the right person for this vital leadership position."

Public forums are scheduled for:

- **Monday, Nov. 19** – Scott Ochander, 4:45 to 5:45 p.m., Gallagher Business Building Room 123.
- **Monday, Nov. 26** – Mario Schulzke, 4:45 to 5:45 p.m., University Center Theater.
- **Thursday, Nov. 29** – Kari Dilloo, 4:45 to 5:45 p.m., UC Theater.
- **Monday, Dec. 3** – Libby Eckhardt, 4:45 to 5:45 p.m., UC Theater.

Ochander has served as the chief marketing officer of Indiana's Valparaiso University since 2009. Previous positions include senior vice president of market innovation for New Edge + The Brewery in Seattle and London, senior director of marketing for the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Wash., and senior marketing and brand leader for multiple Dow Chemical Co. units. He received an MBA in marketing from Central Michigan University and has bachelor's degrees in business administration and fine arts from Western Michigan University.

Schulzke founded his IdeaMensch digital publication (<http://ideamensch.com>) in 2009 and at the same time was senior director of digital strategy for WDCW (Wong, Doody, Crandall, Wiener) in Los Angeles. Previously, he was director of new media for R2C Group in Portland, Ore., and an instructor at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. He also oversaw business development and public relations for WDCW. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with a minor in Spanish from UM.

Dilloo has been employed by Microsoft since 2006, working as group public relations manager for the Xbox 360, group communications manager for the Entertainment and Devices Division, and group communications manager for Microsoft/Bing. Before joining Microsoft, she held a number of positions in the Seattle area, including consumer public relations manager with Expedia Inc., senior account executive with Edelman and senior account executive with Imagio/JWT. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with an emphasis in marketing and a minor in communications from UM.

Eckhardt has worked at Ohio State since 2007, serving first as director of marketing and communications for Facilities Operations and Development and then as chief communications officer for the College of Arts and Sciences. Before joining OSU, she worked as an account executive and project manager for Lorz Communications Inc. in Columbus, Ohio, and as a media coordinator for the Music Maker Relief Foundation in Hillsborough, N.C. Eckhardt received a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from OSU and an Associate of Arts degree from Columbus State University.

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UM NEWS



November 13, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will launch a four-minute radio program called “Cores of Discovery” to air on Montana Public Radio beginning Friday, Nov. 23. “Cores of Discovery” aims to educate the general public about ongoing scientific research being conducted at the University and how this research can benefit lives.

Producer Katie George said the program is a novel and innovative approach to engage the public with UM’s research endeavors. George conducts the interviews in a format that is easy to understand.

The following “Cores of Discovery” podcasts will air at 2:06 p.m. on Fridays on MTPR:

- **Nov. 23:** Tony Ward, asbestos exposure in Libby.
- **Nov. 30:** Diana Six, effect of mountain pine beetle on Whitebark Pine forest.
- **Dec. 7:** Rick Hauer, director of the Institute on Ecosystems UM.
- **Dec. 14:** Solomon Dobrowski, ponderosa pine seedling survival in the Bitterroot and Missoula valleys.
- **Dec. 21:** Maury Valett, water quality in the Flathead River.

For more information, call George at 406-546-6924, email coresofdiscovery@gmail.com or visit <http://www.health.umt.edu/coresofdiscovery> or <https://www.facebook.com/CoresofDiscovery>.

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UM NEWS



November 13, 2012

MISSOULA –

Players on the Montana Grizzlies football team are leading an effort to give back to the community with the eighth annual Griz for Kids Toy Drive on Saturday, Nov. 17, at The University of Montana.

Fans can drop off new, unwrapped toys or cash donations at all entrances to Washington-Grizzly Stadium before the Griz game against Montana State University. All gifts are tax-deductible.

Those unable to attend the game can make cash donations at all Missoula Federal Credit Union locations and credit union members can donate online. Cash donations will be used to purchase needed items such as clothing for teens and pre-teens, books and art supplies.

Last year's drive brought in thousands of toys for western Montana children in need during the holiday season. This year, linebacker Jordan Tripp is in charge of organizing the drive. Tripp hopes to top last year's event when Griz fans filled three delivery trucks with bags of toys and contributed more than \$3,000 in cash donations.

"Griz for Kids is a great cause that allows the community to give to those less fortunate," Tripp said. "The true gift is that children in need will have a better holiday season because of the fans' generosity."

