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UM NEWS



July 16, 2013

MISSOULA – Earlier this month, University of Montana osprey researchers honored a member of the osprey-cam community by naming the two chicks who are being reared in the Hellgate nest in memory of cyber-community Friends of the Osprey founder Peggy Taylor Miles. The chicks were named Taylor and Miles.

Internet sensations Iris and Stanley, a pair of adult osprey who just began mating last summer, have captured the attention of thousands of viewers from around the world thanks to a high-resolution camera installed by UM researchers. UM's Department of Geosciences hosts the camera, and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology hosts the feed so viewers worldwide can watch these iconic birds.

Taylor Miles was one of those viewers, and she helped start the Facebook group Friends of the Osprey. After a battle with ovarian cancer, Taylor Miles died in March.

"Peggy was a remarkable woman," UM principal investigators for Project Osprey Eric Greene and Heiko Langner wrote on the Osprey Cam Facebook page. "She loved nature, particularly gardening and birds. She was dedicated to conservation and caring for our world."

After she passed, her family encouraged donations in lieu of flowers be made in her honor to The Montana Osprey Project – the UM-based research project where the nest cams help researchers observe the birds to learn more about their habits and also study the way mercury moves through the food chain in the Clark Fork River basin.

"We were flooded with donations, many from the tight-knit cyber-community that began with a Facebook page," said Greene, a professor in UM's Wildlife Biology Program. "So we wanted to create a formal fund that would ultimately support undergraduate and graduate work on the project."

Taylor Miles' legacy will live on with the Peggy Taylor Miles Memorial Fund, which was established with the UM Foundation in her memory and will help sustain research and education on ospreys and aquatic systems.

Because of their top position in the food web, ospreys are useful indicators of local environmental conditions. Young ospreys only eat fish their parents catch within a few miles of the nest, so these young birds reflect the condition of the local fish population, which in turn are indicators of river health.

On Thursday, July 18, Langner will use a roofing-lift vehicle to ascend to the nest to band the chicks and to collect very small blood and feather samples. As a way to honor her mother, Taylor Miles' oldest daughter Jenne Haynal, and her family will join researchers to collect the samples.

The samples will be analyzed for environmental toxins back in Langner's laboratory. The UM researchers partner in this effort with Rob Domenech, director of Raptor View Research Institute.

Taylor Miles, 62, was born in Los Angeles and lived in Japan for two years before ultimately settling in Oregon. She married high school sweetheart Mike Taylor in 1970 and together they had three children, Jennifer, Annalisa and Noah. After Mike passed in 2003, she met and married Gene Miles.

To learn more about the Peggy Taylor Miles Memorial Fund call UM Foundation Senior Gift Processing Specialist Patrick McElwain at 406-243-5646. To make a donation online, visit <http://cas.umt.edu/geosciences/osprey/donate.php>.

To view the 24/7 video feed of Iris, Stanley, Taylor and Miles, visit <http://cas.umt.edu/geosciences/osprey/nestCams/hellgate.php>.

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UM NEWS



July 31, 2013

MISSOULA – Missoula College University of Montana will offer free college preparation noncredit classes for qualified veterans through the Montana Veterans Upward Bound program during October and November. The courses are designed to help veterans brush up on basic skills in small, supportive groups.

Courses offered include computers, math and writing. An orientation and graduation will be offered, and students don't need to be enrolled in Missoula College or UM to attend courses. Classes begin Oct. 7 and run through Nov. 20. No classes will be held on Nov. 11 in honor of Veterans Day.

"The advantage of taking these courses prior to starting college is veterans feel more at ease taking classes with fellow veterans who understand and feel the same about getting back to school," said Mary Opitz, coordinator of the Veterans Upward Bound program at Missoula College.

To register for one or more classes, visit <http://www.vubmt.com> and click on "future students" tab on left side of page. On the next page, click on the "admissions application" tab, complete the form and then hit the "submit form" button, located on the top right side of the form.

For more information call 1-877-356-VETS or visit <http://www.vubmt.com>.

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UM NEWS



July 30, 2013

MISSOULA – The Montana Museum of Art & Culture will host two new exhibitions, “Henry Freedman: Imagining New Worlds” and “Four Collections,” Aug. 8-Sept. 21 at the University of Montana. Both exhibitions examine the act of collecting and center on the unique place that objects hold in people’s lives.

The exhibitions will be held in the Meloy and Paxson galleries in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. An opening reception for both exhibitions will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, in the PAR/TV Center lobby. The reception is free and open to the public.

“Henry Freedman: Imagining New Worlds” includes more than 100 new collages and constructions by Missoula resident Henry Freedman. Collage has been called “the single most revolutionary formal innovation in artistic representation to occur in (the 20th) century” by critic Gary Ulmer.

Originally from Boston and trained as a painter, Freedman is professor emeritus of art history from Keene State College in New Hampshire. Despite the demands of academia, Freedman persisted in making art throughout his career. “Because I continue to create, I am a better teacher,” he said. “Art and art history are not separate – they are facets of the same jewel.”

Freedman’s art references a vast knowledge of art history, passion as a collector and love of travel. He has been to Italy more than 25 times. In his art, Freedman makes remarkable associations and connections. He insists on using recycled and throwaway materials to take advantage of what he calls the “spontaneous accident.”

In creating, he cannot have the end result in mind. Instead, he lets both the image and title develop through the act of creating. If the art work doesn’t resolve, he throws it away. He has, however, developed a vocabulary of imagery such as gold stars, balloons and lollipops, which are repeated in multiple pieces.

“In our frenetic society, reality is often the result of experiences and images juxtaposed accidentally,” he said. “So, too, in my works clashing and varied bits and pieces are brought together automatically, expressing and reflecting reality. But the reality which we see is temporary. It is the mystery which we don’t see that is permanent. And it is this mystery which is the subject of my collages and assemblages.”

MMAC will present an artist’s talk with Freedman at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, in the Masquer Theatre. He also will present an exclusive gallery tour of his artwork at noon Saturday, Sept. 14, in the Paxson Gallery. Participation is limited to 28 people. RSVP by calling 406-243-2019 or emailing museum@umontana.edu.

“Four Collections” focuses on four exceptional regional collections that celebrate the richness of international culture and Montana. The exhibition invites audiences to experience outstanding cultural and fine art objects from around the globe, advancing the MMAC’s mission to examine the world through the lens of our place in the Rocky Mountain West.

