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MISSOULA – Grammy Award-winning artist TobyMac is reprising his successful “HITS DEEP TOUR” and will make a stop in Missoula in February.

The concert is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014, at the Adams Center on the University of Montana campus.

The tour will feature a multi-artist lineup showcasing some of the best-loved songs performed by TobyMac and some of the biggest artists in Christian music, including Matthew West, Brandon Heath, Mandisa, Matt Maher and newcomers Capital Kings. The tour’s theme and multi-artist package will undoubtedly make for special moments on stage.

“This tour is going to be exactly what most people want to see when they go to a concert – a show where you know every song,” TobyMac said. “Big hits that hit deep! Not just hits because they are sonically a good listen but because they’ve spoken deeply to our souls. These artists are all headliners in their own right, but we’ve come together to serve up the hits that have become a part of people’s lives.”

VIP tickets cost $75 and go on sale online at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and all other tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13. Reserved seats cost $35 and $25. Groups of 10 or more are eligible for a $5 discount per ticket, and super-groups of 30 or more are eligible for a $10 discount per ticket. They are available at all GrizTix outlets, online at http://www.griztix.com or by phone at 406-243-4051.

For more information, call Adams Center Events and Promotions Coordinator Adrien Wingard at 406-243-5408 or email adrien.wingard@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana Kyi-Yo Native American Student Association will host the first annual Kyi-Yo Coldwater Grizzly Dip from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, on the UM Oval.

The student organization produces the annual Kyi-Yo Pow Wow, which is one of the oldest student-run pow wows in the country. The Kyi-Yo club is raising funds to host a free, public meal at this year’s pow wow and to provide free admission to 1,000 Missoula-area school children. The group aims to raise $10,000 by March to make these goals possible.

The Coldwater Grizzly Dip is open to the Missoula community and participants are encouraged to solicit pledges to plunge. The fundraising competition is broken down into different categories including campus professionals, student groups and pow wow head staff.

Jumpers include UM football Head Coach Mick Delaney, American Indian Student Services Director Frederika Hunter, Professor Dustin Hollist and Dean James Burchfield.

The participant that raises the highest dollar amount not only gets to stay out of the pool, but they also get to choose another participant to jump. Whoever raises the least amount of money must jump into the pool.

Non-fundraising participants can plunge into the pool for $5. The Kyi-Yo club also will sell raffle tickets for a Griz prize basket during the event. Tickets cost $6 and include a free Indian taco.

All pledges and donations are tax deductible. For more information visit https://www.facebook.com/events/176102095918339/.

Contact: Amber Shaffer, UM student, 406-370-1559, amber.shaffer@gmail.com.
MISSOULA – The University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research has appointed Bill Whitsitt as its new executive in residence and visiting professor in public affairs management.

Whitsitt joins BBER after a long and distinguished career in public affairs and government relations on the exploration and production side of the oil and gas industry. He served most recently as executive vice president for public affairs at Devon Energy Corp. of Oklahoma City, one of the largest U.S. exploration and production companies.

"Bill’s arrival is expected to have an immediate impact on the bureau’s new Natural Resources and Energy Research Program," BBER Director Patrick Barkey said. "His expertise, experience and connections in the oil and gas industry represent an enormous injection of talent for this important new research program at a time when the effects of the revolution in shale oil and gas production are reverberating throughout the economy."

Launched in January 2013, BBER’s Natural Resources and Energy Research Program examines the trends, issues and factors affecting the outlook for one of the most dynamic and highest-paying sectors in Montana’s economy. Current and future BBER activities that Whitsitt will participate in include:

- Developing the bureau’s information-gathering activities in the Bakken, with particular emphasis on how oil development has impacted labor markets, infrastructure, schools and public services.
- Helping connect BBER to private sector companies, trade groups and other organizations.
- Serving as a speaker at BBER events, as well as publishing in BBER periodicals such as the Montana Business Quarterly.
- Providing strategic advice on the activities of the Natural Resources and Energy Research Program at BBER.

Whitsitt also will assist the School of Business Administration and its Department of Management and Marketing on a range of teaching and special projects.

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Contact: Christina Henderson, marketing director, UM Bureau of Business and Economic Research, 406-243-5113, christina.henderson@business.umt.edu.
MISSOULA – The University Players of the University of Montana are now accepting play entries for the upcoming Ten Minute Play Festival.