The gifts will be distributed to Mountain Home Montana, Head Start/Child Start, Child and Family Services, Youth Homes Inc., Missoula Indian Services, Watson Children's Shelters, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, WORD/Futures Program, A.W.A.R.E and Early Head Start.

Sponsors of the event include UM and the Montana Grizzlies in partnership with Mountain Broadcasting, Max Media (ABC 23 and FOX 23.1), Missoula Federal Credit Union and Beach Transportation. The event is held in conjunction with 102.5 Mountain FM's Mountain of Giving Toy Drive.

For more information call University Relations at 406-243-5478.

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UM NEWS



November 13, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Rowing Club, Montana's only crew team, wrapped up another season this month with the Head of the Lake regatta in Seattle. The men's team took fourth place in the master's regatta and the women's team took 10th place in the collegiate 4+ regatta. The UM Rowing Club also took first place in both the men's and women's races in their divisions in Portland, Ore., in September.

"Considering the size of our club, our resources and the fact that we are self-coached this season, it is reward enough just to get to compete," said team Captain Ryan Cote.

Because it is the only such club in the state, the UM Rowing Club has to travel to compete, often to Seattle and Portland.

The UM Rowing Club was revitalized in 2006 after a six-year hiatus. There are about a dozen regular members. The team holds practice at Salmon Lake, which is about an hour commute, six mornings a week from the end of August to the beginning of November. After the practice lake is frozen over, the club works out in the gym on ergometric rowing machines, to practice for indoor sprint races in the spring. No experience is required to join the club.

For more information call Cote at 406-214-1495 or email ry.cote@gmail.com.

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UM NEWS



November 09, 2012

MISSOULA —

Montana Public Radio's Go Public campaign is happening now through the end of the year. The station will host an on-air fundraising drive beginning at 6 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, and continuing until 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16.

"This campaign is aimed at attracting new members and encouraging special year-end donations," said Linda Talbott, Montana Public Radio fundraising director. "Listeners can also give MTPR gift memberships as a way to share something they love with the people on their holiday list. There are a variety of ways people can get involved and support MTPR."

Another unique aspect of this campaign is the Food Bank Network Challenge. Instead of donors receiving a thank-you gift, all pledges received by Nov. 16 automatically will generate a 5 percent cash match to benefit food banks and feeding programs in Montana.

"We are happy to partner again with the Missoula Federal Credit Union, which is offering matching funds, and with the Montana Food Bank Network, which acquire and distribute the food through their partner agencies," Talbott said. "This way our donors are able to support Montana Public Radio while also keeping the shelves in their local food banks full this holiday season."

People can make donations anytime by calling 800-325-1565 or going online to <http://www.mtpr.org>. For more information call Talbott at 406-243-4215 or email linda.talbott@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



November 08, 2012

MISSOULA –

Operation Smile UM is open for new member enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year. The University of Montana student group will hold an informational and recruitment meeting at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, in Curry Health Center Room 008.

The group will discuss upcoming fundraising efforts and how members can become actively involved.

"The officers and academic adviser have brought a new energy to the group this year and we are gearing up for a productive year," said Nick O'Neal, president of Operation Smile UM.

Operation Smile UM is a local group that is working to raise awareness and support for the larger nonprofit organization Operation Smile Inc. Every year Operation Smile Inc. provides life-saving cleft palate reconstructive surgeries to individuals all over the world and training for local community doctors to continue performing the surgeries.

Operation Smile UM group membership is divided into two levels. The \$10 level includes just the membership fees, while the \$15 level includes the membership fees and a group T-shirt.

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UM NEWS



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MISSOULA –

Beverly Ann Chin, director of The University of Montana English Teaching Program, is the recipient of the 2012 Distinguished Service Award from the National Council of Teachers of English. The award recognizes a person who exhibits valuable service to the profession, scholarly or academic distinction, excellence in teaching and distinctive use of the language.

"I am deeply honored by this lifetime achievement award for teaching and service," Chin said. "Throughout my career, NCTE has informed and inspired my work to promote and improve literacy education for all students.

"I dedicate this award to the students, colleagues and mentors who have shared my teaching journey and enriched my professional life."