Included are significant baskets and objects from Canadian and Northwest tribes from a private collection; exquisite Czech and Slovakian prints from the collection of J. Scott Patnode, of Spokane, Wash.; important Montana contemporary art from the Ruth and Kim Reineking collection of Missoula; and world-class cameo glass from the collection of Toba Winston of Stevensville.

“We are grateful to all of these generous collectors for letting MMAC help tell the story of their objects and collections,” MMAC director Barbara Koostra said. “It’s a rare opportunity for our visitors to see objects from private collections displayed in a public museum setting.”

MMAC will present a lecture by glass collector Toba Winston at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, in the Masquer Theatre.

Museum summer hours through Aug. 24 are noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Friday. Academic hours beginning Aug. 26 are noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. For more information, call MMAC at 406-243-2019 or go to the museum’s Web site at <http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum>.

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UM NEWS



July 30, 2013

MISSOULA – After four straight years of trillion-dollar annual budget deficits, the news is dawning on all political parties that the federal budget is long due for serious repair, and that less spending is part of the process. As a state that historically has gotten \$1.50 back for every dollar it sends to Washington, D.C., questions arise as to what the future holds for Montana and whether our pain will be more or less than other regions.

University of Montana economists Patrick Barkey and Paul Polzin will examine the key role the federal government plays in the Montana economy, and how changes in that role can be expected to play out across the state during the eighth annual Midyear Economic Update seminar series.

This year's series, "Montana's Federal Economic Footprint: The Local Impact of Changes in Washington," will be held in seven cities around the state. The first seminar kicks off in **Kalispell** on Thursday, Aug. 1. The session will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Red Lion Hotel and includes lunch. Additional events are scheduled as follows:

- **Billings** – 7-8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 6, Crowne Plaza. Includes breakfast.
- **Bozeman** – Noon-1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 6, Best Western GranTree. Includes lunch.
- **Helena**– 7-8:30 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 7, Jorgenson's. Includes breakfast.
- **Butte**– Noon-1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 7, Comfort Inn. Includes lunch.
- **Great Falls** – 7-8:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 8, Hilton Garden Inn. Includes breakfast.
- **Missoula** – Noon-1:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 8, Holiday Inn Downtown. Includes lunch.

The event is co-sponsored by the Montana Chamber of Commerce and UM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research. For more information, visit <http://www.bber.umt.edu> or call BBER at 406-243-5113.

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UM NEWS



July 29, 2013

MISSOULA – In the history of the Montana Museum of Art & Culture at the University of Montana, there never has been a handbook highlighting the museum's Permanent Collection of nearly 11,000 objects. In celebration of the upcoming 120th anniversary of the museum, MMAC published "The Art of the State: 120 Artworks for 120 Years."

Throughout its history, the Montana Museum of Art & Culture has been committed to making its Permanent Collection not only an important resource for the University of Montana but also for the people of the state and region. The handbook presents 120 carefully selected pieces from the museum's Permanent Collection, highlighting MMAC's most significant resource and providing access to this unique and little-known treasure that belongs to all Montanans.

Planning for the handbook began in 2009, and its features include objects from MMAC's distinguished collections of American and European paintings, prints, ceramics, photography, decorative, religious art, tapestries, Asian works on paper, traditional and contemporary Native American art and southeast Asian textiles.

While conducting research for the book, MMAC staff worked with international scholars, art historians and institutions including The British Museum in London, The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City and many more. Each entry includes a complete caption detailing the artist, their nationality and life-span dates, the object's title, date, medium, size, signature information and donor information, along with a brief biographical note and object history.

"Without countless generous collectors and donors over the past 120 years, the MMAC Permanent Collection would not exist," said Barbara Koostra, director of the MMAC. "The handbook publicly recognizes donor generosity in building this collection."

The vast collection – Montana's largest public art collection – does not have a dedicated facility. MMAC exhibits are displayed in the Meloy and Paxson galleries in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center at UM, and other pieces are displayed in buildings across the campus. The majority of the Permanent Collection remains in storage.

"This handbook provides needed public awareness of MMAC's lack of a much-needed museum building," Koostra said. "As the only designated state museum dedicated to fine art and culture, it is vital this vast resource be made more readily available to Montana and the region."

Generous printing support for "The Art of the State: 120 Artworks for 120 Years." was supplied by the Gallagher Western Montana Charitable Foundation. The Morris and Helen Silver Foundation underwrote photography and additional printing costs. Design, editing and printing costs were supported by Cultural and Aesthetic Project grant funds from the state of Montana. In addition, support was received from the UM offices of the president, provost and vice president for integrated communications, and MMAC donors.

Softcover handbooks are available for \$35 and hardcovers cost \$55. For more information or to pre-order the handbook, call 406-243-2019 or email museum@umontana.edu. Shipping and handling apply. For more information about the museum, visit <http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum>.

The MMAC will celebrate its 120th anniversary in 2015. Events include a major exhibition January through May, featuring all 120 pieces included in the handbook and additional special programs.

The MMAC's summer hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from noon to 3 p.m., and Friday from noon to 6 p.m. The museum is open to the public and accepts suggested donations of \$5.

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Note to media: Digital images of all 120 objects included in the handbook are available upon request by calling 406-243-2019.

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UM NEWS



July 26, 2013

MISSOULA – Get ready to “come on down!” when “The Price is Right Live!” comes to the Dennison Theatre at the University of Montana on Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Hosted by UM Productions, the hit interactive stage show will give contestants pulled from the audience the chance to win appliances, vacations and even new cars by playing classic games from television’s longest running and most popular game show. From Plinko to Cliffhangers to the Big Wheel and even the fabulous Showcase, all the favorite games are played just like the TV show.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Monday, July 29. They will be available at all Griztix locations, including Worden’s Market, Southgate Mall, The Source in the University Center, the MSO Hub and the Adams Center Box Office. They also are available by calling 406-243-4051, calling 1-888-MONTANA toll-free or visiting <http://www.umt.edu/griztix/>.

General admission tickets cost \$45 plus fees. Student tickets cost \$25 and will available at The Source or Adams Center for those with a valid Griz Card.

On Oct. 2, registration for the show kicks off at 4:30 p.m. and “The Price is Right Live!” starts at 7:30 p.m.

