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UM NEWS



April 30, 2013

MISSOULA –

The Missoula College University of Montana Energy Technology Program will present “Vegetable Oil Truck Demonstration” as part of its 2013 spring seminar series. The seminar and demonstration will look at Missoula-local Kevin DePuy’s converted diesel engine, the “veggie burner.” The seminar will be held from 12:10 to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, in Health Building Room 06 on the MC East Campus.

DePuy is a local custom builder and entrepreneur focused on creating sustainable methods and solutions. He converted a 30-MPG diesel engine to run on filtered vegetable oil, which currently is widely available as a waste stream product. DePuy drives the truck for work and has put 630 miles on a single 10-gallon tank of petro-diesel by supplementing waste veggie oil as a fuel substitute. DePuy also tripled the insulation levels and virtually eliminated grid demand for natural gas heating by using bio-fuels in his own home.

For the past four years, DePuy has worked on “design+build” projects, energy auditing and conservation methods for residential homes and businesses. A lot of his projects revolve around creating custom works from reclaimed and repurposed materials, as well as sourcing products that support environmentally sound practices such as sustainable lumber harvesting and alternative-transportation.

DePuy currently is working on projects that will help inform students and the public on attainable solutions to sustainability through outreach and demonstration projects in the community through his “Bridges to Sustainability” approach. This approach aims to create paradigm shifts in energy sources by suggesting energy conservation solutions that reduce net demand and integrate bio-based or renewable technologies to replace their petroleum-based counterparts.

For more information call Bradley Layton, director of Missoula College’s Energy Technology Program, at 406-243-7865 or email bradley.layton@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 30, 2013

The University of Montana unveiled its new logo and brand identity to employees Tuesday, April 30, in the University Center Theater during an internal event hosted by UM's Office of Integrated Communications.

"This always has been a great University," said Mario Schulzke, UM's assistant vice president for marketing. "We just really needed a fresh storytelling platform to be able to communicate to the public all of the amazing things that are happening here on a daily basis."

Schulzke was hired in January, along with Vice President for Integrated Communications Peggy Kuhr, to help the University refocus all of its outreach efforts.

Nearly a year and a half ago, UM hired outside consulting firm Mind Over Media to conduct qualitative and quantitative research and deliver brand recommendations. The final brand work was finished in-house and under budget this year.



Earlier in April, the University launched a new homepage, <http://www.umt.edu/>, which offers more opportunities for storytelling.

President Royce Engstrom appointed a brand task force in September 2011, led by Beth Hammock, UM Foundation vice president for strategic communications and marketing, and Provost Perry Brown. The task force, which met for more than 15 months, had a broad representation of faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members.

On Tuesday, Engstrom explained that in order for UM to succeed in an increasingly competitive environment of student and faculty recruitment, the institution needs a stronger brand platform.

"We need to be more consistent about telling the positive stories of this University," he said. "We also need to be present in the channels that prospective students are using to find information. Going forward we will do a better job of telling our story in places where prospective students are listening."

Schulzke led the audience through a presentation about the brand direction and unveiled the new UM logo, which was designed by Shauna Murphy, graphic designer in UM's Printing and Graphic Services.

"While the essence of the University is different to each of us, we can all agree that in many ways and in many forms people thrive here," Schulzke said. "We don't need a tagline – our brand will be a promise. And that promise is one word: thrive."

He said it's a concise and positive message that appeals to a broad range of stakeholders, including prospective students.

"At the end of the day, our brand is about the students we impact and the people and place that make that impact," he said. "It's up to all of us to tell the stories of people going above and beyond so that others can thrive."

The new brand is designed to be a focal point to energize and focus the message of the University.

"Do you know anyone who thrives here?" Schulzke asked the audience. He encouraged the audience to share their own personal stories by emailing them to thrive@umontana.edu.

Guidelines and new logo files can be accessed online at <http://www.umt.edu/brand>. UM athletic logos will not be affected by these changes.

"Our brand is something we live and breathe," Engstrom said. "It's the many stories we have to share about the richness of the UM experience and the tremendous successes of all kinds of people who come to UM and who graduate and make a difference in the world."

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Note to the media: New logo is attached.

The release is online at: <http://bit.ly/18lwZA5>

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UM NEWS



April 30, 2013

MISSOULA –

University of Montana students can learn more about sexual assault, response services available on campus and in Missoula, and partake in self-defense lessons during free Sexual Assault Awareness Seminars held the final week of classes.

The seminars will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, May 6-10, in the University Center Theater. The information will be the same each evening, so it is only necessary to attend one session.

UM Public Safety Community Relations Officer Casey Gunter will provide an overview of sexual-assault information for attendees, including state legal definitions of sexual assault and sexual intercourse without consent; information on working with community advocates and resources such as UM's Student Assault Resource Center and Counseling and Psychological Services, the YWCA and Missoula911; and lessons on perpetrator motives and techniques.

The sessions will end with a self-defense lesson led by Mari Holms and Tom Visser of American Kenpo Karate. Visser will wear his "red-man" suit to allow attendees to engage in full-contact practice.

The content of the seminars is designed for young women, college or high-school graduate age, but also is useful for parents, professionals and all people, regardless of age. The information sessions are open to both men and women, while the self-defense lessons are open to women only.

Registration is not necessary and attendance is based on available space. For more information call Gunter at 406-243-6103 or email casey.gunter@mso.umt.edu.

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Photo outline: Mari Holms, left, and Tom Visser, right, demonstrate self-defense techniques during a Sexual Assault Awareness Seminar hosted by UM Public Safety during autumn semester.



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UM NEWS



April 30, 2013

MISSOULA –

A summer course through Missoula College of The University of Montana will help child care providers, pediatricians, teachers and anyone who works with children better understand how they communicate. Registration is open for the Survey of Children's Communication, a three-credit online course that will be held from July 1 to Aug. 2.

The course will provide a survey of communication processes from early childhood through adolescence. In particular, the course will focus on how children learn to communicate; the contemporary communication environments of children and adolescents, including interactions in family relationships, friendships and the media; and challenges concerning childhood communication and its effects on later communication development, such as violence and aggression. The course has been popular with Missoula-area educators and child care providers.

To register in Cyberbear, UM's online student management system, select summer semester and enter CRN 50573. Registration instructions are available at <http://www.umt.edu/registrar/Registration/registrationinformation.aspx>.

For more information call Missoula College Assistant Professor and Communication Studies Discipline Coordinator Kim Reiser at 406-243-7839 or email kim.reiser@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 30, 2013

MISSOULA –

Students in the Culinary Arts Program at Missoula College University of Montana will host the annual Capstone Dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at the Missoula Winery and Event Center, located at 5646 W. Harrier. The event is open to the public and tickets cost \$75 per person.

Students crafted the menu for this year's dinner, titled "America's Bountiful Barbecue," which will explore the evolution of barbecue across the U.S. The event will honor Chef Thomas Siegel by featuring his menu, recipes and stories.

Graduating culinary arts students will take guests on a journey across the Southwest regions of Louisiana and South Carolina to the Texas ranch of former U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson himself. Guests can sample the eight regional barbeque sauces at a tasting station and experience the difference between Alabama white sauce and Kentucky bourbon mustard sauce. They also will feast on vanilla-brined chicken and devour baby back ribs with Kansas City sauce.

Performers will play live music throughout the event and participants can bid on dinners and private-chef opportunities during a silent auction.

"The 2013 culinary class is proud to showcase the talents and knowledge they have acquired over the past two years, while honoring a beloved chef instructor," said Missoula College Culinary Program Director Tom Campbell. "They look forward to presenting their Capstone Dinner to the public in a comfortable and interactive atmosphere."

Participants can purchase tickets by calling 406-243-7870. Proceeds from the event will support the Missoula College Culinary Arts Program, which enables students to participate in competitions, exhibits, field trips, conferences and the Capstone Dinner.

For more information on the event or to subscribe to the culinary program mailing list, email Campbell at thomas.campbell@umontana.edu or Jennifer Heggen at jennifer.heggen@umconnect.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 29, 2013

MISSOULA –

Students have a unique opportunity to earn academic credit through The University of Montana this summer with the Wild Rockies Field Institute. WRFI will offer four courses taught entirely in the field worth three to 15 UM credits. The classes are:

Wild Rockies Summer Semester: In the heart of the bioregion known as the Yellowstone to Yukon, students will backpack in four stunning locations in Montana and the Canadian Rockies. This course will examine conservation at a broad regional scale, from a Native American perspective and at the local landscape level, with the goal of finding a comprehensive understanding of issues. (15 credits in nine weeks, June 14-Aug. 14)

Cycle the Rockies: Energy & Climate Change in Montana: Students will bicycle 700 miles across Montana – including in Glacier National Park – to study the ecological, social and economic issues associated with energy production and use. (six credits in four weeks, June 18-July 14)

Alaskan Rainforest: Ecology & Policy of the Tongass: Students embark on two kayak expeditions in magical and mythical southeast Alaska, where whales and bears abound and glaciers loom. This class will explore the unique temperate rainforest and its intimate connection to the sea. Ecological and political issues will be covered during this true academic adventure. (six credits in five weeks, June 28-July 30)

Environmental Ethics: Global Climate Change & Visions of a Sustainable Future: Students will backpack and visit the Rocky Mountain Front, the Blackfeet Indian Reservation and Glacier National Park. This course engages the discipline of environmental ethics to question what our relationship with the natural world should be. (three credits in three weeks, July 30-Aug. 16)

To read more about these field courses and to enroll, visit <http://www.wrfi.net> or call the Wild Rockies Field Institute office at 406-549-4336 or email wrfi@wrfi.net.

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UM NEWS



April 29, 2013

MISSOULA –

Jim Messina, the architect of President Barack Obama's successful campaign for re-election, will be the featured speaker during The University of Montana's 116th Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 18.

Messina graduated from UM in 1993, where he studied political science and journalism. He served as Obama's national chief of staff for the 2008 presidential campaign and led the president's 2012 campaign.

The influential Griz has been hailed as the "most powerful man in Washington you've never heard of" and the mastermind behind a new presidential campaign style that features social media, hard data and armies of grassroots volunteers.

"Going to The University of Montana is the single best decision I ever made in my life," Messina said. "I couldn't be more excited to come back to UM and watch as the next generation of leaders graduate from my alma mater."

Between presidential campaigns, Messina was Obama's deputy chief of staff for operations in the White House. He now is national chairman of Organizing for Action, a nonprofit organization established to help Obama achieve his national agenda.

In addition, Messina has founded The Messina Group, a consulting firm that advises corporations, politicians and nonprofits using the technology and grassroots lessons pioneered by the Obama campaign.

"We are thrilled to have such a prominent alumnus return to UM and share his experiences with our graduates," UM President Royce Engstrom said. "It's apparent that Jim loves UM and attributes his success to the education he received here. I'm sure he will have much to offer our students and their families."

A native of Boise, Idaho, Messina was a UM student from 1988 to 1993. He interned with the 1991 Legislature in Helena, and in 1993, as a UM senior, he ran the successful re-election campaign for Missoula Mayor Dan Kemmis.

He became involved with several state campaigns, and by 1995 he was working for U.S. Sen. Max Baucus (D-Mont.). He worked on and off for Baucus until 2008, as well Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.) and Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D-N.Y.). Many political candidates seek him out for his political expertise.

Commencement will begin at 10 a.m. in Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Individual ceremonies for the College of Arts and Sciences and Missoula College will follow at noon, and individual ceremonies for professional schools will begin at 2 p.m. Sue and John Talbot of Missoula each will receive an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters during the graduation ceremonies.

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UM NEWS



April 26, 2013

MISSOULA –

University of Montana students and community volunteers will begin active restoration at the confluence of Rock Creek and the Clark Fork River on Saturday, April 27. The student-run volunteer day is the first step in a 10-year restoration plan for the site, known locally as “The Gateway of Rock Creek.”

The confluence property was proposed as a subdivision development until Five Valleys Land Trust purchased the property in 2012. FVLT, UM's College of Forestry and Conservation, Montana Trout Unlimited, the Westslope Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Clark Fork Coalition will work together to restore the site.

The volunteer event is geared toward families, offering fun, safe activities for younger children and plenty of work for adults and older children. Volunteers will work from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 29 Rock Creek Road. Carpools are available. Breakfast and lunch will be provided by Bagels on Broadway and El Diablo, and there also will be a drawing for prizes.

“Rock Creek holds a special place in the hearts and minds of thousands of people who have visited its banks or who call it home,” said FVLT Conservation Director Maggie Pittman. “The students’ efforts in pulling this volunteer day together is a great way for us to begin the restoration work while building community involvement and enthusiasm.”

Saturday is the first public event at the site since the change in ownership and the first chance many community members will have to access the property. Students and volunteers will pull weeds, remove barbed wire and silt fencing, and clean up debris on the property to prepare it for future restoration projects.

The volunteer day is organized and led by undergraduate students enrolled in the College of Forestry and Conservation’s Wildland Restoration Program. The program, developed in 2007, prepares students to tackle the complex ecological and social challenges associated with repairing ecosystems that have been degraded, damaged or destroyed.

“The partnership between FVLT and UM’s Wildland Restoration Program gives students the opportunity to apply their knowledge to local natural resource problems, while at the same time building leadership skills and instilling the importance of community engagement,” said Cara Nelson, associate professor of restoration ecology and director of the program.

Rock Creek is a popular Blue Ribbon stream, drawing anglers from around the country. It is important spawning habitat for Montana’s native and threatened bull trout and native westslope cutthroat trout. Non-native brown trout and brook trout, also popular with anglers, thrive in Rock Creek. The region also shelters a herd of big horn sheep and is a valuable corridor for migrating deer and elk.

Community members interested in volunteering can email rockcreekvolunteer@gmail.com.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: For directions to the site and details about photo opportunities, call Nelson at 406-241-2478 or email cara.nelson@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 26, 2013

MISSOULA –

Two recent case studies conducted by The University of Montana's Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research show that third quarter 2012 expenditures by both Montana residents and nonresidents staying at least one night in the small communities of Three Forks and Choteau totaled about \$500,000 in spending in each town.

The Sacajawea Hotel in Three Forks was built in 1910 and served as a welcome to passengers on the Milwaukee Railroad. Brought "back to life" in 2010 with a major renovation, the hotel now is a luxury accommodation. People report being drawn to Three Forks because of the historic Sacajawea Hotel and all it has to offer, including its restaurant, Pompey's Grill. Those who spent a night at the Sacajawea Hotel spent an average of \$228 in the town daily, totaling just over \$400,000 in spending in Three Forks in the third quarter of 2012.

The Stage Stop Inn in Choteau is located on the east side of the Rocky Mountains and caters to Montana residents and nonresidents alike. Those who spent a night at the Stage Stop were drawn to Choteau by special events, recreation and business. Together they spent an average of \$169 per day, totaling more than \$600,000 in spending in Choteau in the third quarter of 2012.

"These smaller, non-franchise hotels have the ability to draw visitors to some of the lesser-known communities in Montana and boost their economy," ITRR Assistant Director Christine Oschell said. "There is a mutually beneficial relationship between these hotels and their communities. Whether it's for historical sites, community events, recreation or business, people are visiting and spending money in these towns," she said.

The Montana Tourism Advisory Council supported this project to provide information and examples to other small communities. For more information about these case studies, visit http://www.itrr.umt.edu/Research2013/ChoteauRR2013_6.pdf and http://www.itrr.umt.edu/Research2013/ThreeForksRR2013_5.pdf.

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UM NEWS



April 25, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University Center's Student Involvement Network will host a Life in the Line of Duty Appreciation Day celebration at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 1. To honor the men and women who serve the community, the celebration will begin with a barbecue in The University of Montana Library Mall, followed by guest speaker Marine Corps Recon Cpl. Shad Pepion.

The event will honor those who serve our country and community, including members of the police, fire and sheriff's departments, ROTC, veteran's affairs, U.S. Army, National Guard, Marine Corps and U.S. Navy. Community members are invited to help celebrate these individuals.

Pepion, from Great Falls, has traveled far and experienced national service through many lenses. He served as a U.S. Marine for six years and has been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. He currently studies accounting at Montana State University, Great Falls. He is a member of the Oglala Lakota Sioux Tribe in Pine Ridge, S.D., as well as the Blackfeet Tribe. He has been inducted into the Oglala Lakota Red Feather Warrior Society and the Blackfeet Warrior Society.

Pepion will speak about his time in the military, his struggles and perseverance, and his transition from combat to classroom.

For more information call SIN Student Director Dan Biehl at 406-243-6189 or email daniel.biehl@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 25, 2013

MISSOULA –

The College of Forestry and Conservation at The University of Montana awarded its first Zuuring/MAGIP Graduate GIS Scholarship in April. The honor went to UM graduate student Alma Pacheco, who is earning a geography master's degree. She studies European brown bear habitat connectivity in northern Spain.