Chin has more than 35 years teaching experience and has published articles, textbooks and video programs on the teaching of writing, reading and literature. She has received several teaching and service awards, including the UM Distinguished Teacher Award and the Distinguished Educator Award from the Montana Association of Teachers of English Language Arts. She formerly served as the president of NCTE and as a board member of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Chin will receive the 2012 Distinguished Service Award during the NCTE Annual Convention on Friday, Nov. 16, in Las Vegas.

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UM NEWS



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MISSOULA –

Internationally renowned anti-violence educator Jackson Katz will present the topic “More Than a Few Good Men: A Lecture on American Manhood and Violence Against Women” at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, in the University Center Ballroom at the University of Montana. A reception and book-signing will follow.

The lecture is the result of a collaboration among UM's Intercollegiate Athletics, Women's & Gender Studies Program, Residence Life, African American Studies and the Student Involvement Network. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Katz is internationally recognized for his work in gender violence prevention education in schools, athletics and the military, as well as for his work in media literacy. Katz is co-founder, along with the Men of Strength Club, of the Mentors in Violence Prevention program at Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society. Created in 1993, MVP was one of the first programs to use a “bystander” model for gender violence prevention. The program has been used by the NFL, NASCAR and the U.S. Marine Corps, among other groups.

Katz's award-winning educational video “Tough Guise” and his appearances in such films as “Wrestling with Manhood” and “Spin the Bottle” have brought his insights into media constructions of masculinity to millions of college and high school students, as well as to professionals in education, human services, public health and law enforcement. Katz also is the author of the books “Leading Men: Presidential Campaigns and the Politics of Manhood” and “The Macho Paradox: Why Some Men Hurt Women and How All Men Can Help.”

In addition to his lecture in Missoula, Katz also will give a presentation in Polson sponsored by DOVES, which provides advocacy and support for survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Lake County and on the Flathead Reservation.

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MISSOULA –

Three ceramic artists from the Archie Bray Foundation in Helena will demonstrate their technique and lecture on their work Tuesday, Nov. 20, during the annual Archie Bray Day at The University of Montana.

Events will run from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public. Artists Jonathon Read, Sean O'Connell and Sunshine Cobb will demonstrate their work from 10:10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:10 to 4:45 p.m. in the Ceramics Studio of UM's Art Annex, located south of the Adams Center. A lecture and slide show of the artists' work will be held from 5:10 to 6:30 p.m. in Social Science Building Room 356.

Read received his Master of Fine Arts degree from Arizona State University in 2005. He has taught ceramics and sculpture at Lill Street Art Center in Chicago, the Armory Art Center in West Palm Beach, Fla., and Mesa Arts Center in Arizona, and has exhibited his artwork internationally. His sculptures and installations feature large-scale human figures combined with dynamic, gestural and emotive drawing.

O'Connell earned a bachelor's degree from Kansas City Art Institute and a Master of Fine Arts from School for American Crafts/Rochester Institute of Technology in 2009. He has held teaching positions at local colleges and art centers. O'Connell creates "functional pottery based on the idea that beauty and purpose should be a part of everyday use."

Cobb received her Master of Fine Arts degree from Utah State in Logan, Utah, and has taught ceramics at California State University in Sonoma and at the University of the Pacific in California. She is a functional potter, primarily using earthenware clay, who uses brightly colored surfaces to enhance loosely thrown and hand-built forms.

Archie Bray Day is sponsored by the Jim and Jane Dew Visiting Artist Fund and the UM School of Art. For more information call UM art Professor Beth Lo at 406-243-5893 or call the School of Art office at 406-243-4181.

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UM NEWS



November 07, 2012

MISSOULA –

University of Montana glaciologist Joel Harper will publish research findings in an article titled “Greenland Ice Sheet Contribution to Sea Level Rise Buffered by Meltwater Storage in Firn” in the Nov. 8 issue of the journal *Nature*.

According to the research, a large storage sink for meltwater generated on the surface of Greenland exists in a layer of old compacted snow called firn, which is up to 100 meters thick. Because some of the melt is absorbed by the firn, not all of the melt from the huge ice sheet contributes to rising sea levels, yet.

Scientists know that sea level currently rises about 3.2 mm per year, with about half of that rise comes from melting ice around the world. Researchers estimate that 20 to 40 percent of that new water comes from Greenland.

Harper led a team of researchers from the University of Wyoming, University of Colorado-Boulder and the Universite de Liege in Belgium to study the meltwater path on the Greenland ice sheet from 2007 to 2009. Funded by a National Science Foundation grant, the team set out to determine just how much of the meltwater generated in Greenland travels to the sea and what happens to the melt that doesn't.