Playing to audiences for nearly nine years, “The Price is Right Live!” has given away more than \$10 million in cash and prizes and sold more than 1.2 million tickets. If you enjoy the rush of emotions experienced while watching the show on television, just imagine the possibilities if you were actually in the audience watching it live.

“The Price is Right Live!” is produced by FremantleMedia North America and licensed by FremantleMedia International. Additional purchase is not required for contestant registration. Tickets can be sold to legal U.S. residents 18 years or older. Ticket purchase will not increase chances of being selected to play. For complete rules and regulations, including eligibility requirements, visit or call the venue box office. To enter the arena to watch show, a ticket purchase is required.

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UM NEWS



July 24, 2013

MISSOULA – The Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants recently named University of Montana Associate Professor Joshua Herbold recipient of the 2013 Jack Kempner Outstanding Educator Award.

The award honors an educator who is distinguished for excellence in classroom teaching, motivating students, and educational innovation and contributions to the accounting profession.

Herbold's former students emphasized those qualities on his nomination form for the prestigious award, saying: "Dr. Herbold is a passionately inspired educator who goes above and beyond for students. He teaches with compassion, confidence and integrity. He helped set the tone for what has become for me a wonderful return to school;" and "Professors like Joshua Herbold, without a doubt, increase the quality of accountants that graduate from the University of Montana."

In addition to teaching in the UM School of Business Administration's Department of Finance and Accounting – where he holds the Pat & Judy McDonald Faculty Fellowship – Herbold created Big Sky Knowledge Factory, a company known for developing interesting and dynamic classes for business professionals such as Networking for Introverts, Handling Stress and Overcoming Procrastination.

"Josh is known for the innovative subjects he teaches outside the University setting," said MSCPA President Paul Nisbet, CPA. "Hundreds of accounting professionals across the state have benefited from his realistic take on our business environment. He's been an invaluable asset to the MSCPA."

Herbold, who will begin his 10th year teaching at UM this fall, said the statewide award is an honor, particularly because a major deciding factor in the award selection comes from the recommendation of former students. And Herbold didn't run into any difficulty finding students willing to recommend his teaching abilities.

"One student overheard me asking another student for a recommendation, and they came up to me and said they'd like to write one, too," Herbold said.

The Montana Society of CPAs is a professional association composed of more than 1,600 members worldwide. The organization's mission is to inspire, empower and impact members to achieve professional excellence.

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UM NEWS



July 24, 2013

MISSOULA – The University of Montana’s College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences will host the seventh National Smokeless and Spit Tobacco Summit Aug. 6-8.

The summit’s theme of “Empowering Advocates for the Next Frontier in Smokeless Tobacco,” will focus on new research and strategies for health care professionals and public policymakers to address the harm posed by use of smokeless tobacco products.

The conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, in the University Center. Conference registration will be open 5-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5, at the Holiday Inn Downtown.

The National Association of Chronic Disease directors granted UM \$32,250 to plan the summit – the only national conference devoted to addressing the health and social issues attributed to smokeless tobacco use. In addition to the initial seed investment, the summit earned supplemental grants and sponsorships, including a \$20,000 scientific education grant from Pfizer. More than 300 health professionals, community advocates and nationally renowned experts from across the U.S. will attend the event.

The summit will begin at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday when University officials and Montana representatives deliver welcoming remarks. The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes will kick off the conference with a presentation of the colors and flag song, which will be followed by a keynote presentation. Dr. Pamela Ling, associate professor of medicine at the University of California San Francisco, will deliver “Resurrecting Godzilla: Transforming the Fight Against Smokeless Tobacco.”

Nationally known Oregon Research Institute Scientist Herbert Severson will speak from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7. His presentation, “Public Health Interventions for Smokeless Tobacco Cessation: A Review of New and Innovative Methods,” will open the second day of the conference.

Other special sessions focus on youth empowerment and advocacy, community-based interventions, current research, policy and environmental change, and priority population interventions. Colleen Haydon from Project U.N.I.F.O.R.M. will present on smokeless tobacco use in the military, and Richard Meckstroth, D.D.S, will lead a session on smokeless tobacco in sports. A full summit schedule can be accessed online at <http://www.smokelesstobaccosummit.com/wp-content/uploads/Summit-Program-Schedule-July-23-2013.pdf>

According to Bernadette Bannister, program director for UM’s College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences and national steering committee co-chair, Missoula’s local dental community is actively engaged with the summit. The American Dental Association and Oral Health America are among the summit’s sponsors.

“As a dentist I have seen the devastating life changing impact of oral cancer,” said Meckstroth. “The goal is to promote a consistent message delivered by health care providers, coaches, teachers and others about the risks associated with using smokeless tobacco.”

The conference will conclude with a closing ceremony at 11 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 8, in the UC Ballroom. The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes’ Charlo Family Dancers will perform the ceremony, which will be followed by closing speakers Karla Sneegas, branch chief for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Office on Smoking and Health, and Bruce Adkins, director of the Division of Tobacco Prevention West Virginia Bureau for Public Health.

Conference leaders and organizers advocate for greater national leadership and funding appropriations for research and programmatic support to confidently address the smokeless and spit tobacco (SST) problem.

According to Bannister, SST use is a rapidly-evolving public health threat that requires greater leadership, a shift in research and funding priorities, and local public action.

While cigarette use recently has declined in many states, including Montana, smokeless tobacco use has remained steady and has actually increased in some states. Montana, Wyoming, West Virginia and Mississippi lead the nation in smokeless tobacco use, with rates about five to seven times higher than those in states such as California and Massachusetts.

The conference goals are to focus national attention on SST addiction as a critical public health issue; bring a united voice to smokeless tobacco advocates in the fields of prevention, research and treatment; empower attendees with viable public health solutions to take action in support of programs and policies that reduce smokeless and spit tobacco use in their communities; share current treatment guidelines and promising approaches for dental health providers to use in their oral health practice; and update health practitioners and public health workers about addiction and cessation issues.

The summit started in 2004 as a regional event hosted in Billings and attended by professionals from Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota. Its national presence expanded in recent years, and institutions such as the Texas Department of State Health Services, the University of Wisconsin and the Mayo Clinic have hosted it since 2006.

Registration for the conference costs \$445, a one-day fee costs \$125 and students are invited to attend for a discounted rate of \$100.