In the 1990s, the Montana Association of Geographic Information Professionals (MAGIP) established a fund to award scholarships to UM graduate students working on projects that incorporates geographic information systems. In 2007, the UM Foundation began managing the fund. With regular donations from retired UM Professor Hans Zuuring, the fund reached its current endowment level.

Zuuring is a professor emeritus of forest biometry in UM's forestry college. In 1987, at the request of former Dean Sid Frissell, Zuuring initiated a GIS laboratory at the school. He taught GIS courses and managed the GIS lab and up to 48 graduate students until his retirement.

Zuuring has donated more than \$12,000 to the fund through the UM Foundation. When asked why he wanted to support the scholarship, he said, "When I was a graduate student, the only money given out was for a teaching assistantship or for research."

MAGIP originally started the fund to award scholarships to both UM and Montana State University students using GIS. With the transfer of the fund to the UM Foundation and regular gifts from Zuuring, UM's Zuuring/MAGIP GIS Scholarship will now be awarded in perpetuity. Every year a student will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to pursue graduate studies that use GIS.

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UM NEWS



April 25, 2013

MISSOULA –

To honor their contributions to the legacy of former U.S. Senator Mike Mansfield and his wife, Maureen, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at The University of Montana has named former center directors Paul Lauren and Terry Weidner the first Distinguished Mansfield Fellows.

Sen. Mansfield was one of Montana's most admired public servants and the longest-serving majority leader in the history of the U.S. Senate. As the founding director of the Mansfield Center, Regents Professor Emeritus Lauren worked closely with the senator and Maureen to define the mission of the center in the late '70s and early '80s. He served as director until 1991.

Lauren said the Mansfields' intent in having the center named in their honor was two-fold: to promote both high ethical standards in public affairs and a deeper understanding of Asia and U.S.-Asian relations, the central concerns of Sen. Mansfield's public service and life. Lauren's work during the early years set a standard for the center's activities since.

Weidner, a UM professor of political science, made important contributions to the center as its longest serving director from 2003 to 2012. During his tenure, the Mansfield Center became a focal point for East Asia faculty research, curriculum, policies and collaborative relationships with leading universities in China, Japan and Korea.

Weidner was instrumental in securing external funding to launch new projects in environmental and legal areas and brought the Defense Critical Language and Culture Program to the center. He also expanded the center's focus to include Southeast Asia, especially exchanges with Vietnam.

As Distinguished Mansfield Fellows, Lauren and Weidner will serve as advisers and help guide the center. They will give occasional public lectures, conduct research and lead periodic workshops in the tradition of the Mansfield Center in an effort to honor Sen. Mansfield and his life's work.

For more information visit <http://www.umt.edu/mansfield/>, call Mansfield Center Associate Director Otto Koester at 406-243-2050 or email otto.koester@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 25, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences' New Direction Wellness Center will partner with the Missoula Senior Center and the Arthritis Foundation to offer Walk With Ease, an education and fitness class geared toward seniors, especially those with arthritis.

The class will meet at 4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for six weeks beginning April 29. Participants will meet at the Missoula Senior Center on Higgins Avenue across from the Big Dipper. The classes will be about an hour long and will include walking along the river trail and simple stretches. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes.

The class costs \$30 and a \$15 refund is available for those who attend more than 15 classes. Participants can register by calling Molly Blair, New Directions Wellness Center's program coordinator, at 406-243-4016 or the Missoula Senior Center at 406-543-7145.

Walk With Ease is an evidence-based program that improves joint health and cardiovascular fitness.

For more information call Blair at 406-243-4016 or email molly.blair@mso.umt.edu or call Mindy Oxman Renfro, UM School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences adjunct professor, at 406-243-2429 or email mindy.renfro@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 25, 2013

MISSOULA –

It's time to get ready for great summer parties with an Easy, Elegant Hors d'Oeuvres class at Missoula College of the University of Montana.

Taught by Chef Suzanne Phillips, a certified culinarian and Missoula College catering instructor, the noncredit workshop class will run 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 3-7. The class costs \$250.

WineGuyMikeTornatore will speak during the week, as well as Tad Hilton and Jenny Montgomery of the Montgomery Distillery Tasting Room. Tornatore will present the wine delivery system and an overview of wine and food pairing basics and stemware. Hilton will demonstrate some mixology principles and techniques, while Montgomery will discuss the history of spirits distillation and infusion.

Workshop participants must be 21 years old to participate in events with alcohol. For more information or to register, call 406-243-7812 or email mctoutreach@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 24, 2013

MISSOULA –

Students will have a chance to study natural resources in Montana's two iconic national parks this summer through field courses offered by The University of Montana College of Forestry and Conservation. The courses focus on climate change in Glacier and Yellowstone national parks.

The Glacier National Park and Montana's Crown of the Continent course will help students learn about current and projected impacts to the region due to climate change, including the response of land managers, conservationists and land owners. Participants will hike in Glacier, survey a whitebark pine forest, tour a lumber mill and visit with ranchers experiencing long-term drought to discuss community impacts and adaptation options.

The three-credit course takes place Aug. 11-23. It is listed as CCS 325: Climate Change Field Studies. Credits count toward all majors in the College of Forestry and Conservation and the Climate Change Studies minor.

The Yellowstone National Park and Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem course will help students learn how climate variability impacts the world's first national park. Students will hike and explore the park and experience key features such as wildlife and geyser basins.

The one-credit course takes place Aug. 12-22 and also applies to majors in the forestry college and climate change minor.

Enrollment for both courses is available through UM Continuing Education. For more information visit <http://www.umt.edu/ce/summer/registration.php>, call Nicky Phear, director of the Climate Change Studies Program, at 406-243-6932 or email nicky.phear@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 24, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University Center at The University of Montana recently added an environmentally friendly One Bike/One Speaker, Pedal Power PA System to their event production equipment.

The Pedal Power PA system was purchased with the help of UM's Kless Revolving Energy Loan Fund, which helps fund campuswide energy savings and waste-reduction projects. UM students Hailey Jorgensen and Rose Dickson submitted the successful proposal.

In the spirit of sustainability, the PA system, which is manufactured by Rock the Bike, is powered by a wheel generator integrated with an energy-efficient sound system that creates 100 percent off-the-grid, sustainable power for audio reinforcement.

Designed for small to larger events, including outdoor events, the system works using brushless motors attached to the rear bicycle wheels, which generates variable direct current voltage to a central distribution system, otherwise known as the "utility box." The utility box regulates the voltage and stores the electricity in a large capacitor bank; the stored energy is then used to power the PA system. The bike also is a fully functional cargo bike, allowing transportation to and from events to be accomplished entirely by human power.

Projects funded by KRELF must demonstrate quantifiable savings and a return on investment. Future energy costs saving must be used to repay KRELF, thereby allowing the fund to be self-sustaining over time. Funds for the loan payback for the Pedal Power PA will be generated through rental-fee revenue.

The PA system was used for the first time at campus-conversation event where 100 participants discussed sustainability efforts. Beginning fall semester the PA system will be available to rent and can be arranged by calling UC Conference and Event Services at 406-243-4115.

For more information, about this project call Jorgensen at 425-233-4449 or Dickson at 406-214-9467.

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UM NEWS



April 24, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana American Indian Student Services will host a screening of the award-winning documentary "Dakota 38" and a post-film discussion from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, in The Payne Family Native American Center.

The documentary follows a group of American Indians as they retrace a journey across the windswept plains of South Dakota and Minnesota to commemorate the largest mass execution in U.S. history: the hanging of 38 Native leaders of the U.S. Dakota War of 1862 on Dec. 26, 1862.

In May 2005, Dakota spiritual leader Jim Miller had a dream of riding across the great South Dakota plains to Minnesota and witnessed 38 of his ancestors being hanged. In December 2008, Miller and a group of riders decided to retrace that journey on horseback and arrive in Mankato, Minn., on the anniversary of the execution.

Silas Hagerty and members of Smooth Feather Productions filmed the story of this 330-mile ride, the blizzards they endured, the communities that welcomed them and the healing and reconciliation that took place along the way from Lower Brule, S.D.

The free public event will open with a ceremony by the Flathead Nation Drum Group, led by Alec Quequesah, and a prayer leader's welcome. At 8:30 p.m., American Indian Institute Director Eric Noyes will moderate a discussion with Peter Lengkeek, a Dakota leader and former "Dakota 38" staff carrier and veteran; Hagerty, cinematographer and founder of Smooth Feather Productions; and Miller and his wife, Alberta Iron Cloud.

The event is sponsored by The Payne Family Native American Center, The American Indian Institute, Marcia Hogan and Karl Englund of Missoula, the U.S. Forest Service Intermountain and Northern Regions Tribal Relations Program, and Mel Pervais.

For more information call Forest Service Intermountain and Northern Regions Tribal Relations Program Coordinator Cheryl Vanderburg at 406-329-3348 or email cvanderburg@fs.fed.us.

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UM NEWS



April 24, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will award the top oral and poster presenters from the UM Conference on Undergraduate Research and the Graduate Student and Faculty Research Conference during a ceremony from 2 to 3 p.m. Friday, April 26, in the Mansfield Library Theta Rho Room.

The conferences were held earlier in April, and winners were decided by judges' ratings and comments. UM President Engstrom will congratulate winners and give individual awards at the ceremony. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

The UMCUR winners for oral presentations are:

- Humanities: Emily Cross of Glendive, senior, philosophy; abstract title: "Critical Legal Studies: Challenging Traditional Legal Thought"; mentor: Tom Huff.
- Fine Arts: Allyson Carroll of Ekalaka, senior, music; abstract title: "Bridging the Gap Between Theory and Practice: Beethoven's Sonata No. 17, 'The Tempest'"; mentor: James Randall.
- Social Sciences: Julie Oldfield of Shoreline, Wash., senior, psychology; abstract title: "The Effectiveness of Letter-Writing Activity on Self-Reported Body Dissatisfaction"; mentor: Cameo Borntreger.
- Life Sciences: Alec Sundet of Sioux Falls, S.D., senior, chemistry and biochemistry; abstract title: "Modeling the RNA-Nucleocapsid Protein Interactions of Rift Valley Fever Virus Using a Combined Bioinformatics/Biochemical Approach"; mentor: Steve Lodmell.
- Physical Sciences: Abigail Nastan of Everett, Wash., senior, geosciences; abstract title: "South America and the Red Planet: Analysis of NASA's Climate Databases to Hypothesize Limits to Global Change on Mars"; mentor: Johnnie Moore.

The UMCUR winners for poster presentations are:

- Social Sciences: Sandra Skogley of Missoula, junior, psychology; abstract title: "Effects of Pain Interference on Use of Complementary Therapy in Fibromyalgia"; mentor: Craig Ravesloot.
- Physical Sciences: George Neuhaus of Three Forks, junior, chemistry; abstract title: "Halogen Bonding"; mentor: Orion Berryman.
- Life Sciences: Sophia Jensen of Missoula, senior, human biology; abstract title: "The Secret Language of Birds"; mentor: Erick Greene.

Each undergraduate award recipient will receive a \$100 gift certificate to The Bookstore at UM. They also will be invited to present their research as honorary guest presenters at the fourth Annual Flathead Valley Community College Scholars Conference on Student Research from 12:15 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 10, in Kalispell.

The Graduate Student and Faculty Research Conference winners are:

- Dylan Huisken of Mission, S.D., history; abstract title: "'Saving' the Language: The Westernization of the Dakota"; mentor: Jeff Wiltse.
- Cassie Sheets of Ellicottville, N.Y., sociology; abstract title: "The Sweet Grass Hills: A Foucaultian Discourse Analysis of Blackfeet Indian Power"; mentor: Celia Winkler.
- Harmen Steele of Polson, biochemistry; abstract title: "P-glycoprotein: Purification and Incorporation into Nanodiscs"; mentors: Erica Woodahl and Sandy Ross.
- Rebecca Lloyd of Louisville, Ky., ecosystem and conservation sciences; abstract title: "Influence of Road Reclamation Techniques on Forest Ecosystem Recovery"; mentor: Cara Nelson.
- Blair DeBuysscher of Belleville, Mich., biological sciences; abstract title: "Vesicular Stomatitis Virus-Based Vaccine Protects Hamsters Against Lethal Challenge with Nipah Virus"; mentor: Scott Wetzel and Heinz Feldman.
- Sarah Lacher of Bismark, N.D., biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences; abstract title: "Pesticide Transport: The Contribution of P-glycoprotein to Parkinson's Disease"; mentor: Erica Woodahl.
- Patricia O'Brien of Missoula, psychology; abstract title: "A Preliminary Evaluation of Support and Education Groups for Rural Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM)"; mentor: Annie Sondag.

Each graduate award recipient will receive a \$100 gift certificate to The Bookstore at UM.

For more information on the ceremony, call UM Davidson Honors College Dean James McKusick at 406-243-2541 or email james.mckusick@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 23, 2013

MISSOULA –

Believe it or not, it's already time to start planning for the 2013 Day of Dialogue. The eighth annual event will be held at The University of Montana on Nov. 6, but the Day of Dialogue Committee is accepting presentation proposals for the free, daylong symposium now.

The event brings together campus and the Missoula community for presentations, performances, workshops and exhibits that encourage dialogue about diversity. Participants can explore topics such as race, gender, ethnicity, ability/disability, religion, sexual orientation, class, social hierarchy and privilege. Day of Dialogue events are created by UM students, alumni, faculty, staff and community members.

Diversity at UM is an essential component of academic excellence. The Day of Dialogue provides a ready opportunity to contribute to the diversity efforts at the University. Presenters can showcase research, explore professional interests or share their own experiences.

All members of campus are encouraged to submit proposals. Priority will be given to proposals that demonstrate or model diversity through civil discourse. There are several ways to get involved in the Day of Dialogue, including:

- **Submit a proposal to present at an educational session:** Showcase your research or information with campus and the larger community; engage in discussion about your research with individuals from all disciplines; and use the opportunity to incorporate diversity into your syllabus.
- **Get involved before the event:** Encourage professors to incorporate the Day of Dialogue into their syllabi and to attend the event; promote participation in the Day of Dialogue to student groups; require or encourage student attendance in your syllabus; encourage the submission of proposals.
- **Attend the Day of Dialogue:** The event's variety of topics offer interest to all members of the campus community. Participants can take advantage of the opportunity to be involved in civil discourse related to diversity issues and to improve cultural understanding to prepare for travel, study abroad or careers in diverse settings.

The deadline for proposals is Friday, May 24. The proposal form is available at <http://life.umt.edu/dod>. If you have any questions regarding your proposal, email Proposal Outreach Committee Chair Peter Donaldson at peter.donaldson@mso.umt.edu or Student Coordinator Olivia Holter at dayofdialogue@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 23, 2013

MISSOULA –

After an extensive national search, The University of Montana will interview three finalists for the position of provost and vice president for academic affairs.

The provost serves UM as chief academic officer, overseeing the University's academic operations and efforts to promote student success. The position answers directly to UM President Royce Engstrom and serves on the president's cabinet.

The three finalists are David Pittenger, dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va.; Perry Brown, interim UM provost and former dean of UM's College of Forestry and Conservation; and Dan O'Hair, interim senior vice provost at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

"We have narrowed the search to three incredibly competent individuals," said Andrew Ware, chair of the search committee and UM's Department of Physics and Astronomy. "The candidates will interview with many sectors of campus over two days, and we invite everyone to learn more about them and provide us with feedback during the public forums."

The schedule for the public forums is:

- David Pittenger, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, Todd Building Room 203.
- Perry Brown, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, University Center Theater.
- Dan O'Hair, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Thursday, May 9, University Center Theater.

Pittenger has served as dean of Marshall University's College of Liberal Arts since 2008, overseeing 13 academic departments with 150 full-time faculty members. From 2000 to 2008, he worked at the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga, rising to the ranks of tenured psychology professor, department head and acting associate provost. From 1989 to 2000, he was an associate professor and served as psychology department chair at Marietta College in Ohio. He earned a psychology master's degree from Texas A&M University and a psychology doctorate from the University of Georgia.

Brown has served as UM interim provost since 2010. He was UM interim associate provost for graduate education from 2008 to 2010 and dean of the University's College of Forestry and Conservation from 1994 to 2010. He worked at Oregon State University from 1979 to 1994, serving as a resource management professor and department head, assistant dean and director of international programs, among other duties. Brown also worked as a faculty member at both Utah State University and Colorado State University. He earned a forestry recreation master's degree and a doctorate in outdoor recreation and social psychology from Utah State.

O'Hair has been interim senior vice provost at the University of Kentucky since 2012. He also has served as dean of the UK College of Communication and Information since 2009. From 2006 to 2009, he directed the Center for Risk and Crisis Management at the University of Oklahoma, and he directed advanced programs for the OU communication department from 2000 to 2007. He was president of the National Communication Association in 2006. From 1994 to 2002, he served in various OU roles, including chair of the communication department and director of a U.S. Department of Defense joint course in communication. He held other administrative roles at Texas Tech University and New Mexico State from 1986 to 1994. He earned a speech communication master's degree from Texas Tech and a communication doctorate from OU.