The submission guidelines are:

- Scripts should be a maximum of 10 pages. Scripts exceeding this limit will be disqualified.
- Scripts must be submitted in PDF or Word document formats only.
- Only one submission allowed per person.
- Submissions must be from a student or graduate of a university or college.
- Late submissions are not allowed.

The deadline is Nov. 30 at 11:59 p.m. Entries should be submitted to umontanauniversityplayers@gmail.com.

Ten Minute Play Festival selection committee members are needed. Members are responsible for selecting the shows. The selection process is blind and all author names will be scratched off each script to avoid bias. All selection committee members are not allowed to submit a play into the festival. If interested in serving in this role, email stephen.seder@umconnect.umt.edu.

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Contact: Stephen Seder, University Players artistic director, 406-208-1708, stephen.seder@umconnect.umt.edu.
MISSOULA – The University of Montana’s Irish Studies Program and School of Music join with Humanities Montana, the Friends of Irish Studies and Culture Ireland to present “The Tradition in Contemporary Irish Music” concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, in UM’s Music Recital Hall. The concert is the final performance of a five-concert series which aims to examine Irish music. Each concert in the series will be performed in Missoula and Butte.

This concert features Liam O Maonlai, who will play first in Missoula and again in Butte at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at the Montana Tech Library Auditorium.

O Maonlai was raised in a traditional Irish-speaking home heavily influenced by the music and song tradition of west Kerry. He became a master pianist and also excels on guitar, tin whistle, harp and bodhran. He was a founding member and lead vocalist for the one of Ireland’s most successful rock bands, the Hothouse Flowers, which released seven successful albums.

“Even when Hothouse Flowers were at the peak of their success, O Maonlai remained faithful to the traditional song of his roots,” said Traolach O’Riordain, director of UM’s Irish Studies Program.

Speaking of his connection to traditional music of Ireland, O Maonlai said, “Traditional music does not belong to me. I belong to it.”

According to Bono, the leader singer of the rock band U2, “[Liam O Maonlai] is the best white boy soul singer in the world.”

Tickets cost $20 for the general public; $15 for students and Friends of Irish Studies members; and children under age 12 get in free. Tickets can be purchased online at http://www.umt.edu/griztix/ and http://www.friendsofirishstudies.com/. Tickets for the Missoula concert can be purchased at the UM Adams Center, The Source in the University Center, the UM School of Music, Southgate Mall and Rockin Rudy’s. Tickets for the Butte concert can be purchased at the Butte-Silver Bow Archives, Cavanaugh’s County Celtic and Granite Mountain Bank.

For more information visit http://www.friendsofirishstudies.com/, call O’Riordain at 406-544-0311 or email traolach.oriodtain@mso.umt.edu.

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Contact: Traolach O’Riordain, director, UM Irish Studies Program, 406-544-0311, traolach.oriodtain@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA – The famous Harlem Globetrotters are taking fan interaction to a new level when the 2014 “Fans Rule” World Tour comes to the University of Montana’s Adams Center at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, 2014.

The Globetrotters were the first organization in sports and entertainment to allow fans to vote on the rules. The 2014 ballot is online at http://www.harlemglobetrotters.com/rule and includes three never-before-seen rules:

- **Hot Hand Jersey**: Both teams will have a “Hot Hand Jersey” they can pass among each other. The player who is wearing this jersey will receive double points on made baskets.

- **Make or Miss**: The quarter begins with only two players on the court for each team. When a team scores, a teammate may enter the game. When they miss, the player missing the shot must leave the court, leaving his or her teammates shorthanded.

- **Trick Shot Challenge**: Each team has three challenge flags. Either coach can challenge the other team to make a trick shot. If the team makes the trick shot, they earn five points. If they miss, the other team receives five points.

The roster showcases Special K Daley, Big Easy Lofton, Flight Time Lang, Hi-Lite Bruton and Dizzy Grant, plus female stars TNT Maddox, T-Time Brawner and Sweet J Ekworomadu. The Globetrotters’ family show features mesmerizing ball handling, an assortment of trick shots, high-flying dunks and precise timing—all with an array of comedy guaranteed to entertain the young and the young at heart.