Current sponsors include Legacy, the West Virginia Division of Tobacco Prevention, the UM College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences, the American Dental Association, Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program, Wyoming Threw with Chew (recently disbanded program) through Teton Youth and Family Services. Inc., ClearWay Minnesota, KillTheCan.org, Oral Health America and Journeyworks Publishing.

More information on the National Smokeless and Spit Tobacco Summit is online at <http://www.smokelesstobacco Summit.com/>.

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Note to the media: During the conference, call onsite Public Information Officer Patrick Smith at 503-314-0769 or email communityhealth@comcast.net. For detailed statistics on smokeless tobacco use, call Patricia Nichols, summit technical contact, at 406-239-9655 or email tzpat.nichols@gmail.com.

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UM NEWS



July 24, 2013

MISSOULA – Employers and students can connect at the Student Employment & Academic Enrichment Fair to be held Thursday, Aug. 29 at the University of Montana.

The fair, hosted by UM's Office of Career Services and Academic Enrichment, is free and will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. It is open to any business, organization or department on- and off-campus that needs college students for part-time jobs, internships, volunteer or research opportunities.

Academic enrichment programs offer students opportunities for volunteering, service learning, undergraduate research, domestic and international internships, study abroad, work abroad and field experiences.

Registered employers will receive a career-fair booth, snacks and free parking. UM's Office of Career Services will have students on hand to help employers bring in their job fair materials and assist with setup.

Last year, 51 employers and more than 500 students attended the fair.

Employers can register online at <http://www.umt.edu/studentjobs/employer>. For more information call Janay Whisman, student employment coordinator, at 406-243-5627 or e-mail studentjobs@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



July 22, 2013

Students come to the University of Montana from around the world to earn an education, and many programs that sponsor international students require them to complete internships as part of their course of study. The internships can be anywhere in the United States as long as they have a strong relation to a student's academic major and meet certain requirements. This summer, three of UM's international students are interning in Washington, D.C.

The summer heat in D.C. feels familiar to Ana Monteiro, a Brazilian student who studied at UM last year through the Science Mobility Program.

"I love it," Monteiro said. "It feels like home."

Monteiro is working at Innovations in Civic Participation as a project intern. ICP is a nonprofit organization that supports the development of youth civic engagement policies and programs worldwide. Monteiro, a geography major, is working to administer a U.S. Department of State exchange program with Pakistan. After graduation she hopes to represent her country on the world stage and says her internship at ICP is a great fit with her future career objectives.

Volodymyr Shemayev of the Ukraine attended UM last year as part of the U.S. Department of State Muskie Program. This summer he's also working in D.C. as summer consul in the Information and Communication Technologies division of the World Bank. His work there focuses on poverty eradication and economic appraisals of proposals from countries to use more information technology in their governance.

UM student Olivia Orthof of Brazil is interning at a dance studio in Washington, D.C., where she takes classes, assists instructors and learns business skills related to running a studio, such as the use of social media for advertising and how to host workshops. The studio specializes in a type of dance that is highly acrobatic.

"It's scary sometimes," Orthof said, "but you just need to go for it."

Student services and academic units across the University, including the Office of International Programs, Foreign Student and Scholar Services and others, collaborate to help international students land internships. Career Services helped Shemayev revise his cover letter and resume. Professors in the Department of Political Science introduced Monteiro to the Washington Center Program, which helped her secured the internship at ICP. The modern dance classes Orthof took through the School of Theatre & Dance helped her earn the confidence to attempt the new and challenging things.

While the work of those offices is important, Monteiro said that it's most important for students to take the initiative and seek out opportunities themselves.

"Talk to people and they'll tell you about many different opportunities," she said.

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UM NEWS



July 19, 2013

MISSOULA – Five outstanding University of Montana graduates will receive 2013 Distinguished Alumni Awards during Homecoming weekend festivities, Oct. 4-5. The awards are the highest honor presented by UM's Alumni Association.

This year's distinguished alumni are Dorothy Bridges of Minneapolis, George Dennison of Missoula, Jim Messina of Washington, D.C., Milton Parsons of Denver and Yoko Takeuchi of Tokyo.

Bridges, senior vice president at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, graduated from UM in 1980. She is responsible for community development, regional outreach and public affairs. Previously, Bridges was president of Franklin National Bank in Minneapolis and president of City First Bank in Washington, D.C. She is the only African-American woman to head a Minnesota bank and one of only a few nationwide. Bridges is on the board for the National Endowment for Financial Education and chair emeritus for the Northwest Area Foundation, which works to alleviate poverty in the Northwest. Her talent, determination and commitment to the urban community have earned her much recognition, including the designation of the Minneapolis University Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year in 2003. She was the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Business Woman of the Year in 2005, and in 2009, the Washington Business Journal named her as one of "Ten People to Watch."

Dennison earned an undergraduate history degree 1962 and a Master of Arts degree in history the following year. During his 20 years as president of UM, Dennison guided its transformation into a world-class research and educational institution. He helped raise more than \$500 million in private funds, research support increased tenfold, 720 privately funded scholarships were established, and UM awarded more degrees during the years he served than in its entire earlier history. As chairman of International Student Exchange Program, he helped UM develop into a leading international education organization. He was instrumental in establishing the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and the Payne Family Native American Center. Dennison was given the name Fast Buffalo Horse, a name he cherishes, by Chief Earl Old Person of the Blackfeet Nation. He chaired the Montana Commission on Community Service for 17 years and led UM's Campus Compact board, which promotes civic engagement at the university level, to become one of the most successful branches in the nation.