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UM NEWS



April 23, 2013

MISSOULA –

The College of Arts and Sciences at The University of Montana will host the first “Dialogue on Intellectual Diversity” at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, in Interdisciplinary Sciences Building Room 110.

The dialogue will feature a discussion of the concept of human nature between Regents Professors Emeriti Paul Lauren, a historian, and Fred Allendorf, a biologist. It will be moderated by UM Environmental Studies Instructor Rosalyn LaPier.

“This is a first for the College of Arts and Sciences, and we are very excited about it,” said Chris Comer, dean of the college. “It is a night to celebrate some of our most distinguished faculty and discuss larger intellectual issues that we all care about – faculty, students, staff and the community. We hope this will become a regular spring event for the college.”

The event is free and open to the public, and a reception will follow. For more information call Cassie Strauss, director of development and alumni relations with the College of Arts and Sciences, at 406-243-2568 or email cassie.strauss@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 23, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Arabic Studies Program will offer two intensive Arabic language courses for high school students during the Montana Arabic Summer Institute June 17-July 12.

The courses are funded through a STARTALK grant from the National Security Agency to expand and improve the teaching and learning of strategically important foreign languages. Twenty-five students will be recruited and enrolled in two levels: level one for students with no previous knowledge of Arabic and level two for students who have been introduced to the basics of Arabic.

Students will develop and improve their Arabic language skills – listening, speaking, reading and writing – and cultural knowledge in a fun and academic environment. The grant will cover tuition, fees and instruction materials. Upon completion of the courses, students will earn five college credits.

For more information call UM Assistant Professor and head of the Arabic Studies Program Khaled Huthaily at 406-243-6602 or email khaled.huthaily@umontana.edu. Registration forms are available at <http://www.umt.edu/arabic>.

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UM NEWS



April 23, 2013

MISSOULA –

Students, faculty and campus visitors will have a chance to thank University of Montana donors for their support on Thursday, May 2, during PHILanthropy Day. Last year, 13,866 donors contributed \$19 million to UM to support everything from student scholarships and academic programs to campus facilities.

PHILanthropy Day, affectionately dubbed PHIL Day, celebrates the generosity of UM donors and recognizes the role private gifts play at the University.

PHIL Day includes a party on the Oval from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Student members of the UM Islanders Steel Band will provide entertainment from noon to 1 p.m. Attendees will enjoy ice cream donated by Big Dipper and have the opportunity to write personal thank-you notes to University supporters.

Campus buildings that have been supported by private gifts will be marked with giant red bows, and signage around the Oval will list facts related to UM philanthropy.

"When I was a student at UM, the faculty and staff went above and beyond to help get me through school," said Ray Ekness, chair of this year's Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign and a radio-television professor. "I'll always be thankful for what they did to make my time at UM such a great experience. Since I was lucky enough to join the UM faculty, I wanted to 'pay it forward' to my own students.

"But it's more than just my time," he said. "I give a financial gift to UM each year to help fund student scholarships, faculty research and help graduate students with their professional projects. It's my way of saying 'Thanks!'"

UM senior Shandell VanDonsel chairs this year's Senior Class Gift campaign. She said, "As students, we owe our experience at UM to the generosity of those who came before us. PHIL Day is an opportunity to express our thanks and to remember all of UM's alumni and friends who have given so much to this place."

The UM Foundation distributed \$9.4 million to the University during the 2011-2012 academic year. This includes \$3.2 million for scholarships and awards, \$5.4 million for academics and institutional support, and \$790,000 for facilities and equipment. The Foundation works to ensure UM's excellence, access and affordability through a public/private funding partnership.

To find out how you can support UM, call Tara Udall at 406-243-2575 or email tara.udall@mso.umt.edu. To learn more about PHIL Day, visit <http://supportum.org/philday>.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: Ray Ekness will attend the PHIL Day party on the Oval and will be available for media interviews from 11:30 a.m. to noon. Shandell VanDonsel will be available for media interviews from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Other UM Foundation representatives also will be available for interviews throughout the event.

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UM NEWS



April 23, 2013

MISSOULA –

Riding the wave of pledges for cats, dogs, chickens, horses, sheep and other animals in the “Pet Wars” finale held April 21, Montana Public Radio raised \$594,353 during its spring on-air fund drive – 99 percent of the \$600,000 goal. Since the close of the on-air fundraising drive, mail-in contributions have been tallied and contributions have exceeded the goal by \$592.

“It was, in many ways, a week of extremes,” said station manager William Marcus. “From the intense and serious coverage of breaking-news events, to the 981 pledges on behalf of listener’s pets,” Marcus said.

For the first time ever, the station suspended a portion of the on-air fundraiser to stay with NPR’s network coverage of breaking news after the Boston Marathon bombings.

“It was absolutely the right decision,” said Fundraising Director Linda Talbott. “Although we suspended some of the most productive fundraising hours of the week on Friday, our audience rallied to make up the difference with record-breaking cumulative donations on Saturday and Sunday,” Talbott said.

Cats pulled ahead to win Pet Wars with 1,477 votes and dogs coming in at 1,425. Supporters made more than 5,477 pledges during the week, and about 2,800 unique thank-you gifts were offered by listeners and businesses. The thank-you gifts included weekend cabin getaways, home-cooked dinners and treats, raft trips, books, CDs and live goats.

Program Director Michael Marsolek and all the senior staff at the station will read the listener comments and suggestions. Marsolek praised the on-air staff for their skill in navigating the seriousness of the week’s news alongside the positive spirit of the week’s celebration of public broadcasting.

“We really try to keep the Spring Pledge Week conversational and connected to our communities,” Marsolek said. “All week listeners told us how much MTPR means to them and where they listen.”

The MTPR spring fund drive represents about 46 percent of the total amount the station must raise from listeners and sponsors this year.

“People notice when you have such an outpouring of love and support for a community service like MTPR – we are proud to be the local source for NPR programming, and proud of the many local news and music programs that we produce, too,” Marcus said.

MTPR is a public service of The University of Montana and broadcasts from Missoula studios through transmitters in Missoula, Kalispell, Polson, Libby, Helena, Butte, Hamilton and Great Falls.

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UM NEWS



April 23, 2013

MISSOULA –

The Montana Museum of Art & Culture at The University of Montana will display two new exhibits: "A Hundred Years Later: Julius Seyler Among the Blackfeet" and "Richard Buswell: Close to Home" in the Meloy and Paxson galleries in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center from May 2 to Aug. 3.

This summer marks the centennial visit of German-born artist Julius Seyler (1873-1958) to Glacier National Park in 1913. Though that visit and another in the summer of 1914 were his only trips to Montana, Seyler's experience in Glacier National Park remained central to the rest of his career.

Seyler, a celebrated German Expressionist painter, trained at the influential Munich Academy. He enjoyed a successful career and exhibited alongside the foremost Modernist artists in Europe, including van Gogh, Gauguin, Picasso, Matisse, Kandinsky and Klee. In 1913, he was included in the groundbreaking New York Armory Show.

Seyler traveled to the newly formed Glacier National Park at the invitation of the president of the Great Northern Railway, Louis W. Hill. Hill, an amateur artist and art enthusiast, took an immediate interest in Seyler, seeking artists to create dramatic scenes for his "See America First" advertising campaign. In Glacier, Seyler encountered the Amskapi Pikuni, known as the Southern Piegan or American Blackfeet. Seyler's images endure as a record of Blackfeet culture at a time when it was rapidly changing.

Faced with severe anti-German sentiment at the outset of World War I, Seyler returned to Germany, where he continued to make paintings based on his experiences in Glacier. The effects of two World Wars negatively affected Seyler's career, and his artwork remains relatively unknown. In 2010, UM Professor Emeritus William E. Farr wrote the first-ever monograph on Seyler titled "Julius Seyler and the Blackfeet: An Impressionist at Glacier National Park," which chronicled his life and career.

Most of the paintings in the exhibition are on loan courtesy of Sigrid Reisch, whose tireless efforts to preserve Seyler's artwork, along with Farr's research, have rescued the artist from obscurity.

The exhibition in the Paxson Gallery features the work of Dr. Richard Buswell. Buswell is a fourth-generation Montanan who has photographed western settlement sites, ghost towns and frontier homesteads for more than 41 years. Rather than strictly working as a documentary photographer, he moves closer to his subject matter.

This new body of work focuses on corroded artifacts and decayed bones, which highlight loss and the ravages of time. These subjects have been retired from popular use by the time they are fixed in the alchemy of silver, selenium and gelatin that Buswell favors. His photographs are hopeful, describing the slow renewal of the land.

The MMAC and Buswell have enjoyed a nearly 20-year relationship. MMAC and The University of Montana Press have published three of Buswell's books, including "Echoes: A Visual Reflection," "Silent Frontier: Icons of Montana's Frontier" and "Traces: Montana's Frontier Re-visited."

An opening reception for both exhibits will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 2, in the PAR/TV Center Lobby. The reception is free and open to the public. Sigrid Reisch will introduce her collection of Seyler material, and Farr and Buswell will sign book copies. The reception will include food and refreshments, with live music by Tom Catmull.

Additionally, Buswell will deliver an artist's talk and book signing at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 13, in the PAR/TV Center's Masquer Theatre.

The MMAC's summer hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. and Friday from noon to 6 p.m. For more information call 406-243-2019 or visit <http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum>.

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Note to media: Digital images of select items included in the exhibit are available upon request by calling 406-243-2019.

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UM NEWS



April 23, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana School of Business Administration will honor three alumni for outstanding career achievements during the 66th annual Donor Recognition and Scholarship Awards Banquet on May 10.

The three honorees are: long-time UM supporter Chuck Bultmann, Great Falls native Tim McGee and Montana native and member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Trina Finley Ponce.

Bultmann, who graduated from UM in 1966, was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and lettered for the Grizzly football team. After graduation, he served three years in the U.S. Army, including one year with the First Air Cavalry Division in Vietnam, for which he was awarded both the Bronze Star Medal for heroism in ground combat and the Air Medal.

Bultmann's business career began in 1969 in Everett, Wash., with then-independent telephone giant GTE. During his time with GTE, he received a master's in business administration from Indiana University. He retired from Verizon Wireless as vice president of phone mart operations, responsible for 150 retail stores in 22 states, with annual revenues exceeding \$75 million.

Bultmann supported UM by serving on the House of Delegates and the Alumni Board, chairing the Business Advisory Council for the School of Business Administration, serving as treasurer of the UM Foundation and chairing the National Advisory Board for Grizzly Athletics. He and his wife, Sally, a UM alumna, have been members of The President's Club for 15 years. Bultmann and Sally reside in Colleyville, Texas. They have four children and six grandchildren.

McGee calls Great Falls home even though he has lived in 10 states and three countries. He earned a bachelor's in education from UM in 1982 and a master's in business administration in 1984.

His employment with Procter & Gamble Co. marked the beginning of his career in consumer products. He later was hired by PepsiCo Inc., and over the past 25 years has worked for the company in national sales and marketing, franchise development and transitioning large franchise acquisitions into the PepsiCo system. He also has served on UM's Business Advisory Council.

McGee currently is vice president and general manager of Pepsi Bottling Ventures Idaho. A joint venture between New York-based PepsiCo and Suntory of Japan, it is the largest independent manufacturer, seller and distributor of some of the world's most recognized consumer brands. He and his wife, Fariss, reside in Eagle, Idaho, with their children Tatum, Cooper and Blair.

Ponce earned a master's of business administration from UM in 2001, and began her career with Hewlett-Packard Co. in Boise, Idaho, where she is product manager in the worldwide product marketing organization. She also has worked in future product marketing, product launch and business development.

Ponce served on the UM Business Advisory Council from 2004 to 2007 and actively has been involved in the People of Color Employee Resource Group Leadership Board at Hewlett-Packard. She and her husband, Lazaro, live in Nampa, Idaho, with their daughter Jayla and son Kenny.

UM's School of Business Administration is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International, the most rigorous accrediting body for business degree programs. The school's faculty includes renowned scholars recognized for pioneering contributions to their field. Graduates continue a strong tradition of leadership at the highest level in entrepreneurial ventures and leading corporations.

The school offers undergraduate programs in accounting, finance, international business, management, management information systems and marketing; graduate programs in management and accounting; and certificate programs in entrepreneurship and entertainment management. Experiential learning opportunities prepare students to address real-world business problems and deliver value to their employers in today's global economy.

For more information visit <http://www.business.umt.edu>.

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UM NEWS



April 22, 2013

MISSOULA –

Seth Lerer, distinguished professor of literature and dean of arts and humanities at the University of California, San Diego, will deliver the final installment of the 2012-13 President's Lecture Series at 8 p.m. Monday, April 29, in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre at The University of Montana.

Lerer's lecture, which is the annual Lucile Speer Memorial Lecture, will be titled "The Verve: Humanism, Scholarship and Modern Life." An eloquent and impassioned defender of humanistic education at a time when the humanities have come under attack, Lerer is at the forefront of the humanists' counterattack. He will speak about the enduring value of literature and history as incomparable sources for understanding the present.

He also will deliver a seminar earlier that same day titled "Hamlet's Lyric Theater" from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. In the seminar, Lerer will explore Hamlet as a modern character and comment on how Renaissance theater explored the question of the interior life and, paradoxically, dramatized it for the public. Both the lecture and seminar are free and open to the public.

Following graduate work at Oxford University and the University of Chicago, Lerer taught English and comparative literature at Stanford University. In 2009, he was appointed distinguished professor of literature and dean of arts and humanities at UC, San Diego.

Lerer's research and teaching interests concern medieval and Renaissance studies, comparative philology, the history of scholarship and children's literature. He received the Hoagland Prize for Undergraduate Teaching in 1993 and a Dean's Award for Graduate Teaching in 2003.

He has published more than 100 articles and reviews. His books include "Boethius and Dialogue," "Literacy and Power in Anglo-Saxon Literature;" the 1993 Beatrice White Prize of the English Association of Great Britain winner "Chaucer and His Readers;" the 2003 Harry Levin Prize of the American Comparative Literature Association winner "Error and the Academic Self: The Scholarly Imagination, Medieval to Modern;" and the recently published "Prospero's Son: Life, Books, Love and Theater."

The Lucile Speer Memorial Lecture is named in honor of Speer, a longtime librarian at the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at UM. Born in 1899, she graduated from UM with a degree in English and obtained a master's in English from the University of Chicago. She retired from the Mansfield Library in 1968 as documents librarian and a professor. She was politically active through the League of Women Voters of Montana and the Missoula Democratic Club, serving as a delegate to the Montana Constitutional Convention in 1972. She died in 1987.

Speakers for the lecture are selected with Speer's remarkable qualities in mind: a zest for the civically engaged life, a passion for exciting ideas about vital issues, a pronounced capacity for independence of thought and a commitment to higher education as a means of achieving intellectual excellence. The afternoon seminar is presented in collaboration with the UM Philosophy Forum and the Western Montana Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

The President's Lecture Series at UM consists of 10 talks on vital topics by distinguished guest speakers throughout the academic year. For more information on the 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



April 22, 2013

MISSOULA –

Ada Yonath, an Israeli crystallographer best known for her pioneering work on the structure of the ribosome and a 2009 Nobel Prize winner for Chemistry, will deliver a seminar titled “The Fruits of Curiosity: The Ribosome and Its Tiny Enemies” at 4:10 p.m. Thursday, May 2, in the Interdisciplinary Science Building Room 110 at The University of Montana.

The lecture, co-sponsored by the UM chemistry department, is part of UM's Center for Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics Seminar Series and also is offered as part of UM's Global Leadership Initiative programming. The event is free and open to the public, and a discussion will follow.

Yonath was the first woman in 45 years to win the Nobel Prize in Chemistry and she also is the first woman in the Middle East to win the prize in the sciences.

She led teams from the Weizmann Institute in Israel and the Max Planck Institute in Germany, which solved the complete spatial structure of both subunits of a bacterial ribosome. This information gave scientists groundbreaking insight into how the genetic code is translated into proteins on the ribosomes.

The journal Science cites this achievement among the top 10 most important scientific developments of 2009. Her achievements have fueled intensive international research in the field, and her findings are vital in the development of advanced antibiotics.

Yonath currently is an institutional professor for the Helen and Milton A. Kimmelman Center for Biomolecular Structure and Assembly at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel.

For more information go to <http://cas.umt.edu/departments/cbsd/>, call Cathy Jo Beecher, CBSD program coordinator, at 406-243-6003 or email cathy.beecher@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 22, 2013

MISSOULA –

In the competitive world of medical school admissions, only about 50 percent of students from U.S. universities are accepted into a school of their choice. At The University of Montana, that acceptance rate is 80 percent because the College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences has instituted a 10-person premedical sciences advising team that works to highlight the strengths of any and all interested students.