“The melt generated from low elevations easily escapes to the ocean, but there's a large area at higher elevation where the fate of the melt is highly uncertain,” Harper said. “Quantifying how melt can infiltrate and refreeze in cold snow and firn is critical to understanding sea-level changes.”

The researchers spent three months spread over three summers traversing the ice sheet on snowmobiles and skis while taking measurements. They used a radar system to track water deep in the firn, drilled more than 30 ice cores and installed sensors within the ice to track the migration of water.

They found that some of Greenland's melt can penetrate deeply into the firn, bypassing thick lenses of ice where previous water has refrozen. Since completing the field research, the team has run computer models based on their data to investigate the problem further. Their calculations quantify how much of the firn layer already has been filled by meltwater and how much additional storage remains.

Despite the fact that Greenland absorbs some of its massive melt, the firn is filling at a rate faster than winter snowfall can create more. Harper said the firn will hold an additional 322 to 1,289 gigatons of water, where 1 gigaton is equivalent to a cubic kilometer of water. Based on measurements of the melt already absorbed, the researchers were able to determine a rough estimate of how much longer the firn will continue to take melt.

“Under a range of plausible climate scenarios, filling this firn will take on the order of decades,” Harper said. “It's not a year or two of heavy melt that's going to do it, but it's also not centuries. The rate that the storage sink is filled will dictate changes to the area of the ice sheet that contributes melt to the oceans.”

“You can only route water into this storage sink for so long before it fills up and meltwater from higher elevations is rerouted to the oceans.”

The research team's findings come at a crucial time for Greenland. Satellites have monitored the amount of melt on the ice sheet daily since 1980. These measurements show that the area experiencing melt and the duration of melt each summer have increased on average. This year was the first time since monitoring began that the entire ice sheet experienced melt, though ice cores show that this has happened on a few occasions in the past.

Despite the existence of the water storage sink in the firn layer, multiple lines of independent measurements show that Greenland has lost mass and the rate of mass loss has increased.

“Since the firn can absorb some of the surface melt, this means that understanding other mechanisms for mass loss, such as iceberg calving and melt of the nonfirn-covered areas are critically important,” Harper said.

The next step is to study meltwater at the bottom of the ice sheet by drilling 1,000-meter long boreholes to take measurements beneath the ice. In August, Harper and a partner at the University of Wyoming were awarded a \$1.3 million NSF grant to investigate how the melt generated at lower elevations finds its way to the base of the ice and influences the movement of the massive ice sheet.

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UM NEWS



November 05, 2012

MISSOULA –

Four candidates for the position of chief information officer for The University of Montana will visit campus in November and December. Roxanne Mashburn, Matt Riley, Mark Gregory and David O'Neill will conduct presentations and open forums for the campus and Missoula communities.

Each presentation and forum will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The schedule and locations are as follows:

- Friday, Nov. 9: Roxanne Mashburn, School of Law Building, Room 201
- Monday, Nov. 26: Matt Riley, to be announced
- Friday, Nov. 30: Mark Gregory, to be announced
- Monday, Dec. 3: David O'Neill, to be announced

Mashburn has served as executive director of information services at the University of Utah since 2008. Prior to that, she was the worldwide production support and business intelligence director for GE Corporate Payment Services, division technology director at H&R Block in Salt Lake City and assistant CIO of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. She holds a master's of business administration from Westminster College in Salt Lake City and a bachelor's in computer science from Weber State University in Ogden, Utah.

Riley has served as director of information technology at the School of Humanities and Sciences at Stanford University since 2007. Prior to Stanford, he worked in information technology including as director of technical services at the University of Redlands in Redlands, Calif., and as a programmer and analyst in the U.S. Air Force. Riley holds a master's of business administration and a bachelor's in business and management from the University of Redlands.

Gregory has been the associate vice president for finance and administration at Portland State University in Portland, Ore., since 2006. He also has served as the interim vice president for finance and administration, chief information officer and director of computing and networking services at PSU. Prior to that, he was the information systems manager at Northwest Regional Education Laboratory in Portland and also has worked in research and development in the private sector. Gregory holds a master's of business administration from PSU and bachelor's degrees in psychology as well as computer science and mathematics from the University of Illinois.