Messina, who earned UM degrees in 1993 and 2009, was named Political Strategist of the Year by the Political Consultants Association for his role as campaign manager for President Barack Obama's re-election in 2012. He helped run a successful Missoula mayoral campaign while still an undergraduate at UM, and in 1995, served as U.S. Sen. Max Baucus' chief of staff and ran the senator's 2002 re-election campaign. He also served as chief of staff to U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan of North Dakota and Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy of New York. In 2008, Messina was appointed chief of staff in Obama's campaign for the presidency. In preparation for the president's campaign for re-election, he met with some of the nation's top business leaders, learning how to run what has been lauded as the most technologically savvy campaign in history. As deputy chief of staff in the White House, one of his many responsibilities was helping to lead the effort to pass the historic health care reform law and to repeal the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

Parsons graduated from UM in 1966. He has championed environmental stewardship, sustainability and social justice causes in his 35-year career with the U.S. Forest Service. A Vietnam combat veteran, Parsons continues to promote these causes through the award-winning Veterans Green Jobs, a nonprofit he co-founded in 2008 and still chairs. He served as the first national fisheries ecologist in the Forest Service, deputy director of legislative affairs, acting director for the Office of Tribal Relations and executive director of the Western Forestry Coalition. He served as a special assistant to the assistant secretary of state of Oceans and International Environment and Scientific Affairs. Parsons has drafted 10 bills that have become public law, representing some of the most far-reaching legislation on the management of public and private forestry lands in the world in the last three decades. His work has earned him many honors, including the Council of Western State Foresters Distinguished Service Award and the U.S. Department of State Meritorious Honor Award.

Takeuchi, who received a Master of Business Administration at UM in 1987, is a pioneer in the field of human resource management and an important role model to young Japanese women. Her master's thesis, "Japanese Women in Business: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," is still referenced as an excellent review of the place of women in Japan's workforce. Takeuchi has held several positions as director or general manager of internationally known firms such as Chanel, Hermes, Chaumet, Louis Vuitton Japan and The Disney Store Japan, where she created a recruiting system to fill a new sales staff of more than 600 employees. As a general agent for Human Synergistics Japan, she provides tools and services for corporate culture renovation and organizational and individual development. She is an active member of the Japan Management Education Society and the Japan Management Ethics Society. Recommended to UM by former U.S. Ambassador to Japan Mike Mansfield, she has been instrumental in promoting the University to prospective students in Japan.

The public is invited to attend a panel discussion featuring all five Distinguished Alumni Award recipients at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, in the University Center Ballroom on the UM campus. An awards ceremony and reception will follow.

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UM NEWS



July 19, 2013

MISSOULA – Eclectic electronic artist Pretty Lights will perform a concert at the University of Montana Adams Center at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20. Doors for the show open at 6 p.m.

Pretty Lights, the stage name of Derek Vincent Smith, combines music genres from classical to hip-hop to create danceable, funk-infused tracks. Pretty Lights' two new albums, "A Color Map of the Sun" and its companion "Live Studio Sessions From a Color Map of the Sun" were released on July 2.

Tickets for the show cost \$32.50 for general admission floor and reserved. Tickets are available online at <http://www.griztix.com> and at all GrizTix locations, including Worden's Market, Southgate Mall, The Source in the University Center, the MSO Hub and the Adams Center Box Office. They also are available by calling 406-243-4051 or 1-888-MONTANA.

For more information call the Adams Center Box Office at 406-243-4051 or visit <http://www.griztix.com>.

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UM NEWS



July 19, 2013

MISSOULA – Mannheim Steamroller will bring its popular “Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis” show to the University of Montana Adams Center at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17.

Tickets for the show cost between \$38 and \$70. They are available online at <http://www.griztix.com> and at all GrizTix locations, including Worden’s Market, Southgate Mall, The Source in the University Center, the MSO Hub and the Adams Center Box Office. They also are available by calling 406-243-4051 or 1-888-MONTANA.

“Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis” has been a favorite holiday show for more than 28 years. Grammy Award-winner Davis created a show that features the beloved Christmas music of Mannheim Steamroller along with dazzling multimedia effects performed in an intimate setting.

Mannheim Steamroller is the No. 1-selling Christmas artist of all time, with more than 28 million albums sold. This year’s tour is sponsored nationally by PANDORA Jewelry.

For more information call the Adams Center Box Office at 406-243-4051 or visit <http://www.griztix.com>.

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UM NEWS



July 18, 2013

POLSON – The University of Montana’s Flathead Lake Biological Station invites the public to a free open house from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 25.

Visitors will learn about Flathead Lake and the station’s research, explore the facilities and take part in activities. UM Mascot Monte will be at the station from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

This year’s open house features research displays about Flathead Lake and its food web, the Flathead Lake weather and water buoys and sensor network, aquatic invasive species, North Fork Flathead River conservation, and remote sensing and geographic information systems. There also will be guided nature walks; displays of stream, pond and lake animals; a display of birds and mammals; and the contents of FLBS time capsules from 1912, 1967 and 2013.

Boat tours and research demonstrations will take place at 1:05, 1:50, 2:35, 3:20 and 4:05 p.m. Participants can reserve a space by picking up a boat ticket during the open house. Nature walks will take place at 2:40 and 3:30 p.m. At 3:15 p.m., UM Bierman Professor of Ecology and FLBS Director Jack Stanford will present “Research and Education at the Biological Station and Prospects for the Future.”

The Biological Station is located 17.5 miles north of Polson and 14 miles south of Bigfork along Highway 35 on Flathead Lake’s east shore.

For more information, visit <http://www.umt.edu/flbs> or call 406-982-3301.

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UM NEWS



July 17, 2013

MISSOULA – The American Society of Mammalogists recently awarded UM Wildlife Biology Professor and Craighead Chair Joel Berger the 2013 Aldo Leopold Conservation Award.

The award honors well-established individuals who have made lasting contributions to the conservation of mammals and their habitats.

Berger has addressed research questions about mammalian ecology and conservation in natural systems at wide-ranging geographic scales namely in Asia, Africa and North America. This award recognizes his broad scope of work, which includes social behavior and ecology of wild horses; behavioral and demographic consequences of horn removal in African rhinos; effects of predator reintroduction on the ecology of prey species and on the structure of vertebrate communities; long-distance migration by mammals and conservation of their migration corridors; effects of climate change in the Arctic on demography and persistence of musk ox; and conservation of large mammals in Bhutan, Tibet and Mongolia.

"In each of these systems, our recipient and his collaborators have combined traditional approaches and novel field manipulations that facilitate stronger inferences about both fundamental and applied ecological topics," stated the American Society of Mammalogists in their award announcement. "Dr. Berger also has engaged in capacity building in these projects through efforts with local conservation organizations, education and training for local scientists and students and advising for governmental agencies."

In 2002, ASM created the award, which is named after Aldo Leopold, the "father" of wildlife ecology and management, who is well known for his famous land ethic philosophy and his influence on wildlife conservation, including his active membership on ASM Conservation Committees in the 1930s.