After the game, Globetrotter stars usually remain on the court for autographs and photographs with fans.

Tickets start at $16 and are now available at http://www.harlemglobetrotters.com, http://www.griztix.com, UM’s Adams Center Box Office or by phone at 1-888-MONTANA. Information on group and scout tickets can also be found at http://www.harlemglobetrotters.com.

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**Contact**: Adrien Wingard, UM Adams Center, events and promo coordinator, 406-243-5403, adrien.wingard@msp.umt.edu.
MISSOULA – University of Montana President Royce Engstrom heads to Bozeman, Livingston, Big Timber and Billings as part of the “We are Montana” tour of the state. Engstrom and other senior UM leaders will travel to the Montana cities Monday through Wednesday, Dec. 2-4, to meet with and listen to educators, alumni, students, legislators and community members.

“I always enjoy the opportunity to visit communities across our state to strengthen our connections with the people we serve as a flagship university,” Engstrom said. “I’m also looking forward to sharing the stories of our outstanding students, faculty and alumni.”

The third leg of the tour travels to Bozeman first, then to Livingston and Big Timber, and concludes in Billings. In Bozeman, Engstrom is scheduled to speak at the Bozeman Kiwanis Club at its noon meeting. The UM Alumni Association will host community events in Bozeman and Billings. Both events are free and open to the public. The schedule follows:

- **Bozeman**: 5-7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, Bridger Brewing’s Pints for a Purpose, located at 609 S. 11th Ave. The Children’s Museum of Bozeman is the beneficiary. Participants are encouraged to wear their Griz gear.

- **Billings**: 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, Billings Depot, located at 2310 Montana Ave.

The events will offer community members a chance to meet with Engstrom and connect with alumni and friends.

University officials will visit numerous high schools on this leg of the tour. Planned stops include:

**Monday, Dec. 2:**
- Belgrade High School, 2:30-3:15 p.m.
- Bozeman High School, 3:45-4:30 p.m.
- Lone Peak High School, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 3:**
- Park High School, 9-10 a.m.
- Sweet Grass County High School, 2:40-3:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 4:**
- Visits to Billings Senior High School and Skyview High School from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. and Central Catholic High School from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

The first and second legs of the president’s “We are Montana” tour stopped in Miles City, Glendive, Sidney, Poplar, Glasgow, Helena, Butte and Dillon. Engstrom is scheduled to visit additional cities across Montana through the winter and spring, traveling a total of 3,500 miles.

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**Note to the media:** Members of the media are invited to attend the community events, and interviews with Engstrom may be arranged in advance by calling Rebecca Power, assistant to the president, at 406-243-2311 or by emailing rebecca.power@mso.umt.edu.
Bozeman, Livingston, Big Timber and Billings-area media

Contact: Peggy Kuhr, UM vice president for integrated communications, 406-243-2311, peggy.kuhr@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA – The next installment of the President’s Lecture Series at the University of Montana will offer James Oakes, a leading historian on 19th-century America and U.S. slavery. Oakes will present “The Emancipation Proclamation: Myths and Realities” at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, in the University Center Ballroom. The event is free and open to the public.

In collaboration with UM’s Philosophy Forum, Oakes also will give a seminar earlier that day titled “The Scorpion’s Sting: The Irreconcilable Conflict Over Slavery” from 3:40 to 5 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123.

Oakes is Distinguished Professor of History at the Graduate Center at City University of New York. A faculty member of Graduate Center since 1997 and the holder of the Graduate School Humanities Chair since 1998, his early research focused on slavery in the South. More recently he has examined anti-slavery thinking in the North and the political processes that led to emancipation.

His publications include the seminal “Radical and Republican: Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln and the Triumph of Anti-Slavery Politics” (co-winner of the 2008 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize) and “Freedom National: The Destruction of Slavery in the United States, 1861-1865” (winner of the 2013 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize).

Eric Foner of Columbia University described Oakes’ most recent book as “the best account ever written of the complex historical process known as emancipation. The story is dramatic and compelling, and no one interested in the American Civil War or the fate of slavery can afford to ignore it.”