O'Neill has served as the vice president and CIO of integrated technologies at the State University of New York Empire State College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., since 2010. Prior to that he served 11 years as the executive director and CIO in the Office of Information Technology at Boise State University in Boise, Idaho. He also was director of computing and telecommunications of Eastern Washington University in Cheney and assistant director of information technologies at Washington State University in Pullman. O'Neill holds a master's of business administration from UM, a master's in economics and a bachelor's in forestry from WSU, and recently completed his doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Idaho.

For more information call Roger Maclean, dean of the UM School of Extended & Lifelong Learning and chair of UM's CIO search committee, at 406-243-2983 or email roger.maclean@umontana.edu. The updated locations of the final three candidates along with candidate resumes can be viewed online at <http://umt.edu/searches/cio/>.

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MISSOULA –

Members of the Missoula community are invited to a name-unveiling event for Missoula College University of Montana (formerly the College of Technology) from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, in the Missoula College East Commons Area.

The event begins at 3:30 p.m. at 909 South Ave. W. with student-led campus tours and the opportunity for business people to meet with the College Advisory Board to discuss workforce development. The tours will be followed by a formal program at 4:30 p.m. to celebrate the expanded mission of the college and to formally unveil the new name to the public.

The program will kick off with remarks from Dean Barry Good, and MC Culinary Arts Program students will prepare a reception to follow. UM Interim Vice President for Integrated Communications Peggy Kuhr will emcee the event, and Missoula Mayor John Engen, Montana Deputy Commissioner of Two-Year Education John Cech and UM President Royce C. Engstrom will deliver remarks before the unveiling.

As part of the College!NOW initiative, the Montana University System redefined the roles of two-year colleges in Montana. The Board of Regents identified five essential attributes to be provided at each two-year college, including:

- Transfer education through the associate’s degree;
- Workforce development, including certificates and associate of applied science degrees;
- Developmental and basic adult education;
- Lifelong learning; and
- Community development.

The attributes of the comprehensive two-year mission include:

- Open-access admissions;
- Affordability;
- Student centeredness;
- Adult-focused and accessible learning;
- Responsiveness to local needs; and
- Cultivation of partnerships.

To make two-year education better understood and better utilized by all Montanans, the Board of Regents voted in spring 2012 to rename the two-year programs in Bozeman and Hamilton and the and colleges of technology within the MUS: Helena College University of Montana; Highlands College of Montana Tech, located in Butte; Bitterroot College University of Montana, located in Hamilton; City College at Montana State University-Billings, located in Billings; Great Falls College Montana State University; and Gallatin College Montana State University, located in Bozeman.

For more information about the event, call Jacquie Hofmann, MC director of fiscal and personnel services, at 406-243-7908 or email jacqueline.hofmann@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



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MISSOULA –

United States Marine Corps Cpl. Jonas Rides At The Door, a student at The University of Montana, recently was named the newest Defender of Freedom Fellow by U.S. Sen. Max Baucus.

“Jonas is a true hero,” Baucus said. “He has been recognized many times for his bravery and service to Montana and America. Having recently transitioned from the Marine Corps to the classroom, Jonas knows firsthand the challenges veterans often face upon returning to civilian life, and I know he will bring his experience to the table to improve the lives of veterans across Montana.”

Rides At The Door, of Browning, deployed to Iraq three times as a heavy machine gunner infantryman with the Marine Corps. On his first and second deployments, Rides At The Door served with the 2nd Battalion 7th Marine Regiment. On his third deployment, he served with the 1st Tank Battalion TOW Platoon. He was an active participant in the first Battle of Fallujah in 2004. During his first deployment, he was wounded by an improvised explosive device on July 2, 2004.

He has been awarded two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, the Combat Action Ribbon in Iraq, the Purple Heart and many other citations. Rides At The Door was meritoriously promoted once in 2003 and eventually achieved the rank of corporal before leaving the Marines in 2007.

“After serving my country in the Marines, I wanted to continue my service as a veteran by making sure that once my fellow service members decided to hang up their boots, they were going to be taken care of,” Rides At The Door said.

“I’m thankful Senator Baucus is extending this fellowship opportunity to Montana veterans and am honored and privileged to have been selected,” he said. “Having done three deployments to Iraq as an infantryman, then immediately having to transition back into civilian life, I am well aware of the hardships veterans face when navigating through the veteran affairs and educational systems. I hope to bring many issues to light and find practical solutions, while informing veterans of the hard-earned benefits that are available.”