"I am motivated by conservation and finding ways to protect our planet's spectacular diversity," Berger said. "This means understanding systems and species, their challenges, and proffering solutions."

Along with his position at UM, Berger also is a senior conservation scientist with the Wildlife Conservation Society. His past honors include the 2009 LaRoe Memorial Conservation Award from the Society for Conservation Biology. Twice he has been selected as a Fellow of the American Association for Advancement of Sciences and twice has received the Rolex Foundation's Meritorious Project Award.

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UM NEWS



July 15, 2013

MISSOULA – Thirty land managers from countries such as Kenya, Uganda, India, Brazil and Zimbabwe will arrive in Montana on Thursday, July 18, for the 14th annual International Seminar on Protected Area Management.

ISPAM is sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service International Programs and the University of Montana. UM Professor Wayne Freimund and Professor Emeritus Steve McCool are co-directors.

The seminar helps midcareer planners and managers of nationally significant protected areas worldwide learn more about policies and management. They will learn about integrated planning, community involvement, tourism and concessions and climate change by visiting with national park and forest officials and university researchers. Participants will represent various agencies, including the U.S. Agency for International Development, forest departments and ministries, national parks and reserves, and academia.

This year, participants first meet with national Forest Service leaders in Washington, D.C., to get an overview of land management in the U.S. They then travel to Glacier National Park and the Flathead National Forest to learn about management of a transboundary international park adjacent to national forest.

In Missoula, participants will meet with Mayor John Engen to talk about the role local politics play in conservation. They also will tour the Hayes easement in Evaro with Five Valleys Land Trust and then spend several days at the Magruder Ranger Station in the Bitterroot National Forest. In addition, participants also will spend several days in West Yellowstone meeting with Gallatin National Forest managers, business owners, tourism operators and Yellowstone National Park officials.

International Programs of the U.S. Forest Service helps to sponsor participation in ISPAM. It works with international partners to promote sustainable forest management and biodiversity conservation.

More information is available on the ISPAM website at <http://www.cfc.umt.edu/ispam/default.php>.

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Note to Media: Participants will be in Kalispell and Glacier National Park July 18-22. They will be in Missoula July 24 for a morning meeting with Mayor Engen, an afternoon tour of the Hayes-Evaro Easement and an evening banquet at Shadows Keep. They will return to Missoula Aug. 1-3 to develop action plans for issues in their own countries based on what they learn during the seminar.

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UM NEWS



July 15, 2013

MISSOULA – Plants take in and store carbon dioxide as they grow. As the amount of CO₂ in the atmosphere increases, leading to rising temperatures and other climatic changes, researchers want to know if plant growth can keep pace with and take up more of this new CO₂.

To grow faster, plants also need nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous in balance with the amount of new CO₂. New research led by Cory Cleveland, a University of Montana professor of terrestrial biogeochemistry, examines where plants might be expected to grow more based on access to nutrients.

The study found that new sources of nitrogen are most available for plants in tropical rain forests but that phosphorus availability is low across the globe. Cleveland and his co-authors used satellite data to track plant production and the corresponding balance of carbon, nitrogen and phosphorous.

“Our global, satellite-based calculation allowed us to examine patterns of nutrient demand and cycling over a large scale,” Cleveland said. “This helped us pinpoint tropical forest ecosystems as those with the ability to increase plant productivity in response to other changes in the environment, at least from a nutrient cycling perspective. We also saw that forests outside the tropics have much more limited ability to grow more due to low inputs of new nitrogen and phosphorous relative to plant demands.”

Cleveland’s coauthors are from the University of California-Davis, the Southwest Biological Science Center of the U.S. Geological Survey, Colorado State University and the Agricultural Research Station of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The paper, “Patterns of New Versus Recycled Primary Production in the Terrestrial Biosphere,” came out in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences on July 15 .

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UM NEWS



July 12, 2013

MISSOULA – The Montana Board of Research and Commercialization Technology recently was awarded a \$149,000 grant to support the collaborative biomedical research and commercial development between the University of Montana and private Montana companies.

The project, “Enhancement of Applied/Translational Research in Biomedicine,” involves four UM departments and leverages federal grant support for basic neuroscience research at UM’s Center of Structural and Functional Neuroscience.

The grant will support seed projects to develop, refine and commercialize intellectual property in the private sector; the development of incubator space for small business innovation research projects; the maintenance of high-tech, high-cost shared instrumentation as a statewide resource; student training; and the continued promotion of collaborative projects between CSFN researchers and the biotech/biomedical companies in Montana.

Scientists participating in the project include those affiliated with CSFN, emerging biotech companies in Montana and other private-sector research entities, such as the Montana Neuroscience Institute at St. Patrick Hospital.

The UM Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences and CSFN collaborated on the grant with the UM Office of Technology Transfer and the School of Business Administration. A strong emphasis of the project is the development of novel diagnostics, devices or therapeutic agents related to the treatment of brain injury or disease. These efforts have led to numerous patents and biotech spin-off companies in Montana.

Over the past 13 years, four new Montana-based companies have started as a result of supporting this work at UM, according to Dave Desch, executive director of the MBRCT.

“We think this is a great example of how the MBTC program is supposed to work,” Desch said.

The UM leaders on the grant are Richard Bridges, professor and chair of the Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences; Michael Kavanaugh, director of the CSFN; Joe Fanguy, director of technology transfer; and Klaus Uhlenbruck, professor and chair of the Department of Management and Marketing.

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UM NEWS



July 12, 2013

MISSOULA – For the first time ever, a Center for Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) at a Montana university has been granted a Phase 3 award from the National Institutes of Health.

The \$5 million, five-year, Institutional Development Award went to the Center for Environmental Health Sciences at the University of Montana. Part of UM's College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences, CEHS employs about 50 people who study environmental impacts on human health.

"It's gratifying to be the first COBRE center in Montana to earn a Phase 3 award," Director Andrij Holian said. "At each stage these awards get more competitive and harder to get. This outcome is a direct result of the high level of science being conducted by our investigators."

The COBRE program was established to support multidisciplinary biomedical research centers and science infrastructure in states that historically have had low levels of NIH funding. UM has two COBRE centers, and Montana State University has two as well.