Of the 25 UM students who went through the premed advising program and applied to medical school this year, 20 have been accepted to schools of their choice, and several have been accepted to more than one school.

The key to this success is the commitment of advisers and the open nature the program takes toward working with students, said UM Director of Premedical Sciences Mark Pershouse. The advising program is in its fifth year of a new model, initially started in the office of Provost – now University president – Royce Engstrom in conjunction with the Dean's Office of the College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences. Improvement in the overall results is evident.

UM doesn't offer a premed major, but students in all disciplines are able to take part in the advising program, which can help them focus on their best areas of study to prepare for medical school admissions. Advisers from several departments serve students in many different majors, and students complete internships, shadowing and volunteering with local clinics and labs. They also perform community service and can participate in the UM Premed Club.

"The 25 students we helped are just 25 that sought out our help," Pershouse said. "We don't have strict minimum requirements. We'll work with anybody and make the best case for them."

Five years ago, UM's rate of premed advising students accepted into medical schools was 47 percent – right in line with the national average. After instituting the new model, that rate dipped slightly, then took off exponentially.

Pershouse also monitors the medical-school acceptance rate of UM students who don't go through the program. During the past five years, that number dropped, with only 10 percent of non-advising program students receiving an offer this year. However, as the premed advising program gains ground, more students interested in medical school likely are seeking assistance.

Aside from one-on-one work with an adviser, students also have access to a 14-page document compiled by previous premed students. The document, which also has been edited and updated by the program, basically is a manual on how to get into medical school.

"That model of giving back to fellow students is not common among premeds," Pershouse said. "Those programs usually are pretty cut-throat. But we have students that come from all over the country, and they really enjoy being in Montana. They're able to thrive here."

Alec Sundet, a senior majoring in biochemistry and head resident in Craig Hall, recently was accepted into three medical schools after going through the premed advising program. He credits Pershouse and the other advisers for their hands-on role in getting students prepared to apply for schools.

"One of the features they offer is writing a committee letter," Sundet said. "You can have up to 10 letters of reference, and Mark takes all those letters and compiles them into one committee letter.

"At most schools, only the top students get a committee letter written for them, but here everyone can get one written by Mark."

He also took advantage of the mock interviews provided by the program. Advisers help students identify how they can make a strong impression with their credentials and communication skills.

Sundet came to UM from Sioux Falls, S.D., looking for an adventurous place. He hadn't heard of the premed advising program before enrolling but learned about it through an orientation his freshman year. He plans to attend the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine in the fall.

Ashlea Duke, a senior in human biology, also was accepted into multiple schools after going through the advising program. Though she wishes she'd started her first day of

class, the Davidson Honors College student did learn about the program early in her education.

"When I was a sophomore, I took the pre-health professions class through the honors college and met Mark Pershouse," she said. "The premed advising program guided me all the way through the MCAT (Medical College Admission Test), and I started my application process last year."

Originally from Glendive, Duke also hadn't heard of the advising program before choosing to attend UM.

"I chose UM because when I came here to tour I fell in love with Missoula, the campus and the Oval," she said. "But the premed program has met and exceeded all my expectations."

Duke plans to attend the Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Colorado.

Pershouse stresses that the UM premedical advising program is open to all students. Though some may be discouraged by a low grade-point average or test score, those numbers can be outweighed by other accomplishments.

"Our advising corps is really positive," he said. "We say, 'Here are your strengths, here are some areas you can work on.' We try to avoid judgments such as, 'You're never going to get into medical school.'"

For more information call Pershouse at 406-243-4769, email mark.pershouse@umontana.edu or visit <http://premed.health.umt.edu/content/welcome>.

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Photo caption: Alec Sundet, a senior majoring in biochemistry, creates RNAs to study a virus in the lab of UM Division of Biological Sciences Professor Stephen Lodmell.

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UM NEWS



April 19, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Chapter of the Golden Key Honor Society will hold its annual Poverello Toiletry Drive April 22-26 on campus. Donation boxes and posters will be located in buildings across campus all week.

Suggested donations include toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, razors, nonperishable food and travel-sized soaps, shampoos and conditioners. All donations will benefit the Poverello Center, a local nonprofit organization serving the hungry and homeless of the Missoula area.

The Golden Key Honor Society is an international nonprofit organization focused on academics, leadership and service. The UM Chapter is one of more than 400 across the U.S. and throughout the world.

For more information call Erin Helmholz, UM Golden Key International Honor Society public relations officer, at 425-577-9995 or email erin.helmholz@umconnect.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 18, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana's University Players created a unique project that addresses anti-bullying and anti-violence toward students and LGBTQ youth. The project, a collaboration with the Pride Foundation and Hellgate High School students, is called "Finally Breathe: An Original Music Video."

"Finally Breathe" follows the story of high school students and the social dynamics of high school. The short feature is live on Vimeo and can be viewed at <http://www.vimeo.com/channels/finallybreathe>.

The University Players hope to send the video to high schools and festivals across the country. Departments, institutions and high schools can receive a free DVD copy, digital download or screening upon request.

The University Players student group produces independent theater which is directed and designed by UM students.

For more information call University Players Artistic Director Stephen Seder at 406-208-1708 or email stephen.seder@umconnect.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 18, 2013

MISSOULA –

Just in time for Earth Day, the Princeton Review again named The University of Montana one of the nation's most environmentally responsible "green colleges."

This is the fourth consecutive year UM has made "The Princeton Review's Guide to 322 Green Colleges." The list profiles 322 institutions of higher education in the U.S. and Canada that demonstrate notable commitments to sustainability in their academic offerings, campus infrastructure, activities and career preparation.

UM's profile praises the University's location, student organizations such as Climate Action Now and UM's living and learning environment, Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology. The Green Thread faculty sustainability workshop, the Kless Revolving Energy Loan Fund, the Farm to College Program, the College of Forestry and Conservation and the Environmental Studies program also are recognized as part of UM's "green" commitment.

"UM's listing in 'The Princeton Review's Guide to Green Colleges' again this year is a tribute to our steady work toward creating a sustainable University," said Cherie Peacock, UM sustainability coordinator. "It is a long road and this acknowledgement is encouraging. Listing in the guide verifies UM's standing among national peers traveling that same road."

The book is the only free, comprehensive, annually updated guide to green colleges and is created in collaboration with the U.S. Green Building Council. The complete guide can be downloaded at <http://www.centerforgreenschools.org/greenguide> or at <http://www.princetonreview.com/green-guide.aspx>.

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UM NEWS



April 18, 2013

MISSOULA –

Montana economic leaders recently welcomed 10 economic empowerment professionals from Southeast Asia who are participating in the U.S. Department of State's Professional Fellows Program. The Professional Fellows Program brings emerging leaders from around the world to the U.S. for intensive fellowships designed to broaden their professional expertise.

The program is arranged by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at The University of Montana, which will host the Fellows from Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam until May 12.

Montana organizations hosting Southeast Asian participants during April include businesses, government and nongovernment organizations, including John Balsam Associates, the Montana Department of Agriculture and the Mission Mountain Food Enterprise Center. The Fellows arrived April 5.

Leslie Jensen, vice president of Missoula's First Interstate Bank, currently hosts a director of an international bank in Burma.

"While my Fellow and I are from opposite sides of the globe, our desire is the same: to better empower the small businesses in our communities to thrive and grow," Jensen said. "My hope is that the ripples formed by this wonderful opportunity for professional development help communities become more prosperous and regional economies more dynamic."

The Professional Fellows Program supports international cooperation and builds networks of people and organizations working on critical issues worldwide. The Fellows help internationalize their U.S. host businesses and organizations. Alternately, the Montana leaders will travel to Southeast Asia to reinforce new partnerships and opportunities.

"In 2012, 22 Montanans participated in similar exchange with a focus on women's empowerment," said Deena Mansour, associate director of the Mansfield Center. "The program has proven to be a fantastic opportunity to expand global partnerships. The relationships established during the program continue to reap tangible benefits for communities throughout Montana."

The Mansfield Center is one of 16 U.S.-based nonprofit organizations chosen this year to host foreign professionals from more than 40 countries and territories worldwide. The program culminates in a three-day Professional Fellows Congress, which will be held May 8-11 in Washington, D.C. During the event, participants will gather to design real-world solutions and projects they can implement in their home communities and institutions.

The Mansfield Center at UM promotes better understanding of Asia, U.S. relations with Asia and ethics in public affairs in the spirit of former U.S. Sen. Mike Mansfield and his wife Maureen. The center houses programs that focus on peoples and cultures of modern Asia and ethics in public affairs, the core interests and hallmarks of Sen. Mansfield's career.

In fall 2013, new Montana organizations will host the next group of 10 Southeast Asian Fellows. For more information visit <http://www.exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/professional-fellows-economic-empowerment-program> and <http://umt.edu/mansfield/EconomicEmpowermentProject/>.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: A story about UM and the Professional Fellows Program is on pages 28-29 of the April issue of State Magazine: <http://digitaledition.state.gov/publication/?i=152254>.

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MISSOULA –

The College of Forestry and Conservation at The University of Montana will distribute nearly \$160,000 in scholarships to more than 80 students on Friday, April 19.

The college will award 70 scholarships and a dozen freshman recruiting scholarships at its annual scholarship reception.

Many of the school's scholarships were established in memory of former students or by local organizations, faculty and alumni. For example, the Danny On award memorializes alum Danny On who received both a bachelor's of science and a master's of science from the school and went on to a career as a smokejumper, forester and photographer with the U.S. Forest Service. Another memorial scholarship honors Stacie Ann DeWolf, a UM alumna who was the first female certified as a USFS wildland firefighter 25 years ago.

This year, several new or newly funded scholarships will be awarded, including the Don Bedunah Memorial Scholarship; Scott Woods Memorial Scholarship; the Peterson Family Scholarship Endowment; and the Zuuring-MAGIP Graduate GIS award. Bedunah and Woods were beloved faculty members who both passed away in 2012.

Marilyn and Keith Peterson established their scholarship for students in the CFC and the Department of Health and Human Performance on a rotating basis. Both Marilyn and Keith are UM alums and Marilyn is the niece of the former dean of the forestry college, Kenneth Davis.

Hans Zuuring, a retired faculty member, contributed to a long-standing fund initially created by the Montana Association of Geographic Information Professionals. His regular monthly contributions helped the fund reach endowment level. This is the first year an award will be disbursed from the fund.

Undergraduate students from all five of the college's degree programs and several graduate students will receive awards. Graduate scholarships include an award from Missoula-based Systems for Environmental Management, which recognizes graduate scholarship in the areas of fire and technology.

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UM NEWS



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MISSOULA –

Missoula College University of Montana Culinary Arts students recently earned a bronze medal in a culinary competition that took place April 12-15 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Michael Goff, Brittany Campbell, Amy Jaqueth, Madison Conway and William Gervais competed against six other state team champions from the western region.

The team participated in an 80-minute knife skills salon and a 90-minute four-course hot food service and cold food platter presentation. They earned the bronze medal with the following menu:

- Montana Trout Trilogy: smoked trout, marinated trout and crisp skinned trout;
- Spring Pea Chilled Pureed Soup with prosciutto cheese straw and buttermilk ice;
- Poulet Saute Bercy with celery root and melted onion puree, fresh asparagus and tourneed yukon potatoes;
- Orange Tart Massini.



Missoula College and the American Culinary Federation Montana Chefs Association sponsored the team.

For more information call Tom Campbell, director of the MC Culinary Arts program, at 406-243-7815 or email thomas.campbell@umontana.edu.

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Photo caption: The Orange Tart Massini was part of the bronze-winning menu created by the Missoula College Culinary Arts team.

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UM NEWS



April 18, 2013

MISSOULA –

Stephen Jackson, director for the U.S. Department of Interior Southwest Climate Science Center and professor of geosciences at the University of Arizona, will deliver a lecture titled “Looking Forward: Climate, Ecology and Culture in a World of Change” as part of the Montana Institute on Ecosystems Distinguished Lecturer Series on Monday, April 22, at The University of Montana.

The event will be held at 7 p.m. in the University Center Theater. Light refreshments will be served before the event, which is free and open to the public.

Jackson’s research employs tree-rings, fossil rodent-middens and sediments from lakes and bogs to investigate how past climatic changes and human activities have affected species distributions, biodiversity and ecosystem properties. His research provides baselines for gauging ongoing and future changes in ecological systems, and delivers case studies that reveal the complex dynamics of ecological response to environmental change and variability.

“Dr. Jackson’s work has implications for conservation policy, resource management and climate-change adaptation,” said IoE Program Manager Gay Allison.

UM’s Institute on Ecosystems Distinguished Lecturer Series provides opportunities for faculty and students to connect with the brightest, most interesting scholars in environmental disciplines.

Approved by the Montana University System Board of Regents in November 2011, the Institute on Ecosystems is a community of 200 scholars across the MUS with the goal of advancing integrated discovery, education and engagement in the environmental and ecosystem sciences. The institute, co-located at UM and Montana State University, is supported by a five-year grant from the National Science Foundation Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research.

For more information about the lecture, call Allison at 406-243-2617 or email gay.allison@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 17, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana has selected “Mountains Beyond Mountains” by Pulitzer Prize-winner Tracy Kidder as the 2013 First-Year Reading Experience book.

All first-year students at UM are invited to participate in the First-Year Reading Experience. The program provides incoming freshmen with a shared intellectual experience to encourage discussion, advance critical thinking and develop a sense of community.

The nonfiction book recounts the work of renowned infectious-disease specialist Dr. Paul Farmer as he tackles tuberculosis and the effects of poverty in Haiti, Peru, Cuba and Russia.

The book will be used and referenced in classes across campus, including freshman seminars and Writing 101. The book will be available for purchase at The Bookstore at UM, located in the University Center.

Kidder will be on campus Monday, Sept. 9, to speak to the freshman class as well as to the campus and Missoula communities.

His other books include “House,” “Among Schoolchildren,” “Old Friends,” “Home Town,” “Strength in What Remains” and “The Soul of a New Machine,” for which he won the Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction in 1982.

UM freshmen are invited to participate in a writing contest based on the book and interactions with the author during the campus visit.

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UM NEWS



April 16, 2013

MISSOULA –

The annual Fraternity and Sorority Awards Banquet was held April 14 to celebrate the accomplishments of The University of Montana fraternity and sorority chapters. The top award, UM's Fraternity and Sorority Involvement Chapter of the Year honors, went to Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Distinguished guests at the banquet included Vice President for Student Affairs Teresa Branch, Dean of Students Rhondie Voorhees and University Center Director Liz Roosa Millar, along with several fraternity and sorority alumni. Jill Valley of KPAX-TV, a Kappa Alpha Theta alumna from Washington State University, gave the keynote address.

Other winners were:

Individual

- Outstanding Greek Alumni – Drew Hossle, Sigma Chi
- Outstanding Campus Involvement – Sierra Batey, Delta Gamma
- Outstanding Chapter President – Alyssa Canady, Kappa Kappa Gamma
- Outstanding Chapter President – Tyler Ellis, Phi Delta Theta
- Greek Man of the Year – Richard LeCoultre, Phi Delta Theta
- Greek Woman of the Year – Jennifer Bitner, Kappa Kappa Gamma
- Outstanding Community Outreach – Kathleen Heiskell, Delta Gamma
- Outstanding New Member – Evan Fossen, Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Outstanding New Member – Kylie Mainey, Delta Gamma
- Outstanding Senior – Julia Bechtold, Delta Gamma
- Outstanding Senior – Kyle Marshall, Sigma Phi Epsilon

Chapter

- Scholastic and Academic Programming – Delta Gamma
- Chapter Development – Kappa Kappa Gamma
- Hal Fraser Philanthropy and Community Service Award – Alpha Phi
- Public Relations Programming – Kappa Alpha Theta
- Risk Management and House Operations – Kappa Alpha Theta
- Alumni Relations – Delta Gamma
- Standards and Social Excellence – Phi Delta Theta

Greek Task Force \$1,000 Leadership Scholarships:

- Tyler Ellis – Phi Delta Theta
- Kyle Schmauch – Phi Delta Theta

2012-13 Phi Sigma Kappa \$1,000 Scholarship:

- Bowen Humphreys – Phi Delta Theta

2012-13 Mu Deuteron \$1,050:

- Tyler Ellis – Phi Delta Theta
- Carter McFarland – Sigma Chi

2013-14 Phi Sigma Kappa \$1,000 Scholarship:

- Casey Nichols – Sigma Chi

2013-14 Mu Deuteron \$1,050:

- Philip “JR” Kane – Sigma Nu
- Cesar Rivera Dominguez – Sigma Phi Epsilon

UM's Fraternity and Sorority Involvement was established in 1905 with the founding of the Gamma Phi chapter of Sigma Nu. FSI enriches the campus community through various philanthropy efforts, leadership and outreach throughout the year.

Fraternities and sororities offer UM students a unique opportunity to lead a balanced college life with a focus on leadership, active citizenship, intellectual development and lifelong friendship. FSI allows students to make meaningful and lasting friendships with individuals who share similar ideals and common purposes.