The University’s Mansfield Library will host the exhibit “Civil War 150” to coincide with Oakes’ UM lectures. The exhibit will be at the library Dec. 3-23 and is sponsored by UM’s African-American Studies program, UM’s College of Arts and Sciences, the Project on American Democracy and Citizenship, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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

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MISSOULA – U.S. News & World Report recently released its first-ever “Best Colleges for Veterans” rankings, and the University of Montana was one of 234 schools on the list.

The magazine developed the rankings to help veterans pursue a college education under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Schools reported on their veteran benefits as part of the broader survey and data collection of undergraduate schools by U.S. News during spring 2013. The 234 schools in the new list scored well in terms of graduation rate, faculty resources, reputation and other markers of academic quality measured in the 2014 edition of the U.S. News Best Colleges.

“The University of Montana continues to develop resources to ensure veteran-student success,” said Len Leibinger, interim director of UM’s VETS office. “We provide one of the most welcoming and inviting campuses in the nation that offers a superior educational environment to enhance the future of our veteran population.”

To qualify for the new rankings, the schools had to be certified for the GI Bill and participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program, two federal initiatives that help veterans reduce the cost of school. The schools also were required to be members of the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges Consortium, a group that works to simplify credit transfers and help veterans earn credit for military training and testing.


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Contact: UM Office of the Provost, 406-243-4689, officeoftheprovost@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA – Every day we are bombarded with an avalanche of information. We need this data to become engaged citizens, but how do we become smarter news consumers and decide what to trust?

Ray Fanning, a radio-TV professor at the University of Montana School of Journalism, will dive into this topic with a lecture titled “News Literacy – Truth vs. Truthiness” at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, in the University Center North Ballroom. The event is free and open to the public.

Fanning joined the UM faculty in 2007 after a career in local broadcast news. In 2012, his series of radio reports for Montana Public Radio on wrongful convictions in Montana won a national Best of Festival-News award from the Broadcast Education Association, a regional Edward R. Murrow award from the Radio-Television Digital News Association and a Non-Commercial Radio Program of the Year award from the Montana Broadcasters Association.

Contact: Ray Fanning, UM Department of Radio-TV associate professor, 406-243-4747, ray.fanning@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA – The Emerging Ceramic Artists (UMECA) and the Student Sculpture Association of the University of Montana School of Art will hold the 28th annual Art Annex Holiday Sale and Juried Show Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 5-7, in the Art Annex.

The Art Annex is located on campus adjacent to the Adams Center. The event is free and open to the public.

The sale will include ceramics and sculptures produced by students and faculty from UM’s School of Art. The show will feature student work created in the past year. The work will be juried for entry and awards. This year’s juror is Jeremy Hatch, Montana State University ceramics professor and internationally renowned ceramic sculptor.

The dates and times of this year’s event are:

- **Thursday, Dec. 5**: 4-7 p.m. Opening celebration with live music. Awards presentation at 5 p.m.
- **Friday, Dec. 6**: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
- **Saturday, Dec. 7**: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Proceeds from the sale benefit UMECA and SSA. Funds will be used for student scholarships, visiting artists, student travel to conferences and wood for the Anagama kiln firing.

For more information call UM Professor Beth Lo at 406-243-5893 or the School of Art office at 406-243-4181.

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**Contact**: Elizabeth Lo, UM School of Art professor, 406-243-5893, elizabeth.lo@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA – The Military Law Society, a student organization at the University of Montana School of Law, will honor two distinguished World War II air combat veterans during a Monday, Nov. 25, commemorative ceremony.

The veterans are Frank McCauley, 97, a P-47 fighter ace with 5.5 confirmed air kills and Richard Munro, 88, a B-17 tail gunner who flew 27 combat missions.

The ceremony will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in School of Law Room 101. The public is welcome to attend.

For more information, call Carla Caballero-Jackson, law school director of external relations, at 406-243-6254 or email carla.caballero-jackson@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA – University of Montana senior Kim Ledger, a biology major with an emphasis in ecology, won the student poster competition award in the category of Environmental Science, Sustainability and Green Technology at the annual conference of the National Collegiate Honors Council in New Orleans Nov. 6-10.

Ledger, a 2010 Big Sky High School graduate, is now a Goldwater Scholar and a Davidson Honors College student. She was recognized for her research poster, “Impacts of a global invader, Solidago canadensis, at home and away.” She plans to pursue a doctorate in ecology and continue her research in community ecology and species interactions.