Holian says most investigators at his center study inflammation in some way. The 17 faculty researchers associated with CEHS examine everything from pulmonary and cardiovascular diseases to autoimmune diseases and developmental defects. Libby asbestos and the effects of wood smoke on human health are just two examples of center research topics.

The center launched in 2000 when Holian was recruited to UM from the University of Texas Houston. U.S. Sen. Max Baucus helped support CEHS with an initial federal appropriation, and the center landed its first \$10 million COBRE award in 2002. Phase 2, also \$10 million, followed in 2007. Phase 3 was awarded this summer.

"I think the important thing here is how much this effort has enriched the scientific infrastructure for the entire campus," Holian said. "We have purchased equipment and provided resources that no one investigator alone could afford. Now more than half of the investigators using our equipment are from outside the center."

Holian said receiving the Phase 3 funding was a great relief, especially after the award was initially not funded last year and CEHS was given one more chance to reapply.

"In the end, with our second application, we didn't change much," he said. "We just made some things clearer in our application materials. So, yeah, this is great because it allows us to now continue building on our previous success."

Holian said in the application they demonstrated that center researchers produced a high volume of scientific publications, that faculty were successful in earning additional grants and that great training programs had been established.

"We've been able to, I think, do it all, and we've also been able to do a lot of community activities here at the center," he said. "We also do a lot of outreach and K-12 educational programs."

Scott Whittenburg, UM vice president for research and creative scholarship, said Holian and his colleagues should be lauded for bringing the Phase 3 award to the University and western Montana.

"Research centers and institutes are powerful economic drivers for our region," Whittenburg said. "In addition to providing educational opportunities for our students, they create good-paying biotech jobs that enrich the local economy. Andrij should be commended for growing a center that has averaged a workforce of more than 50 people for the past 13 years."

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UM NEWS



July 11, 2013

MISSOULA – NASA recently awarded researchers at the University of Montana a grant to support a \$1.125 million project to build a dedicated observatory to detect Earth-like exoplanets.

Are we alone? Is Earth the sole example of life in the Universe, or are there others? To find out, researchers at UM, together with partner institutions Harvard, the California Institute of Technology and Pennsylvania State University are building Project Minerva.

On the cutting edge of the search for new planets, Minerva is an array of four telescopes and a purpose-built, state-of-the-art spectrometer capable of detecting small, rocky planets in orbit around nearby stars. The goal of Minerva is to detect and characterize nearby exoplanets in the “habitable zone” – the region around a star where conditions are suitable for the presence of liquid water, which is the most basic building block of life as we know it.

The team is led by UM astrophysicist Nate McCrady, an associate professor in UM’s Department of Physics and Astronomy and a co-principal investigator for the project. Co-investigators on the grant are UM Associate Professor Dan Reisenfeld, also from the Department of Physics and Astronomy, and Adam Bolton, assistant professor of astrophysics at the University of Utah.

The NASA award will enable UM to purchase one of the four 0.7-meter telescopes that, when used in conjunction with the others in the Minerva array, will allow astronomers to search the skies with innovative precision. It’s the only exoplanet project of its kind.

“This award is a tremendous boost for astrophysics at the University of Montana, as it will place our students and faculty on the forefront of exoplanet research,” said Scott Whittenburg, UM vice president for research and creative scholarship.

The team currently is evaluating host sites for the telescope and plans to select one this coming fall. Once in place, UM students and faculty will be able to operate the telescope from a remote observing control room on UM’s mountain campus in Missoula.

“This project will establish world-class exoplanet research in Montana,” McCrady said.

The NASA Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research provides seed funding to build infrastructure for nationally-competitive research in NASA research areas of interest.

For more information visit <http://cas.umt.edu/physics/minerva/>, call McCrady at 406-243-2041 or email nate.mccrady@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



July 09, 2013

MISSOULA – New research by UM bioclimatology Assistant Professor Ashley Ballantyne models the influence of Arctic sea ice on Arctic temperatures during the Pliocene era. His research was published in the Research Highlight section of the July issue of Nature Geoscience. The full paper will be published in Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology: An International Journal for the Geosciences.

Ballantyne and coauthors from Northwestern University, the University of Colorado and the National Center for Atmospheric Research used a global climate model to investigate the amplification of Arctic temperatures in Earth's past.

Atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations recently reached 400 parts per million for the first time since the Pliocene Epoch, three million years ago. During this era, Arctic surface temperatures were 15-20 degrees Celsius warmer than today's surface temperatures.

Ballantyne's findings suggest that much of the surface warming likely was due to ice-free conditions in the Arctic. That finding matches estimates of land temperatures in the Arctic during the same time. This suggests that atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations of 400 ppm may be sufficient to greatly reduce the spatial extent and seasonal persistence of Arctic sea ice.

The authors also found that surface temperatures in the Arctic are more sensitive to the amount of sea ice than to the amount of land-based ice. They show that once sea ice is removed, heat lost from the ocean recirculates in the atmosphere and warms the interior land.

The findings are relevant to modern-day atmospheric models and to an understanding of what a loss of sea ice means to both sea and land temperatures.

According to the findings, the extent of Arctic sea ice and its seasonal distribution clearly have broad impacts on Arctic climate that extend beyond the Arctic Ocean itself and have important implications for the future of the Arctic system.

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UM NEWS



July 09, 2013

MISSOULA – Scientists and researchers from across the state will convene in Helena Aug. 22-23 to discuss pressing environmental challenges facing mountains and high plains ecosystems and their communities during the 2013 Montana EPSCoR IoE Annual Summit.

The Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) is a program of the National Science Foundation that aims to strengthen research and education in science and engineering in the U.S. The Montana Institute on Ecosystems, which operates partly out of the University of Montana, is the flagship program of the current Montana NSF EPSCoR award.

The summit will provide a science-based gathering where participants can share their knowledge gained through research and broader engagement activities.

Through the event, IoE hopes to showcase EPSCoR year-two research progress and outcomes, expand statewide participation in the EPSCoR project across all components – research, education, diversity, workforce development, outreach and cyberinfrastructure – and increase visibility of the role and potential of IoE as a model of how a small-population state can excel in research and education and improve the lives of its residents.

The summit will be held at the Red Lion Colonial Hotel in Helena. To register, view an agenda or submit an abstract or poster for presentation, visit <http://www.umt.edu/ce/cps/ioesummit/>.