For more information call Fraternity and Sorority Involvement Coordinator Maureen Ward at 406-243-2005, email maureen.ward@umontana.edu or visit <http://life.umt.edu/fsi>.

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UM NEWS



April 16, 2013

MISSOULA –

Thinking caps must be worn at all times when The University of Montana hosts the third annual Montana Academic State Championship on Tuesday, April 23, in the University Center. The event will run from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sponsored by UM and NorthWestern Energy, that championship is a round-robin quiz tournament. To qualify, teams must place in regional tournaments.

More than 40 students from seven schools will compete this year. The high schools are Frenchtown (the reigning champion), Billings Skyview (the 2011 state champion), Sentinel, Great Falls High, Lewistown, Livingston and Glendive.

Questions will cover high school subjects, as well as pop culture and recent news. Each school will square off against one another during the morning preliminary rounds in UC Rooms 331-333. Schools with the best records will advance to the championship rounds in the afternoon.

For more information call Merle Johnson, a retired Frenchtown teacher and co-coordinator of the event, at 406-727-2842 or email mandmj70@gmail.com.

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UM NEWS



April 16, 2013

MISSOULA –

The Society of Professional Journalists awarded University of Montana journalism students 14 first-place awards and 13 second- and third-place awards at the regional SPJ competition in Spokane, Wash., April 13.

UM students won accolades in magazine, online, photography, radio, reporting and television categories. Regional winners now advance to nationals, where they'll compete against top honorees from 11 other regions. National winners will be announced in early summer.

The SPJ's Mark of Excellence Awards honor the top student work in region 10, comprising Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Alaska.

First-place winners are Tim Goessman of Gallatin Gateway; Megan Jae Riggs of Idaho Falls, Idaho; Samuel Wilson of Brush Prairie, Wash.; Keele Smith of Roanoke, Va.; Jonathon Ambarian of Frazier Park, Calif.; and Brin Merkley of Anaconda. The Montana Kairim, Montana Journalism Review, Native News Honors Project website, Footbridge Forum and Student Documentary Unit also took first place awards.

Second-place awards went to Nick Gast of Billings; Sam Lungren of Freeland, Wash.; Jessica Murri of Boise, Idaho; Allison Mills of Washburn, Wis.; Erik Anderson of Helena; and Keele Smith, of Roanoke, Va. Made in Montana also received a second-place award.

Third-place award winners are Sally Finneran of Crescent, Ore.; Morgan Sparks of Tenino, Wash.; Jessica Roden of Tahunanuis, Nelson, New Zealand; Kelly Conde of Boise, Idaho; Abby Redfern of Missoula; Cody Proctor of Grand Coulee, Wash.; and the Montana Journal.

For more information call Denise Dowling, interim dean of the UM School of Journalism, at 406-243-4143 or email denise.dowling@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 16, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana School of Art will present the 2013 Bachelor's in Fine Arts Senior Thesis Exhibition. The exhibit will be on display in the UM Gallery of Visual Arts April 30 through May 17 and in the University Center Gallery April 29 through May 17.

Both galleries will host opening receptions on Thursday, May 2. The UC Gallery reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. and the Gallery of Visual Arts reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Both galleries will host Commencement receptions from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 17.

The annual BFA Senior Thesis Exhibition is a diverse array of media and content. Due to the large number of students, 18 artists will exhibit in the Gallery of Visual Arts and six artists will exhibit in the UC Gallery. Paintings, drawings, sculpture, film, installation, printmaking, photography and ceramics will be featured. All events are free and open to the public.

All BFA candidates in the School of Art are required to do the Senior Thesis Exhibition. Each student will display a body of work that reflects their chosen media. Participating artists in the Gallery of Visual Arts exhibit are Jason Bohman, Mary Callahan Baumstark, Sarah Christenson, Nerissa Cook, Zachary Cook, Kayla Crooks, Jennifer A. duToit, Sarah Ann Eisenlohr, Gaston, Kari A. Goettlich, Miriam Griffin, Gustav Hamilton, James Heath, Chase McBride, Clay Pape, Lukas Phelan, Cassie Stone and Janaína Vieira-Marques. Participating artists in the UC Gallery exhibit are Lea Christiansen, Lisa Diaz, Dane Hansen, Katie S. Machain, Rebekah Ann Sanders and Jack T. Wicks.

The Gallery of Visual Arts, located on the first floor UM's Social Science Building, is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The UC Gallery, located on the second floor of the UC, is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information call 406-243-2813 or 406-243-5564 or email gallery.visarts@umontana.edu or ucgallery@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 16, 2013

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.

“We may begin spot spraying as soon as possible 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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UM NEWS



April 15, 2013

MISSOULA –

Three homes owned by The University of Montana will offer students a specialized living option beginning autumn semester 2013. The UM Theme Home Initiative currently is accepting applications for student groups, associations or clubs to take up residence in the homes, creating a focused learning and living environment.

“Through residence in a UM Theme Home, students can develop a culture for their group while increasing their ability to effectively organize and host events and fulfill their organizational mission,” said Derek Kanwischer, UM Theme Home coordinator.

Interested student groups can learn more about the homes, which are located at the northwest corner of campus, and discuss the benefits the program with a representative from the UM Theme Home Initiative, part of the Associated Students of UM Off-Campus Renter Center.

More information on the homes and application materials are available online at www.umt.edu/groups/themehomes. The UM Theme Home Initiative also will host information sessions at 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, April 17-18, in University Center Room 207. Additional information sessions will be held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, in UC Room 215, and at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 25, in UC Room 215.

Students also can get a look at the first UM Theme Home during the UM FLAT Earth Day barbecue from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday, April 19. UM FLAT, which stands for the Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology, is a living and learning residence for students to demonstrate sustainable ways of living. Six undergraduate and graduate students live in the house, which is located at 633 Fifth St. E., the same block as the new UM Theme Homes.

For more information call Kanwischer at 406-579-3244 or email umthemehomes@gmail.com.

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UM NEWS



April 15, 2013

MISSOULA –

The predicted decrease of winter snowpack due to climate change might inconvenience winter recreationists, but for mammals that change coat color during the cold months to blend in and survive, the consequences could be much graver.

L. Scott Mills, a professor in The University of Montana College of Forestry and Conservation, will publish an article titled “Camouflage Mismatch in Seasonal Coat Color Due to Decreased Snow Duration,” in the April issue of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The article will detail research on the snowshoe hare, one of 10 animal species worldwide that changes color from brown to white to match seasonal snow cover.

Mills and his colleagues studied wild hares for three years in western Montana. The study examined 148 hares weekly in the field to quantify their coat color, the extent of snow around them and the percent of mismatch between the hare and their background. The three years during the study included some of the most extreme differences in snowpack duration that have occurred in the past 40 years, including the incredibly long 2010-11 snow season and the much shorter season the year before.

The results of the study link the seasonal coat-color change across different years to the prospect of less snow in the future. Though the timing of the molt did not change in either the fall or spring for the hares in the study, the rate at which they changed did vary, but only in the spring molt.

Hares in the fall changed purely based on the length of the day, but the hares changing in the spring were able to slow the rate of their molt in the heavy snow year of 2010-2011.

“On average, it takes about 40 days for a hare to completely change from brown to white,” Mills said. “The white-to-brown change takes a few days longer and shows some ability to speed up or slow down according to temperature or snow.”

Animals that change color seasonally may adapt in two ways to environmental stressors such as reduced snow. If mismatched coat color leads to increased predation, evolution by natural selection will favor hares that can adjust the timing or speed of the change according to snow conditions. The second adaptation involves the ability of individuals to adjust behaviorally to conditions. The article cites the male rock ptarmigan, a bird that soils its feathers after mating in an apparent attempt to camouflage, as one example of behavioral adaptation.

The next step for Mills’ research group is to document whether mismatch in the hares’ coat color does in fact increase predation and whether adaptation is occurring.

“Hares that are mismatched may minimize mortality by seeking out snow or remaining in dense cover, and the potential for rapid evolutionary change in timing of coat color cannot be discounted,” Mills said.

The researchers also developed rigorous snow models for the future, accounting for uncertainty by averaging scenarios across 38 different climate models. When they applied the snow models to their snowshoe hare study area, they predicted the average duration of snowpack will decrease by 29 to 35 days by mid-century and 40 to 69 days by the end of the century.

They found that this decrease in snow would lead to a four- to eight-fold increase in the number of days that white hares will be mismatched on a brown, snowless background, making them vulnerable to predators.

Whether hares can adapt, either by natural selection, behavioral adaptation or both, has major implications for the species. As the climate models show, the change will need to come quickly.

For the snowshoe hare, an essential prey for the threatened Canada lynx, and an animal experiencing 85 to 100 percent mortality due to predation, the ability to be camouflaged is a critical defense. Because seasonal coat color change occurs for species throughout the world, the prospect of white animals on brown backgrounds serves as a widespread stark image for the impact of climate change.

The article co-authors are UM graduate students Marketa Zimova and Jared Oyler, Regents Professor of Ecology Steve Running and Assistant Professor Paul Lukacs, all of the College of Forestry and Conservation.

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Note to media: Mills can provide images of snowshoe hares to accompany the story. To request a photo, call him at 406-243-5552 or email lscott.mills@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 15, 2013

MISSOULA –

Sam Belanger, a University of Montana sophomore from Youngstown, Ohio, was named the UM Student Employee of the Year during an April 11 ceremony.

Belanger already was named the 2013 Student Employee of the Year by University Dining Services. The campuswide honor resulted from his leadership abilities and his dedication to UDS and the University community.

As a UDS employee, Belanger provides administrative assistance in the residential dining office and the Bear Hugs Program, a student gift package delivery service. He helps with inventory, purchases and orders. He is a double-major in international business and photojournalism, and he currently takes 18 credit hours of classes.

“Sam tirelessly fulfills all of his shifts and has maintained a perfect attendance record on his job,” UDS Director Mark LaParco said. “He is an engaged member of both the UM and Missoula communities, demonstrating exemplary thoughtfulness and goodwill toward humankind in general.

“He has independently designed and implemented improvements to multiple UDS systems, and he brings his warmth and sympathy to each guest interaction,” he said. “This honor is well-deserved.”

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UM NEWS



April 15, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University Center at The University of Montana will be hosting a Griz Lead Emerging Leaders workshop titled “Cross-Cultural Competence for Future Leaders.” The workshop will feature guest speaker Udo Fluck and will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 25, in UC Room 330.

Fluck is an award-winning faculty member at UM who founded and directs the Multicultural Learning Solutions program. The Griz Lead Emerging Leaders program is a student-run series of workshops that prepares students for leadership on campus and in the community.

By offering leadership programs, resources and experiences, the program builds self-confidence, increases self-awareness and develops talented dreamers prepared to catch and keep a vision, discover their passions and achieve their goals.

This workshop will be answering the question: “How does your group impact the larger community?” Student groups and organizations impact the campus, Missoula, often times Montana and even the world. This workshop will explore the identity of student organizations and how groups can achieve larger goals and create a greater and lasting impression.

For more information visit <http://life.umt.edu/uc/ucsi/SIN/leadership/default.php> or call Maureen Ward, assistant director for Fraternity & Sorority Involvement, at 406-243-2005 or email maureen.ward@mso.umt.edu; or call Julie DeSoto, student coordinator, UC Student Involvement Network, at 406-243-5622 or email julie.desoto@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 12, 2013

MISSOULA –

Recent research shows both the number of nonresident visitors to Montana and how much they spent in the state were higher in 2012 than any previous year.

Estimates produced by The University of Montana's Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research show that 10.8 million people visited Big Sky Country, an increase of 2 percent from 2011. Spending by those visitors increased about 15 percent from the year before, totaling \$3.27 billion.

Money spent by nonresident travelers directly supports \$2.6 billion in economic activity and nearly 30,000 Montana jobs. Nonresident travelers indirectly support an additional \$1.6 billion of economic activity and 13,000 jobs. Associated with those travel-related jobs is \$805 million in labor income directly attributable to nonresident travel and another \$448 million indirectly attributable to nonresident spending.

The Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research produces these annual estimates based on data collected by a team of surveyors located across Montana.

"It's interesting to see the changes over time," said Kara Grau, ITRR assistant director of economic analysis. "It seems Montana has regained any ground lost during the recession in terms of statewide visitation and overall visitor spending."

Grau said ITRR has surveyors collecting information year-round, allowing the institute to produce accurate and up-to-date estimates of how travel impacts Montana.

"It's very important for the travel and recreation industry to have this kind of information updated on a regular basis," she said. "We know conditions can change quickly, and current information is essential."

All information and reports published by ITRR are available online at <http://www.itrr.umt.edu>.

"Everything we publish is freely available to the public," ITRR Director Norma Nickerson said. "We have a lot of good information for anyone who is part of or interested in the travel and recreation industry. The website hosts a dynamic nonresident travel reporting system that is updated quarterly, so people can access exactly the kind of information that is useful to them."

For more information about the 2012 nonresident visitation and spending estimates, visit <http://www.itrr.umt.edu/expendvisitation.htm>. The dynamic nonresident data reporting system can also be accessed directly at <http://www.tourismresearchmt.org/>.

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UM NEWS



April 12, 2013

MISSOULA –

Eli Sanders, associate editor of the Seattle alt-weekly newspaper *The Stranger* and 2012 Pulitzer Prize winner in feature writing, will deliver The University of Montana School of Journalism's 56th annual Dean Stone Lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 25, in the University Center Theater.

Sanders' lecture is titled "Coal Trains: When Journalism is Not Enough." The event is free and open to the public.

Sanders has worked for *The Stranger* since 2005. In addition to a story about a brutal crime and its consequences that won him the Pulitzer, he also has written about the 2008 presidential election, an insane newspaper war in San Francisco, the unique life and times of a hypocritical Washington State Supreme Court justice and Jon Tester's 2006 run for the U.S. Senate in Montana.

Beyond *The Stranger*, his work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Esquire.com*, *River Teeth* and other publications. Anthologies that have published his writing include "The Contenders" and "What to Read in the Rain." He currently is working on his first book.

The lecture is named for the first dean of the UM School of Journalism, Arthur Stone. The series brings a renowned journalist to campus each year. For more information on the Dean Stone Lecture, call the School of Journalism at 406-243-4001.

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UM NEWS



April 12, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University Players will present their annual 10-Minute Play Festival at The University of Montana on Thursday and Friday, April 18-19.

The festival starts at 7:30 p.m. both nights in the Montana Theatre of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

Admission is free, and everyone is invited to attend this theatrical affair.

The University Players student group produces independent theater directed and designed by UM students.

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UM NEWS



April 12, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana is hosting the 14th annual Earth Day Work Day on the M Trail from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20. The major project this year is building a new retaining wall below the M, where the existing wall is crumbling and the soil is eroding. The event is free and open to the public.

Crews also will pull knapweed, plant wildflowers, remove and replace fencing and cover eroding side trails. There are activities for all ages. Volunteers can meet at the bottom of the M Trail at 9 a.m. or hike up any time before 2 p.m. to find a crew. The Montana Conservation Corps will be on site to supervise volunteers.

Local businesses, including Romaines Restaurant, will provide lunch.

The event is hosted by the UM Natural Areas Program in cooperation with the Montana Conservation Corps and the UM Society for Ecological Restoration.

For more information or to donate food and supplies, call Marilyn Marler, natural areas specialist with UM's Division of Biological Sciences, at 406-544-7189 or email marilyn.marler@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 11, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana basketball teams, both of which were Big Sky Conference regular-season and tournament champions, will be honored Wednesday, April 17, during a family-friendly celebration at Dahlberg Arena.

The event is free and open to the public and will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Free parking will be available during the event in Lot P, which is located in front of the Adams Center. Fans will have an opportunity to meet the Griz and Lady Griz coaches and players, get autographs and children 12 and younger can compete in shooting games against the players.

There will be free popcorn and soda available, and a video highlighting the teams' seasons will be shown.

The Griz went 25-7, the program's fourth consecutive 20-win season, and 19-1 in the Big Sky Conference. Montana hosted and won the league tournament and advanced to its third NCAA tournament in the past four years.

It was the Grizzlies' 10th NCAA tournament appearance overall. Montana lost in the first round to Syracuse, a team that ultimately advanced to the Final Four.

Wayne Tinkle was named the Big Sky Coach of the Year for the second season in a row. UM junior Kareem Jamar was named the Big Sky MVP, while senior Will Cherry was a repeat selection as defensive player of the year and first-team All-Big Sky for the third straight season.

The Lady Griz went 24-8, the program's 28th 20-win season under coach Robin Selvig, who wrapped up his 35th year as the Lady Griz head coach. The Lady Griz went 16-4 in league play and hosted and won the Big Sky tournament to advance to their 20th NCAA tournament.

The Lady Griz lost in the opening round of the NCAA tournament to Georgia, a team that would advance to the Elite Eight.