Rides At The Door, a member of the Blackfeet Tribe, studies political science and Native American studies at UM. He is the sixth Montanan to be selected for the Defender of Freedom Fellowship.

The fellowship offers professional experience in the U.S. Senate for Montana veterans. Fellows work in Baucus’ office on veterans’ and defense issues, researching, corresponding with constituents, attending congressional hearings and working on new legislation.

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UM NEWS



November 02, 2012

MISSOULA –

The 18th Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition will be on display at The University of Montana Gallery of Visual Arts Nov. 14–Dec. 5. An opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, with an awards presentation at 6 p.m.

The exhibition is sponsored by UM's School of Art, Gallery of Visual Arts and Artist Collective. It features a diverse array of media created by undergraduate students of all levels and graduate students. For many students, the annual exhibition is the first opportunity to show their work in a professional gallery.

An arts professional, not associated with the University, is chosen by the students to serve as the juror to select works to be exhibited and designate awards. This year's juror is Yvonne Seng, curator of art at the Holter Museum of Art in Helena.

The gallery is open from 11 a.m to 5 p.m Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday. It is located on the first floor of the Social Science Building, and is free and open to the public.

For more information, call Gallery Director Cathryn Mallory at 406-243-2813 or email gallery.visarts@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



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MISSOULA –

Students enrolled in political reporting courses at The University of Montana School of Journalism will fan out across Montana on Tuesday, Nov. 6, to cover the state's historic election. Faculty also will step out of the classroom and into newsrooms to produce, direct, report and facilitate coverage of the contest.

Interim Dean Denise Dowling and Professors Ray Ekness and Ray Fanning will produce, direct and coordinate remote crews for live television coverage on MontanaPBS. They have worked closely with adjunct faculty member John Twiggs of UM's Broadcast Media Center over the past two months to fashion the evening's programming.

"We work very hard to have a solid plan for our live broadcasts, but very often that plan goes out the window," Dowling said. "We have to stay on our toes and react to developments at the national and state level. It's an exciting evening for us and our students."

A dozen students will work as associate producers, field producers, camera operators and video editors. Student crews will canvass voters at polling places around Montana to gauge the mood of the electorate on Tuesday. Those taped reports will air in the evening broadcasts. Students will then head to Great Falls, Billings, Missoula, Helena and Bozeman to monitor results and secure live candidate interviews as the night unfolds.

Meanwhile, another group of students under the direction of Professors Dennis Swibold and Lee Banville will produce online election coverage for <http://www.montanapublicmedia.org/>, the groundbreaking online collaboration between the state's public television and radio stations and the School of Journalism.

Teams of reporters and photographers will be in Helena gathering results and reaction, while a team of writers and editors in Missoula will be producing and aggregating coverage for the web and social media.

"We'll be one of the state's best sources for results and reaction throughout the night," Swibold said. "We'll offer audio, video and statistical reports and updates from midday until the major races are decided. The students are excited, and so are we."

Those students already have profiled all of Montana's contested statewide races and ballot issues for Montana Public Media and a network of 35 Montana newspapers. Two of the students' stories were featured on PBS Newshour's website.

Students and faculty will play a key role in providing accurate information to the people of Montana as the vote totals come in. According to Dowling, it's another example of the School of Journalism's commitment to providing hands-on learning opportunities for its students.

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UM NEWS



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MISSOULA –

The Federal Depository Library Program recently recognized the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at the University of Montana for its outstanding service and commitment as a regional federal deposit library.

Mansfield Library was presented a plaque and a letter at the 2012 Depository Library Council Meeting and Conference in Washington, D.C. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Depository Library Act of 1962, which established the FDLP, a program that offers the public free access to U.S. government publications.

Mansfield Library has made federal government documents available to Montanans since 1909 and received full regional status in 1965. As a regional depository, Mansfield Library coordinates services with other libraries in the state to ensure Montana citizens have access to all federal publications, including books, reports, pamphlets, maps, microfiche and digital material.

Mary Alice Baish, assistant public printer and superintendent of documents for the U.S. Government Printing Office, praised the Mansfield Library for its "leadership and dedication to ensure free public access" to federal government information. Baish also commended the library for contributing to the Government Printing Office's mission of "keeping America informed."

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