For more information call Montana IoE Program Manager Gay Allison at 406-243-2617 or email gay.allison@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



July 03, 2013

MISSOULA – Pablo Picasso's "Head of a Woman/Tete de femme" is on display at the University of Montana President's Office reception area in Main Hall through Aug. 22. The 1903 painting is on loan to the Montana Museum of Art & Culture through a private collection.

"Tete de femme" is from Picasso's Blue Period, a style that emerged around 1900 and lasted to 1904, coinciding with the artist's move to Paris. The Blue Period is typified by heavy black lines and somber shades of blue and green. Paintings from the Blue Period depict the poorest residents of the Montmartre district and at the time they were created, brought Picasso little success. However, they are now considered among his most popular works.

Following the tradition of French Symbolist painters such as Odilon Redon and Puvis de Chavannes, Picasso used color to convey emotional qualities. His Blue Period works were influenced by his depression and the suicide of his friend Carlos Casagemas.

"Tete de femme" was first owned by the poet Guillaume Apollinaire, who championed the new art of Cubism and whose poems ushered in Modernity.

"We hope many campus visitors take this very special opportunity to see these Picassos in our summer tribute to one of the most important artists of the last century," said Barbara Koostra, director of the MMAC.

For more information call MMAC at 406-243-2019 or visit the museum's website at <http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum>.

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Note to media: Digital images of the painting and lithographs are available. To request a copy, call Shawn Whitworth at 406-243-2019 or email shawn.whitworth@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



July 02, 2013

MISSOULA – A University of Montana student and an alumna recently received awards from two national honor societies.

Emily Cross of Glendive, a 2013 UM graduate, was awarded a fellowship worth \$5,000 by The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest honor society.

Cross earned her bachelor's in philosophy with minors in music and economics, graduating from the Davidson Honors College with high honors. She will continue her studies at the University of California-Irvine School of Law.

She is among 57 students nationwide to receive a Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship. The selection process for the fellowship is based on the student's graduate potential, undergraduate academic achievement, service and leadership experience, letters of recommendation, personal statement of educational perspective and career goals, and acceptance at an approved graduate or professional program.



Allison Mueller of Brainerd, Minn., received a \$2,000 JoAnne Trow Award from Alpha Lambda Delta. She studies physics at UM and intends to attend graduate school for engineering or geophysics. She also is part of the Davidson Honors College.

The JoAnne Trow Award focuses on scholarship, volunteer experiences and service to an Alpha Lambda Delta organization. Alpha Lambda Delta is an honor society for students who have maintained a 3.5 or higher GPA and are in the top 20 percent of their class during their first year or term of higher education.

Mueller currently conducts atomic research in conjunction with Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in Berkeley, Calif., and she hopes to publish her work in the coming year.

During her sophomore year, she volunteered with the Flagship Program, exposing at-risk youth from the Missoula area to different fields of study at UM through the University Alpha Lambda Delta chapter's Future College Stars initiative.

For more information call Laure Pengelly Drake director of external scholarships and advising for the honors college, at 406-243-6140 or email laure.pengellydrake@umontana.edu. More information on Phi Kappa Phi is available at <http://www.phikappaphi.org>, and more information about Alpha Lambda Delta is available at <http://www.nationalald.org/>.

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UM NEWS



July 02, 2013

MISSOULA – University of Montana senior Wynne Hungerford of Greenville, S.C., recently won the Meadowlark Award's first-place cash prize of \$1,000 for her short story submission, "Ladies Chocolate Night."

Hungerford wrapped up her last day of classes June 27, graduating from UM one year early with a bachelor's degree in forensic anthropology. Though not required for her major, Hungerford incorporated writing courses into her slate of classes. While working toward her degree, she took an independent study in creative writing and a Craft of Revision course.

Her instructor for these two courses, Robert Stubblefield, encouraged her to submit a story for the Meadowlark Award, which provides recognition and incentive for student writers and has a record of distinguished writers as judges.

"Wynne is a talented and tenacious writer, and I found her stories worthy of publication and notice," Stubblefield said. "I'm pleased that the judges agreed!"

"I was shocked," Hungerford said when asked her reaction to learning that she earned the first-place prize. "Without Professor Stubblefield's encouragement, I never would have done it. He has been very supportive."

The competition was open to all students enrolled in any accredited college or university in the state of Montana. Students of all disciplines were urged to submit a piece ranging from 1,500 to 5,000 words. Hungerford submitted her story by the May 15 deadline and learned that she had won on June 15.

"Wynne possesses a unique blend of creativity, discipline and determination," Stubblefield said. "I look forward to seeing what she will accomplish on the page."

Mary Clearman Blew, author of "All But the Waltz," judged this year's competition.

"In 'Ladies Chocolate Night,' Wynne Hungerford challenges the impoverished language of self-help and finds the unexpected imagery and charged prose that plumbs the deepest channels of feeling," said Blew about Hungerford's story. "This is a powerful story about love in all its contradictions, absurdities and pain"

"Ladies Chocolate Night" can be read online at <http://meadowlarkaward.com/past-winners/winning-story-2013/>.

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UM NEWS



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MISSOULA – KBGA College Radio 89.9 FM will present the second annual “End of Summer Family Fair” on Sunday, July 28, on the Oval at the University of Montana.

The event will engage Missoula-area children and families with a multifaceted educational, arts and entertainment event that aims to strengthen ties between UM and the Missoula community. The event is free and open to the public.

The event will feature local organizations and artists, such as the Associated Students of UM Childcare, Child Bloom Guitars, Coo Baby, Freecycles, Girls Way, Home Resource, Mismo Gymnastics, Missoula Urban Demonstration Project, Youth Education Program, Student Involvement Network, spectrUM Discovery Center, Zootown Arts Community Center, Zootown Barn and many more.

The event also will feature Montana Sunset Photobooth, interactive tours of the campus gardens, an appearance by KBGA’s Sunday morning show Gang of Fun and a special appearance by Griz mascot Monte.

Musical performances will feature Animal Wonders, Big Kids Band, Blue Dream, the Chalfonts, Living Rhythm, Mateo Mblem, Spencer!, Andrea Cross Guns and KBGA DJs, among others.

Event sponsors include The Good Food Store, Missoula Independent, Josh Quick and Zoo City Apparel.

For more information or to perform, email radio@KBGA.org or call 406-243- 6758.

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