Selvig was once again named the Big Sky Coach of the year for the 20th time. UM senior Katie Baker was named Big Sky MVP. Baker and fellow-senior Kenzie De Boer both were first-team All-Big Sky selections.

For more information on the celebration event, call Brynn Molloy, assistant director of the Grizzly Scholarship Association, at 406-243-5405 or email brynn.molloy@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 11, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana has designated Friday, April 19, UM Employee Recognition Day to show appreciation to all employees and to celebrate the impressive contributions they make to the success of the University.

UM Employee Recognition Day will be celebrated throughout campus and will conclude with a reception for all employees from 3 to 5 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. UM student groups will perform live music during the event.

The reception will include hors d'oeuvres, faculty and staff awards, prize drawings and celebration of "Griz Family – Growing Together."

To help UM employees acknowledge colleagues and coworkers who have contributed to their success, the planning committee has created a recognition website that allows employees to send a personal message of appreciation. Messages can be posted at <http://www.umt.edu/employeerecognition/> until 5 p.m. Thursday, April 18, and will be delivered to recipients on Employee Recognition Day.

For more ideas about ways to recognize valuable contributions of employees, colleagues and coworkers, visit <http://www.umt.edu/employeerecognition/suggestions.html>.

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UM NEWS



April 11, 2013

MISSOULA –

Faculty, students and researchers from around the world will gather to participate in the 11th annual Central and Southwest Asia Conference at The University of Montana Wednesday through Friday, April 17-19.

The conference, sponsored by the Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center at UM, Students for Peace and Justice and the Rocky Mountain Ballet Theatre, will feature several panels and presentations on the language, culture, history and politics of China, the Middle East, and Central and Southwest Asia, as well as two student panels highlighting the research and achievements of UM students who study Central and Southwest Asian Studies, in addition to UM exchange students from Afghanistan and Tajikistan.

The conference will be held in the University Center Theater. All events are free and open to the public.

The schedule is:

- **Wednesday, 6:45-7:10 p.m.:** "Cultural Diplomacy and the Arts: Montana in the Year of the Snake," performance by the Rocky Mountain Ballet Theatre.
- **Wednesday, 7:10-9 p.m.:** "China, The Middle East and Central Asia: Chinese Foreign Policy in a Critical Part of the World," keynote panel, moderator: Zhen Cao; UM Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures; discussants: Liu Zhongmin, Shanghai International Studies University; Wu Bingbing, Peking University; Xuming Qian, Shanghai International Studies University; and Sisu Pan, UM Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center.
- **Thursday, 11 a.m.-noon:** "Discovering Central Asia: A Passage Through the Heart of Eurasia," moderator: Ulrich Kamp, UM Department of Geography; discussant: Rick Graetz, UM Department of Geography.
- **Thursday, 12:30-2 p.m.:** "Why Do I Study Central and Southwest Asia?" Student Panel, moderator: Ardi Kia, UM Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center and Department of Anthropology; discussants: UM students Alexandra Calloway-Nation, Nathan Domitrovich, Chris Hansen, Larry Himes and Juliana Lutz.
- **Thursday, 2:30-4:30 p.m.:** "Arabic at the Last Best Place," moderator: Brian Lofink, UM Office of International Programs; discussants: Samir Bitar, UM Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center and Department of Anthropology; Brendan Work, Missoula County Public Schools; UM Arabic students Chase Anderson, Matthew Patten and Mary Anderson; and Sentinel High School Arabic student Erin Johnson.
- **Thursday, 6:45-7:10 p.m.:** "Cultural Diplomacy and the Arts: To Russia with Love," performance by the Rocky Mountain Ballet Theatre.
- **Thursday, 7:10-9 p.m.:** "Tatars, Islam and Other Muslim Communities in the Russian Federation," keynote panel, moderator: Ona Renner-Fahey, UM Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures; discussants: Vladimir Kholodnov, Kazan Federal University; and Robert H. Greene, UM Department of History.
- **Friday, 10 a.m.-noon:** "Afghan and Tajik Student Panel: Insider Perspectives on Afghanistan and Tajikistan," moderator: Ardi Kia; discussants: UM students Suraya Nazhat, Shakib Rajaieean, Daler Rakhimov and Farzona Shukarova.
- **Friday, 1:30-2:45 p.m.:** "U.S. and Chinese Policy Vis-a-Vis Iran and Israel," moderator: Mehrdad Kia, UM Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center and Department of History; discussant: Wu Bingbing, Shanghai International Studies University.
- **Friday, 3-4:30 p.m.:** "Prehistory and its Influences on Early Ancient Central Asia," moderator: Nathan Domitrovich; discussant: Ardi Kia.
- **Friday, 7-9 p.m.:** "Arab Uprisings: Causes and Implications," keynote panel, moderator: Mehrdad Kia; discussant: Nouredine Jebnoun, Georgetown University.

For more information on the conference, call Domitrovich, coordinator of the Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center, at 406-243-2247 or email nathan.domitrovich@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 11, 2013

MISSOULA –

Mamalode, a media company for moms that includes a magazine and website, recently joined the Montana Technology Enterprise Center (MonTEC), a business incubator for startup companies run by The University of Montana.

The new office allows Mamalode to centralize what has been a virtual operation and to facilitate the company's national expansion.

"We are so pleased to welcome Mamalode to our program," said Joe Fanguy, UM director of technology transfer and MonTEC president. "This company has a captive audience in Missoula, a strong presence in local economic development efforts and huge global potential. They are positioning themselves to be a Montana success story, and we feel honored to be a part of their continued growth."

Found online at <http://www.mamalode.com>, Mamalode delivers content to the nation's most powerful consumers: today's moms. With a unique and refreshing editorial voice, the magazine connects with modern moms who want to share real-life stories and feel understood.

"Mamalode is bursting at the seams and having an office gives us a home for business operations and allows for greater collaboration among our talented staff," said Elke Govertsen, entrepreneur and founder of Mamalode. "We are very excited to share work space with other entrepreneurs and to team up with The University of Montana to support economic development."

Mamalode joins MonTEC with four employees and plans to add more staff in the next year. Dori Gilels, the company's former managing editor, became a business partner in November and serves as chief operating officer.

"If there is a viable print model for the future, Elke might have discovered (or reinvented) it: Publish with passion on a subject your readers care deeply about," said Barbara Kuhr, a Mamalode adviser and founding designer of WIRED magazine. "Mamalode shows what 21st century publishing can be."

Mamalode began with a party for mothers the night before Mother's Day. As the number of party-goers and advertisers grew, the concept was transformed into a local print publication in 2009. Since then, Mamalode has expanded into Web and tablet media and has paid subscribers to the print edition in all 50 states and 10 other countries.

The company currently is working with Bozeman-based Digital Wax Works to design a new website with plans to deliver the same content to a larger audience of moms online.

"Mamalode as a business fits perfectly with the direction MonTEC is now heading," Fanguy said in reference to MonTEC's recent \$3.5 million revitalization project. "And as an added bonus, Elke, Dori and the Mamalode team bring a contagious level of energy and excitement to everything they do."

Located in Missoula, MonTEC provides space, services and support to growth-orientated businesses that contribute to the growth and diversification of the Montana economy. Applications for admission to MonTEC are online at <https://montec.submittable.com/submit>.

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NOTE: An article with more information about Mamalode is here:

<http://www.blogger.com/want-publish-americas-best-parenting-magazine-print>

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Western Montana, Dailies

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UM NEWS



April 11, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana recently published a new Greater Yellowstone e-magazine, which reveals essential work being done by UM and its partners in one of America's most iconic landscapes.

The issue is 89 pages and includes 15 articles paired with stunning natural, artistic and historical photography and art. Articles include "This is Greater Yellowstone," "Archaeological Project at Yellowstone Lake," "The First Explorations" and the review of a new book on the initial 19th century explorations of the park.

In March, UM expanded its Crown of the Continent Initiative – focused on the Glacier National Park region – to include the greater Yellowstone region as well. The combined name of the initiative is now the UM Crown of the Continent and Greater Yellowstone Initiative.

"The new magazine reflects the expansion of the Crown of the Continent Initiative to include the Greater Yellowstone," initiative co-founder Jerry Fetz said. "We are very pleased to announce the publication of a new issue that is devoted exclusively to the Greater Yellowstone region."

The issue is available online at http://issuu.com/um_crown_gye/docs/greateryellowstone-spring2013.

"With this new structure and focus, following this Greater Yellowstone issue, we will publish one e-magazine from here on out that will combine articles, reports, photos and other information from and about both of these unique and important ecosystems," said Rick Graetz, a UM geography faculty member and initiative co-founder.

UM launched the Crown of the Continent Initiative several years ago to provide an educational catalyst for collaboration between UM and Glacier National Park. Now encompassing the Greater Yellowstone, the initiative will include many groups, organizations, agencies and institutions in Montana, Alberta and British Columbia, as well as Wyoming and Idaho.

More information is online at <http://crown.umt.edu/>, including current and past issues of initiative publications at "E-publications." For more information, email Graetz or Fetz at umcrown@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 11, 2013

MISSOULA –

Lydia Brown, a renowned pianist currently employed by the Metropolitan Opera in New York City, will play at The University of Montana's Celebrate Piano Series fifth recital at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 12, in the UM Music Recital Hall.

"Lydia has a very special gift that she is sharing with the singers at the Met," said UM School of Music Professor Steven Hesla. "She has the ability to inspire singers with musical meaning while coaching them in their operatic roles."

Hesla said Brown's collaboration with singers becomes a magical dialogue during their rehearsals together, with the singers inspiring the pianist, and equally importantly, the pianist inspiring the singers.

The recital is the culminating event of the UM School of Music's Celebrate Piano Series and will feature Brown performing Bach's "C Minor Partita," Schubert's "Four Impromptus, Op. 90," Leos Janacek's "On an Overgrown Path" and four well-known shorter works by Chopin: a polonaise, a nocturne, a waltz and an impromptu.

Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. They can be purchased online at <http://www.ummusic.org>; at UMArts Box Office at 406-243-4581 or at the door one hour before the recital.

For more information call Hesla at 406-243-6055 or email steven.hesla@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 10, 2013

MISSOULA –

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at The University of Montana will host a poetry reading in celebration of National Poetry Month from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, in the library lobby.

The “Poetry for Lunch” reading also will reveal the latest issue of the Oval, an undergraduate creative writing journal.

Students enrolled in Professor Greg Pape’s Advanced Poetry class and undergraduates whose selections were published in the Oval will present their works. Join the celebration and honor the creative scholarship of UM students.

The event is sponsored by the library and UM’s Creative Writing Program and is part of Innovation and Imagination 2013, a series of events sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Research and Creative Scholarship.

Email sue.samson@umontana.edu for more information.

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UM NEWS



April 10, 2013

MISSOULA –

Some of the best Native American dancers and drum groups in North America will gather at The University of Montana for the 45th annual Kyi-Yo Celebration on Friday and Saturday, April 19-20, at the Adams Center.

This year's theme is "Reciprocity, Griz Helping Griz." The theme will honor UM alumni while encouraging them to help current students by any resources they have available, such as time, donations or mentorships.

"We know that Native American alumni earned valuable skills while earning their education here at UM and hope they can help share those skills with current Native students," said Kyi-Yo Club member Amber Shaffer.

Doors will open for the powwow at 5 p.m. Friday, with Grand Entry at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 10 a.m. Saturday. Grand Entries will be at noon and 7 p.m.

General admission tickets costs \$5 per session or \$12 for the weekend. Elders age 55 and older and children age 6 and younger get in free. Dancer registration costs \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the door. The celebration supports the mission and goals of the UM Kyi-Yo Native American Student Association.

Head dancers this year are Eugene Edwards and Elizabeth TopSky. The master of ceremony will be Ruben Little Head and the honorary emcee will be Chief Earl Old Person. The host drum will be Red Sand. More information on the celebration can be found online at <http://cas.umt.edu/kyiyo/>.

This year's celebration will not feature the annual Kyi-Yo Basketball Classic.

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PHOTO CAPTIONS:

Kyiyo1: Singers gather around a drum circle at the 2012 Kyi-Yo Celebration in the UM Adams Center. (UM photo by Todd Goodrich)

Kyiyo2: A young dancer performs during the 2012 Kyi-Yo Celebration in the UM Adams Center. (UM photo by Todd Goodrich)

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UM NEWS



April 10, 2013

MISSOULA –

University of Montana junior Rebecca Boslough recently won the national Truman Scholarship. The prestigious award provides top U.S. university student leaders up to \$30,000 for graduate or professional school.

Truman Scholars are selected on the basis of leadership achievements and potential in public service. Boslough, who majors in resource conservation with a minor in climate change studies, is the University's 13th Truman Scholar and the only student selected from a Montana university this year. Sixty-two students from 54 colleges and universities were selected as 2013 Truman Scholars out of 629 candidates from nearly 300 institutions.



According to the Truman Foundation, the scholarship is firmly rooted in former U.S. President Harry Truman's belief that education promotes the general welfare of our country. The scholarship remains committed to encouraging future "change agents" of America. Many Truman Scholars go on to serve in public office or as leaders of nonprofit organizations and educators.

Boslough is a graduate of Capital High School in Helena and is a Presidential Leadership Scholar in UM's Davidson Honors College, where she serves as a mentor for the Introduction to Honors freshman seminar. Her parents are Elaine Samuel of Helena and James Boslough of Billings. She plans to pursue a career in collaborative land management.

"Rebecca is the perfect example of scholarship and achievement at UM," President Royce Engstrom said. "Her commitment to academics, student involvement through ASUM and volunteering in her community is a testament to her potential in her future education and her career."

Boslough's active leadership in a variety of campus and community activities helped her win the Truman Scholarship. She is vice president of the UM Wilderness Association and a member of UM Climate Action Now and Glacier Two Medicine Alliance for Conservation. During her internship and subsequent work for the Wilderness Society, she produced news stories, blogs, educational slideshows and videos.

She has worked as a field instructor for the Youth Forest Monitoring Program of the Helena Forest Service and The Discovery Foundation of Helena. She also has volunteered with Outdoor Explorers and Big Brothers Big Sisters, introducing children to outdoor opportunities and wilderness skills. She draws on her high school debate experience to coach public forum debate at Sentinel High School in Missoula.

Boslough also serves as a senator for the Associated Students of UM, with membership on the Transportation Board, Sustainability Committee and the Provost Search Committee. She chairs the ASUM Community Garden Committee.

She represented UM at the Washington Center's Democratic National Convention Seminar in Charlotte, N.C., where she served as a CNN intern. She returned for the Washington Center's Inaugural Seminar in Washington, D.C., in January. She has volunteered with many other organizations, including the UM Advocates and the League of Conservation Voters.

"Rebecca's broad academic range has been and will continue to be part of her power," said Laure Pengelly Drake, director of external scholarship at the Davidson Honors College. "She views the world from many angles and with a broad base of knowledge and experience."

The 2013 Truman Scholars will gather for a leadership development program May 28 at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo. They will receive their awards in a special ceremony at the Truman Library in Independence, Mo., on June 2.

For a listing of the 2013 Truman Scholars and more information on the program, visit <http://www.truman.gov>.

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Photo caption: Rebecca Boslough. (UM photo by Todd Goodrich)

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UM NEWS



April 10, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana has launched a new webpage that features links to the online services most frequently used by students, faculty and staff.

The page, which is now live at <http://my.umt.edu>, provides links to UM services such as Cyberbear, Academic Planners, iTunes U, the library and more.

The launch of the new page precedes UM's homepage redesign, which will be completed this month. The new <http://my.umt.edu> page allows UM students to find the links they use most often in one place. It's also linked from the header on every UM webpage.

All UM schools, colleges and departments are encouraged to share the new page with students and employees.

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UM NEWS



April 09, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will host Transfer Transition, an early registration day for students who plan to transfer to the University for autumn semester, on Monday, April 29.

All transfer students who have been admitted to UM for autumn semester 2013 prior to Monday, April 22, are welcome to register for classes during the daylong event. Students will meet with academic advisers to develop schedules and secure their classes.

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

For more information about Transfer Transition or to sign up to attend the event, register online at <http://admissions.umt.edu/forms/transfer-transition> or call UM Admissions and New Student Services at 406-243-6266 or 800-462-8636.

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UM NEWS



April 09, 2013

MISSOULA –

The Griz Breakfast Burrito has received national acclaim lately. The iconic breakfast food of University of Montana students recently made it to the final four in the Cooking Channel's "Bracket Battle: Best College Eats" competition, and now the hometown crowd will get a chance to enjoy the burritos during the Griz Breakfast Burrito Bar from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, in the Food Zoo.

The bar is just part of the Griz Breakfast Burrito celebration for Breakfast Burrito Day. The burritos also will be half-priced in the Cascade Country Store, the home of the dish.

The burritos include scrambled eggs, salsa, gravy, sausage, bacon, cheddar cheese, hash browns, onions and green bell peppers, all wrapped in a large tortilla.

"The Griz Burrito is so delicious that UM students created their own Facebook page to celebrate it," said Christina Voyles, director of marketing for University Dining Services. "You've got to try it for yourself to experience the joy that is the Griz Burrito."

Entrance to the Food Zoo for the burrito bar costs \$9 with cash, VISA or Mastercard; \$7.25 for faculty, staff and students; \$6.25 for students on the Premium Plus Dining Plan; and \$3.25 for students on the All Campus and Lommasson Plus meal plans.

For more information call Voyles at 406-243-5089 or email christina.voyles@mso.umt.edu.

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Photo caption: The Griz Breakfast Burrito is available Monday through Friday at the Cascade Country Store.

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UM NEWS



April 08, 2013

MISSOULA –

The Associated Students of The University of Montana invite all members of the campus community and public to attend the second-ever ASUM-Missoula City Council joint meeting.

Organized by UM students, the meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 8, in the Missoula City Council Chambers.

“We at ASUM are incredibly grateful that the Missoula City Council has been willing to engage so positively with students at the University,” ASUM Vice President Bryn Hagfors said. “Our University is inextricable with the community of Missoula, and this is a fantastic precedent and opportunity for the two bodies to again identify areas of common interest.”

The newly created Community Quality of Life Advisory Committee will be announced at the meeting tonight, and issues related to off-campus student housing will be the main agenda items. Of particular focus will be ASUM’s Theme-Housing Program.

“We look forward to a productive conversation,” ASUM President Zach Brown said. “It is great to have city and student leaders in the same room working toward the common goal of improved quality of life in Missoula.”

Public comment is welcome at the beginning of the meeting.

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UM NEWS



April 05, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will acknowledge the valuable contributions student employees make at UM and the benefits they derive from employment during National Student Employment Week April 7-13.

All student employees will receive a Student Employee Appreciation card honoring their contributions to the University. Several campus employers will celebrate student employees by offering rewards when they get their cards validated at different locations. Visit <http://www.umt.edu/nsew> to see participating employers.

The Office of Career Services, in partnership with University Dining Services, Residence Life, the University Center and the Mansfield Library, will host the 11th annual Student Employee of the Year reception honoring all student employee nominees from 4 to 6 p.m., Thursday, April 11. In addition, Career Services will award a \$500 scholarship to UM's Student Employee of the Year.

Studies show students who work on campus part time tend to achieve higher grades, faster degree completion and greater satisfaction with school while suffering lower dropout rates than their nonworking counterparts. A recent survey attributed these findings to students more frequently interacting with their campus environment, fellow students, faculty and administrators, and indicated that students who work on campus possess a greater sense of belonging to the University community.

For more information on National Student Employment Week, call Janay Whisman, student employment coordinator in the UM Office of Career Services, at 406-243-5627 or e-mail janay.whisman@umontana.edu. For more information and ideas on how to celebrate your student workers, visit <http://www.umt.edu/nsew>. General information on student employment at UM can be found online at <http://www.umt.edu/studentjobs>.

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UM NEWS



April 05, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana School of Law welcomes Keith Harper to campus to give the 2013 Blakenbaker Lecture on Professional Responsibility at 4 p.m. Monday, April 15, in Law Building Room 201. A reception will follow the lecture, which kicks off 2013 Indian Law Week at the UM School of Law.

Harper is a partner at Kilpatrick Townsend in Washington, D.C., who focuses his practice on litigation and Native American affairs, representing tribes and individual Indians. A member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, he continues to serve as class counsel in the landmark Indian trust funds lawsuit *Cobell v. Kempthorne*, a case that recently settled for an aggregate \$3.4 billion.

Prior to joining his present firm, Harper was a litigator at the Native American Rights Fund in the Washington, D.C., office. During his tenure at NARF, he also taught Federal Indian Law as an adjunct professor at Catholic University Columbus School of Law and at American University Washington College of Law.

Harper's lecture at UM is funded the Joseph N. Blankenbaker Foundation.

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UM NEWS



April 05, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University Center Game Room at The University of Montana is hosting the third annual Grizzly 9-Ball Open billiards tournament, which is open to students, faculty, staff and the community.

Action begins at 7 p.m., Friday, April 12, with a trick-shot demonstration by professional billiards player Jennifer “9mm” Barretta. The tournament runs through the weekend, with play from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, and from 10 a.m. until the tournament ends on Sunday, April 14.

Barretta is known as one of the top female 9-ball players in the world. Beyond playing billiards, she is a model, television star, tennis player and fitness competitor. She has been featured on ESPN and starred in the film “9-Ball.”

Participants can register for the tournament in advance online at http://life.umt.edu/uc/uc_game_room/. The event is sponsored by UM and the Grizzly Billiards Club.

For more information visit http://life.umt.edu/uc/uc_game_room/ or call Joseph Grady, UC Game Room and UC Theater manager, at 406-243-5590 or email joseph.grady@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 05, 2013

MISSOULA –

K. David Harrison, a leading specialist in the study of endangered languages and co-leader of the National Geographic Enduring Voice project, will deliver a lecture titled "Endangered Languages: Local and Global Perspectives" at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, in Social Science Building Room 356 at The University of Montana.

Harrison is an associate professor at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania and has conducted extensive fieldwork in Siberia, Mongolia, Bolivia, India and North America. His work includes scientific descriptions of languages, as well as storybooks, translations and digital archives for use by the language community.

Approximately half of the world's 7,000 languages are predicted to go extinct this century. In his lecture, Harrison will address how language death leads to intellectual impoverishment in all fields of science and culture. He also will detail efforts to sustain, value and revitalize linguistic diversity worldwide.

Local perspectives on language endangerment and extinction will be illustrated with original field materials and recordings of last speakers.

Harrison also will be available for a Q-and-A session following a showing of the documentary film "The Linguists" at 6 p.m. Monday, April 15, in Social Science Building Room 356. The film features Harrison and originally was screened at the 2008 Big Sky Documentary Film Festival.

Both events are free and open to the public. The film screening and lecture are sponsored by the UM Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Green Thread Initiatives, the UM Linguistics Club and the departments of Anthropology, Environmental Science, Communication Studies, Society and Conservation and Native American Studies.

For more information call UM anthropology and linguistics Associate Professor Mizuki Miyashita at 406-243-5164 or email mizuki.miyashita@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 04, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will host the Multi-State Educators' Career Fair, where teaching candidates can network with regional, national and international school districts, on Sunday and Monday, April 21-22.

Teacher candidate registration begins at noon on Sunday, April 21, in the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences building. Teacher candidates can attend Montana school district information sessions, the Ice Cream Social and Resume Critique sessions until 5 p.m. At 5 p.m. the Welcome & Strategy Session will review what to expect at the career fair, including a mock interview between a school administrator and a teacher candidate.

On Monday, school districts will participate in a traditional career fair setting. Out-of-state school districts will host information sessions in the University Center from 8 to 10 a.m. on Monday, April 22. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. school districts will greet, network with and interview teacher candidates. The fair is open to UM teacher candidates and to the public.

School districts and teacher candidates can register, view a list of attending school districts and find a schedule of events at <http://www.umt.edu/ecf>. For more information contact the UM Office of Career Services at 406-243-6150.

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UM NEWS



April 04, 2013

MISSOULA –

Five students from Missoula College University of Montana will compete in the American Culinary Federation Western Regional Finals April 12-15 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Missoula College and the American Culinary Federation Montana Chefs Association are sponsoring students Michael Goff, Brittany Campbell, Amy Jaqueth, Madison Conway and William Gervais. They will face 11 teams from the ACF Western Region. The winning team is invited to the national competition in July.

The team will participate in an 80-minute knife skills salon, a 90-minute four course hot food service and will present a cold food platter.

For more information on the competition, visit <http://www.acfchefs.org/ACF/Events/Regional/Western/ACF/Events/Regional/Western/>.

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UM NEWS



April 04, 2013

MISSOULA –

"Hands on Health," a popular exhibit from The University of Montana's spectrUM Discovery Area, will travel to the Bitterroot with a three-day exhibit in Florence Monday through Wednesday, April 15-17.

The spectrUM Discovery Area travels the state with a mobile science center featuring a variety of themed, interactive science exhibitions.

SpectrUM will take over the Florence-Carlton High School gymnasium, where schoolchildren will participate in guided field trips to the "Hands on Health" exhibit. The community is invited to a free evening of family science fun from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, in the gymnasium.

Highlights of the exhibit include a giant runny nose that children can diagnose, a health-assessment station, a life-size medical teaching torso for simulated surgery activities, guided cow eyeball and heart dissections, and other engaging health science exhibits and activities.

Committed to inspiring a culture of learning and discovery for all, the spectrUM Discovery Area is an interactive science center located in the Skaggs Building on the UM campus. With programs ranging from community events to traveling exhibits, this nonprofit organization has driven more than 20,500 miles to 53 different schools in 23 counties, serving more than 30,500 children and their families.

SpectrUM's national sponsors include the NISEnetwork, SciGirls, Montana Girls' STEM Collaborative and the National Science Foundation EPScOR. SpectrUM has a grant partnership with the National Institutes of Health, and its Science for All Scholarship Fund has given the gift of science to more than 1,000 Montana children.

For those who can't visit spectrUM during the Florence tour, the spectrUM Discovery Area in Missoula is open to the public Thursdays from 3:30 to 7 p.m. or 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.

The Florence visit is powered by the Jane S. Helman Foundation. "Hands on Health" was created with support from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana and Western Montana Area Health Education Center.

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UM NEWS



April 04, 2013

MISSOULA –

University of Montana coaches and sports legends from the court and field will gather together to help raise funds for Special Olympics at the fourth annual Montana Sports Legend event, which is slated for 6 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at the UM Adams Center.

The tailgate-themed dinner and auction, which will take place on the Dahlberg arena floor, will raise funds to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition for 2,100 Montana children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

The event will feature Montana sports legends including Colin Dow, John Edwards, Tuff Harris, Barry Darrow, Dallas Neil, Guy Bingham, Bryan Waldhauser, Justin Green, Scott Gragg, Andy Larson, Jimmy Farris, Blaine McElmurry, Dave Berkoff, Thatcher Szalay, Dylan McFarland, Wayne Tinkle, Robin Selvig, Mick Delaney and Kent Haslam.

“Special Olympics Montana athletes overcome criticism, loss of dignity and non-acceptance their entire lives,” said Jim Lawrence, vice president of development for Special Olympics Montana. “Through Special Olympics they learn to push it aside, show their bravery and their will to excel, and as a result become winners.”

Eric Weber will be the keynote speaker at this year’s event. Weber is a Special Olympics athlete from California who has overcome challenges presented by his autism to become a stand-up comedian. At the event, he will share with the audience how he pushed aside adversity to become an author, obtain a master’s degree and hone his craft of comedy. After sharing his life story he will entertain the audience with a comedy routine.

Limited dinner and auction tickets are available, cost \$75 and can be purchased at the First Interstate Bank South Branch, located at 3502 Brooks St. in Missoula or by calling Bob Burns, First Interstate Bank vice president and event co-chair, at 406-523-4477. Organizers encourage participants to wear their favorite sport team’s colors.

“In 2012 we were able to launch eight new Special Olympics startup teams,” Lawrence said. “Because of the tremendous support around the state and from fundraising events like the Montana Sports Legend Event, we are able to increase our reach and offer services to more Montanans with intellectual disabilities.”

Supporters unable to attend the event still can participate in an online auction at <http://www.charityauctionorganizer.com/auction/msla-msle>. This site features eight live auction packages, such as joining former Griz football player and national country music singer/songwriter Tim Ryan, along with celebrity guests, as he tours the recording studios of some of Nashville’s greats; and two tickets to any Dallas Cowboys regular-season home game during the 2013 NFL season and a personalized tour of the \$1.5 billion Dallas Cowboys stadium, the world’s largest domed structure.

First Interstate Bank is the premier sponsor for the event. All proceeds will benefit Special Olympics Montana. For more information call Special Olympics Montana at 1-800-242-6876, email info@somt.org or go to <http://www.somt.org/events/montana-sports-legends-event/>.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: Grizzly Athletics will host a special training event where UM student-athletes will work out with Special Olympics Montana athletes from noon-2 p.m. Saturday, April 13, in the North B Area of Dahlberg Arena. Media is welcome to capture footage, take photographs and interview participants.

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UM NEWS



April 03, 2013

MISSOULA –

Volunteers and staff at Montana Public Radio are gearing up for the station's annual Spring Pledge Week. The on-air fundraising event begins at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 13, and ends at midnight Sunday, April 21, at the conclusion of the wildly popular "Pet Wars."

Contributions can be made online anytime at <http://www.mtpr.org> or by calling 406-243-6400 or 800-325-1565 from 6 a.m. to midnight, April 13-21.

Members and sponsors provide more than 60 percent of the station's annual operating funds, the majority of which are raised during Spring Pledge Week.

"Our listeners are very generous. They contribute support for the broad range of programming available on our service – from news and music to interesting discussion programs," said William Marcus, the station's general manager. "Listeners provide the single most important source of funding for MTPR and we can't thank them enough."

Hundreds of businesses and individuals throughout western Montana donate thousands of items and services that are used as thank-you gifts for listeners who make financial donations. Some of the most popular items are goat compost, a day of sailing on Flathead Lake, homemade cakes and pies, weekend ski trips and gift certificates for dinners, massages, yard work and more. Premium donations will be accepted until noon Thursday, April 18.

"Spring Pledge Week is like a big family reunion," said Linda Talbott, MTPR fundraising director. "We get to hear how we are doing from thousands of members and visit with our volunteers. It's a fun week."

MTPR is a public service of The University of Montana and receives financial support from its listeners, UM and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

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Western Montana, dailies

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UM NEWS



April 03, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will celebrate research, creative scholarship and entrepreneurship during “II2013 –Innovation and Imagination 2013,” a week of activities slated for April 10-17.

Russ Lea, CEO of the National Ecological Observatory Network will deliver a keynote address about his work gathering and synthesizing data on the impacts of climate change, land-use change and invasive species on natural resources and biodiversity.

All events are free and open to the public and the schedule is as follows:

- **5 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, MonTEC** (located at 1121 E. Broadway): Innovation Initiative Event: “Roundtable – Small Business Innovation Research: How it can Help Your Business,” presented by John Balsam of John Balsam Associates. This event is sponsored by Missoula Economic Partnership. For more information go to <http://www.missoulapartnership.com/event/sbir-how-it-can-help-your-business/>
- **9 a.m. Thursday, April 11, at MonTEC**: Innovation Initiative Event: “Expert on Site – SBIR: Developing Your Application,” presented by John Balsam of John Balsam Associates. For more information, go to <http://www.missoulapartnership.com/event/expert-on-site-sbir/>
- **9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Friday, April 12, University Center Third Floor**: UM Conference on Undergraduate Research. For more information go to <http://news.umt.edu/2012/04/040312conf.aspx>
- **9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 13, University Center Third Floor**: UM Graduate Student and Faculty Research Conference. For more information go to http://www.umt.edu/grad/Grad_Research_Conference/.
- **1-2 p.m. Monday, April 15, Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library Theta Rho Room**: “Nurturing an Entrepreneurial Culture at The University of Montana - Building Upon Success!” Facilitators and speakers include: Joe Fanguy, director of UM technology transfer and MonTEC president; Cameron Lawrence, associate professor, UM School of Business Administration Poe Family Distinguished Faculty Fellow; and Christina Henderson, UM Entrepreneurship Club president.
- **2-3 p.m. Monday, April 15, Mansfield Library Theta Rho Room**: “UM Multidisciplinary Research Session: Working Across the Biological and Physical Sciences.” Speaker: John R. Hetling, Department of Bioengineering, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- **3-3:15 p.m. Monday, April 15, Mansfield Library Theta Rho Room**: Coffee break provided by University Center Catering.
- **3:15-4:15 p.m. Monday, April 15, Mansfield Library Theta Rho Room**: “Nurturing Creative Scholarship and Research at UM.” Facilitated by Sue Samson, professor and humanities librarian. Presenters include:
 - Dave Beck, professor and chair of UM Native American Studies, “Bringing History Home: The Natives of Montana Archival Project,”
 - Judy Blunt, associate professor and director of the UM Creative Writing Program, “Interactive Presentation: Teaching Creative Writing,”
 - Charles Nichols, associate professor, School of Music, “Composing Human-Computer Interactivity for Musical Performance.”
- **4:15-5:15 p.m. Monday, April 15, Mansfield Library Theta Rho Room**: Keynote presentation by Russ Lea, CEO of the National Ecological Observatory Network.
- **5:15 - 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 15, Mansfield Library Theta Rho Room**: Reception provided by University Center Catering.
- **Noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, Mansfield Library Main Lobby**: “Poetry for Lunch,” a poetry reading and launch of the Oval, the undergraduate creative arts journal.
- **11:10-noon.Wednesday, April 17, Davidson Honors College Room 117**: “How to Protect Yourself when Entering in Contracting or Consulting Agreements.” Held in conjunction with UM’s Faculty Development Office.

For more information on "I!2013 – Innovation and Imagination 2013" events, call Scott Whittenburg, UM vice president for research and development at 406-243-6670 or email scott.whittenburg@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 03, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana School of Law is in the beginning stages of a national search for its next dean.

Dean Irma Russell recently announced that she will resign as dean of the UM School of Law to assume a faculty position. Russell will continue to serve until a new dean is appointed and then will begin working on a set of special assignments involving the School of Law and her scholarly agenda.

“Over the past four years it has been a great pleasure working with Dean Russell,” said UM Provost Perry Brown. “She has worked tirelessly to support students and faculty of the School of Law and she has brought to the school several new, outstanding faculty members during her tenure.”

The UM School of Law has celebrated several recent successes. Last month the school moved up 32 spots among law school rankings in U.S. News and World Report’s “Best Graduate Schools 2014.” Last fall The National Jurist magazine ranked the UM School of Law No. 7 on its “Best Value Law School” list, which takes into consideration cost, debt load, bar passage and placement in legal jobs. And as of March 15, the school has seen a 16 percent increase in applications based on the volume summary provided by the Law School Admissions Council.

“Gaining this ground in trying times in legal education is a testament to the work and dedication of our faculty and students,” Russell said. “We hope this forward momentum of the school will attract a visionary dean to lead UM’s School of Law.”

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UM NEWS



April 03, 2013

MISSOULA –

The Grateful Nation Montana Fallen Soldier Memorial at The University of Montana is a solemn reminder of lives lost in wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The bronze memorial, bearing the names of Montana soldiers who lost their lives in the recent wars in the Middle East, soon will become the official State Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans' Memorial.

The Montana Legislature recently passed House Bill 351, extending the state designation to the memorial, without a single opposing vote. Montana Gov. Steve Bullock will sign the bill into law at 10 a.m. Monday, April 8, in the Reception Room of the State Capitol in Helena.

"It's a proud day for Montanans as we stand together and recognize the sacrifices that Montana members of the United States Armed Services and their families have made for our country," said David Bell, Grateful Nation Montana co-founder and president.

"I'm proud that my alma mater – UM – has made it a priority to honor the sacrifices of our military, prominently featuring this inspiring and emotional memorial on its main campus, as well as the many other veteran-outreach and education services the University offers."

The Fallen Soldier Memorial features five larger-than-life bronze statues surrounded by granite tablets recessed in the ground. The tablets are inscribed with the name, branch, rank, years lived and Montana hometowns of each fallen soldier.

Grateful Nation Montana was formed in 2007 to facilitate college educations for the children of Montana soldiers killed in active duty in Iraq or Afghanistan. It is a Montana University System Board of Regents sanctioned program led by UM.

For more information call Peggy Kuhr, UM vice president for integrated communications, at 406-243-2311, email peggy.kuhr@umontana.edu or visit <http://www.gratefulnationmontana.com>. For more information on the governor's signing ceremony, call Judy Beck at 406-444-9725 or email jbeck@mt.gov.

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UM NEWS



April 03, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana's Native American Studies Department will host a screening of "The Lesser Blessed" at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 11, in the University Center Theater. The film will be followed by a discussion with Richard Van Camp, the author of the critically acclaimed novel upon which the movie is based.

The film recently premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival and is described as an eye-opening depiction of what it is like to be a vulnerable teenager in today's modern world.

Van Camp, a Dogrib (Tlicho) Dene from Fort Smith, Northwest Territories, Canada, also will present "Storytelling in the Native Tradition" at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, in The Payne Family Native American Center.

The screening and both of Van Camp's talks are free and open to the public.

The events are sponsored by Humanities Montana, the UM Native American Studies Stott Speakers Fund, the Montana Office of Public Instruction's Indian Education for All program, UM's Office of International Programs, the Indians Into Psychology Program, the UM Office of the Provost, the National Native Children's Trauma Center, the Npustin Native American women's nonprofit organization and the Missoula Writing Collaborative.

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UM NEWS



April 03, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Social Justice Action Network and Day of Dialogue Planning Committee will host a free Diversity Day brown bag lunch from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, April 12, in the Dell Brown Room of Turner Hall.

The luncheon will feature playwright Gregory Hinton; Missoula City Council Members Dave Strohmaier, Stacy Rye and Caitlin Copple; and UM students who were instrumental in community organizing efforts surrounding the 2010 passage of a city ordinance extending nondiscrimination protection to Missoula's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

Hinton wrote the play "Diversity Day: An LGBT Oral History Workshop," a staged re-enactment of actual public testimony from the Missoula City Council hearing where the council passed the ordinance.

The panel will speak about the importance of the ordinance to them, the impact it's had on the community and throughout the state, and plans for future organizing and advocacy efforts.

Later that evening, NCBI Missoula will host a showing of "Diversity Day: An LGBT Oral History Workshop" at 7 p.m. at the Roxy Theater located at 718 S. Higgins Ave. The play is free and open to the public.

The play has been presented at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival and as a featured event of West Hollywood's One City/One Pride Culture Series. This showing will mark the production's Montana debut.

"Diversity Day encourages all of the residents of the Garden City and beyond to reach out, build new bridges, meet their neighbors and celebrate all that makes Missoula unique," said Heidi Wallace, director of youth programs at NCBI Missoula.

For more information call Ben Mincks, AmeriCorps VISTA member with NCBI Missoula, at 406-541-6891 or email ben@ncbimissoula.org; or call Melissa Steinike, co-chair of the UM Day of Dialogue Planning Committee, at 406-243-4734 or email melissa.steinike@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 02, 2013

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Conference on Undergraduate Research will take place from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 12, on the third floor of the University Center.

The day-long conference, which is free and open to the public, offers opportunities for UM students of all majors to present their research and creative scholarship through oral presentations, posters, performances and exhibits.

Since 2001, UM has hosted the annual conference, which is organized by the Undergraduate Research Committee with the Davidson Honors College and sponsored by the UM president and the provost. UMCUR provides a great opportunity for undergraduates of all majors to present their research and creative scholarship in a public forum and for students to learn how to get involved in research.

Awards for the top oral presentations and the top posters will be made in five different areas: fine arts, humanities, social sciences, life sciences and physical sciences.

Professor Daisy Rooks will deliver a keynote address titled "Exploring Social Worlds: The Promises and Pitfalls of Qualitative Research" at 12:20 p.m. in the UC Theater. Rooks will explore the possibilities and challenges of conducting ethnographic research on contemporary social issues, drawing on her experiences teaching a research and service-learning course about hunger and homelessness for the past four years. Rooks is an assistant professor in UM's Department of Sociology.

For more information on the conference, visit <http://www.dhc.umt.edu/ugresearch/UMCUR/schedule.cfm>.

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UM NEWS



April 02, 2013

MISSOULA –

Members of The University of Montana debate team will argue whether the University should implement a policy to increase diversity on campus in a free public debate from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 11, in Gallagher Business Building Room 106.

The debate, sponsored by the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences Department of Communicative Sciences, also will feature keynote speaker and moderator Maria Cole, the diversity retention and recruitment coordinator for UM.

The UM debate team is a co-curricular program that competes in parliamentary-style debate. The program was restarted in 2000 and competes against schools from across the country. Members travel to between six and 10 tournaments a year, plus the national championship tournament.

Over the past year, the UM team won the Rocky Mountain Round Robin at the U.S. Air Force Academy, placed in semifinals at the U.S. Air Force Academy tournament and quarterfinals at the University of Utah tournament, and won the novice division of the Northwest Parliamentary Championship Tournament.

For more information call Jessica Reynolds, chair of the UM Department of Communicative Science and Disorders' Political Committee for Students in Communication and Hearing Working in Action, at 406-360-5235, email jessica.reynolds@umontana.edu or visit <https://www.facebook.com/SCHWAMT/>.

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UM NEWS



April 02, 2013

MISSOULA –

Distinguished poet Alice Notley will deliver a craft lecture and poetry reading at The University of Montana on Friday, April 12.

Notley will discuss the reception of her 1996 feminist epic "The Descent of Alette" in a lecture titled "Alette Update: 2013" from 12:10 to 1 p.m. in McGill Hall Room 210. Later that evening, she will read new and old work at 7 p.m. in the Dell Brown Room of Turner Hall. Both events are free and open to the public.

Notley has published more than 30 books of poetry, including "Songs and Stories of the Ghouls" and "Culture of One." She was awarded the Lenore Marshall Poetry Prize for "Grave of Light: New and Selected Poems 1970-2005," the Griffin International Poetry Prize for "Disobedience," and her collection "Mysteries of Small Houses" was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.

She also has received the Los Angeles Times Book Award for poetry, an Academy Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters and the Shelley Memorial Award from the Poetry Society of America. Active in the New York poetry scene of the 1970s, Notley is often identified with the so-called second generation New York School poets. She has lived in Paris for the past 20 years.

Notley's visit to UM is sponsored by the President's Writers-In-Residence Series and the UM Creative Writing Program.

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UM NEWS



April 02, 2013

MISSOULA –

The aging of America's population is resulting in a shortage of people trained to meet the unique needs of older adults. To close this gap, The University of Montana Institute for Gerontology Education will host activities during the nationwide Careers in Aging Week, which is Saturday through Sunday, April 7-13.

The event is an annual joint venture between the Gerontological Society of America and its educational branch, the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education.

Americans age 65 and older now constitute about 13 percent of the population, according to the government's Administration on Aging. That figure is expected to increase to 19 percent – 72 million people – by 2030.

Careers in Aging Week activities will provide important information about a wide range of professions in the field of aging and aging research, raise awareness about older populations and their needs, and inform students and the public of the many academic programs available to get started on this career path.

The UM Institute for Gerontology Education will meet at noon Friday, April 12, in Skaggs Building Room 111. A short presentation will be followed by information sharing. The interdisciplinary body is composed of faculty, students and community professionals concerned with aging and is open to anyone interested in furthering the development of gerontological education. The event is free and open to the public.

UM has a new student organization, the UM Gerontology Society, which raises awareness of gerontological issues and fosters community involvement. For more information on the group, email gerontologyinfo@umgerontologyclub.com or visit the UM Gerontology Society on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/UM-Gerontology-Society/>.

For more information on Careers in Aging Week at UM, call MTGEC Associate Director Terry Egan at 406-243-2480 or email terry.egan@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 02, 2013

MISSOULA –

Two University of Montana students recently received prestigious national scholarships. Kim Ledger won a Goldwater Scholarship for science research and Mara Menahan won an Udall Scholarship.

Ledger, a junior majoring in biology with an emphasis in ecology, won the Goldwater Scholarship for her research titled "Biogeographic Investigation of Exotic Invasion." Her study will take her to Hungary this summer. Ledger plans to pursue a doctorate in ecology and continue her research in community ecology and species interactions.

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation awarded 271 scholarships to undergraduate sophomores and juniors from the U.S. for the 2013-14 school year. Goldwater Scholars are selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of more than 1,100 mathematics, science and engineering students who are nominated by faculty members from colleges and universities nationwide. The one- and two-year scholarships cover the cost of tuition, fees, books and room and board up to \$7,500 per year.

The Goldwater Scholarship, honoring U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater, was designed to foster and encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in mathematics, natural sciences and engineering. It is the premier undergraduate award of its type in these fields.

Menahan, a junior majoring in environmental studies and geography and minoring in climate change studies, received \$5,000 as a 2013 Udall Scholar. Scholars are selected on the basis of commitment to careers in the environment, health care or tribal public policy, as well as their leadership potential and academic achievement. The review committee awarded 50 scholars and 50 honorable mentions. Menahan hopes to start a career in urban planning with a focus on mitigating climate change while creating livable communities.

Menahan will meet with other Udall Scholars Aug. 7-11 in Tucson, Ariz., to receive her award and meet policymakers and community leaders in environmental fields, tribal health care and governance.

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UM NEWS



April 01, 2013

MISSOULA –

University of Montana Entertainment Management students were among the first to announce the winner of the 2013 Ernie Ball Play Crossroads contest where an undiscovered guitarist will have the opportunity to play on stage with legendary guitarist Eric Clapton.

Philip Sayce, a classic blues musician from the Los Angeles area, is the winner of the contest and will be playing a set at Eric Clapton's Crossroads Guitar Festival held in New York City's Madison Square Garden April 12-13. UM's Entertainment Management students announced the contest winner via Facebook, Twitter and other social media outlets.

Ernie Ball, the legendary guitar string company, partnered with Guitar Center, Guitar World, UltimateGuitar.com and ReverbNation.com to conduct the Play Crossroads contest.

UM Entertainment Management students have been working to promote the Play Crossroads contest and help publicize and promote Clapton's Crossroads Guitar Festival 2013, which is a benefit for Crossroads Centre Antigua, a chemical-dependency treatment center founded by Clapton.

The project opportunity was brought to the UM Entertainment Management program by Maria Brunner, a core instructor with the program. After spending the school year working on publicity and promotions for the festival, a handful of students will attend the event as volunteers.

"The students have done an incredible job of helping to engage and promote the Play Crossroads program," according to Brian Ball, vice president of Ernie Ball, Inc. "They have brought a tremendous amount of value to both Ernie Ball and the Crossroads Guitar Festival. We are thankful to have had their support throughout the duration of the promotion."

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UM NEWS



April 01, 2013

MISSOULA –

Missoula Mayor John Engen will join mayors across the country on Tuesday, April 9, in celebrating the first Mayor's Day for Recognition of National Service.

Engen will visit three Missoula organizations that host AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members – the Clark Fork Coalition, YWCA Missoula and Missoula County Public Schools – to explore how national service members impact their organizations and the community at large.

The day will culminate with a social at 4 p.m. at the Missoula County Public Schools Administration Building, located at 215 S. Sixth St. W., where national service members, alumni, supervisors and partners will gather to hear the mayor issue a proclamation honoring the occasion.

The goal of the day of recognition is to highlight the importance of citizen service, show support for nonprofit and national service groups, recognize the role national service members play in focusing community volunteers and inspire more residents to serve in their communities.

This year, more than 7,900 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities and increase civic engagement through national service in Montana. These members serve with more than 1,200 national and local nonprofits, schools, faith-based organizations and other groups. In Missoula, 822 Senior Corps members, 144 AmeriCorps members and 23 AmeriCorps VISTA members will serve in 2013.

Mayor's Day of Recognition for National Service is sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service. CNCS leverages federal and private funds to support organizations that achieve measurable results where the need is greatest. Locally, this event is coordinated by Montana Campus Compact, Missoula Aging Services and the Montana Legal Services Association.

Montana Campus Compact is a network of campuses across the state that advances the public purposes of colleges and universities by deepening their ability to improve community life and to educated students for civic and social responsibility. The network office is located on The University of Montana campus.

For a complete schedule of events, call MTCC AmeriCorps VISTA Leader Amanda Opitz at 406-243-5451 or email vistaleader@mtcompact.org. For more information on the national event, visit <http://www.nationalservice.gov/mayorsforservice>.

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UM NEWS



April 01, 2013

MISSOULA –

Keith Devlin, the Stanford University mathematician best known as “The Math Guy” on NPR’s Weekend Edition, will deliver a lecture titled “Leonardo and Steve: The Young Genius Who Beat Apple to Market by 800 Years” as part of The University of Montana President’s Lecture Series at 8 p.m. Monday, April 8, in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre.

Devlin also will deliver a UM Philosophy Forum seminar earlier that same day, titled “Giving a MOOC – A Survival Guide,” from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. Both the seminar and the lecture are free and open to the public.

Devlin earned a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Bristol in 1971 and then launched a university teaching career. From 1993 to 2001 he served as dean of the School of Science and as a professor of mathematics at Saint Mary’s College in California. He then returned to full-time teaching as a professor at Stanford University until 2009. He now serves as the executive director of the H-STAR Institute and as a senior researcher for the Center for the Study of Language and Information, both at Stanford.

H-STAR was created in 2005 by Stanford faculty interested in the study and testing of new pedagogical applications of current and emerging technologies. Devlin’s seminar will deal with aspects of new technology applications in the classroom.

He has written more than 80 research papers, 32 books and several award-winning TV documentaries about math and science. His publications include the 2005 Italian Pythagoras Prize winner “The Millennium Problems,” the 1991 American Association of Publishers Most Outstanding Book in Computer Science and Data Processing winner “Logic and Information,” and the 2003 Italian Peano Prize winners “The Math Gene” and “The Language of Mathematics.” Devlin has imparted math lessons as “The Math Guy” on NPR since the mid-1990s, and his cultural impact won him the Carl Sagan Award for Science Popularization in 2007.

Devlin’s lecture is sponsored by the UM Department of Mathematical Sciences, the UM College of Arts and Sciences and the Montana National Science Foundation Office of Experimental Programs to Stimulate Competitive Research.

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

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