Ledger also received a Davidson Honors College Student-Faculty Research Award in summer 2013. This award provided $4,000 for a summer research project split evenly between the student and her faculty mentor, UM biology Professor Ragan Callaway. The award enabled Ledger to spend several weeks in Hungary and in remote parts of Montana to carry out fieldwork on the invasive plant species Solidago canadensis, commonly known as goldenrod.

Photo: UM student Kim Ledger presents her award-winning research poster at the annual conference of the National Collegiate Honors Council in New Orleans Nov. 6-10.

Contact: James McKusick, dean, UM Davidson Honors College, 406-243-2541, james.mckusick@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA – Missoula College University of Montana will offer a noncredit certified nursing assistant course this winter.

The training will take place Jan. 7-25 at the MC East Campus, located at 909 South Ave. W. and at Riverside Healthcare Center, located at 1301 E. Broadway. The course will prepare accepted students for careers in health care under the supervision of a licensed nurse.

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

The first class will be held Tuesday, Jan. 7, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will cover CPR/first aid training. Nursing assistant lecture and clinical classes will continue from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays through Jan. 25, on Saturday Jan. 11 and from 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Jan. 18 and 25. Students are asked to bring their lunch.

The course costs $850, which includes the textbook, CPR/first aid fee, supplies and the state examination fee. Participants do not need to be enrolled UM or MC students and no previous academic experience is required.

The application deadline is Friday, Dec. 13, and payment is due Friday, Dec. 20. Application requirements include submitting a copy of current immunization records, initiating an online criminal background check, and submitting course fees. A maximum of 10 students are accepted into the program. Space is limited. To register, call Mary Opitz of the MC Outreach Program at 406-243-7812 or email mary.opitz@umontana.edu.

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Contact: Mary Opitz, UM Missoula College Outreach Department, 406-243-7812, mary.opitz@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA – Students at the University of Montana have worked to build awareness about intimate partner violence issues and put an end to family violence. They will showcase their work through poster presentations and other visual displays from 11:10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, in Skaggs Building Room 246 and in the second floor common area. The event is free and open to the public.

Through an innovative service-learning project piloted by UM Psychology Assistant Professor Cameo Borntrager, 73 juniors and seniors taking her Psychology of Family Violence class have engaged with community agencies, University partners and Missoula residents to host a range of awareness-building and prevention campaigns.

Students will be available to answer questions about their projects, which ranged from hosting a “Film Night” on the UM campus to bring awareness to the problem of elder abuse, to a “Cut-Out Family Violence” visual campaign that was shown on the Oval. Other projects included ongoing donation drives and volunteer efforts to bring money and resources to local nonprofits, including the YWCA, Watson’s Children’s Shelter and Safe, Inc., among others.

For more information about the service-learning projects, call Borntrager at 406-243-5191 or email cameo.borntrager@umontana.edu.

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Contact: Cameo Borntrager, UM assistant professor of psychology, 406-243-5191, cameo.borntrager@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA – Students from 17 Montana and Idaho high schools will participate in the 48th annual Montana Model United Nations Conference on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 25-26, at the University of Montana.

At the conference, 353 students will represent 95 of the United Nations’ 193 member states, debating and writing resolutions addressing important international issues.

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

Events begin at 8:30 a.m. Monday with opening ceremonies in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre. The keynote address titled “The United Nations – Accentuate the Positive!” will be delivered by UM Professor Owen Sirrs. He teaches Arab studies to U.S. military and other government personnel at UM’s congressionally funded Defense Critical Language and Culture Program. He is an expert on terrorism and on Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran and Egypt. All events are free and open to the public.

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

Closing ceremonies will be held from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the UC North Ballroom. Secretaries General Madison Brooke and Christina Bloeman will announce awards for delegates, schools and conference staff. Five high school seniors will be awarded scholarships to attend UM.

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

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

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Contact: Karen Adams, associate professor, UM Department of Political Science, 406-214-5451, karen.adams@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA – The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at the University of Montana invites faculty to apply for the Yamaguchi Opportunity Fund. Through the generous support of Akira Yamaguchi, the University offers modest support each fall and spring for faculty research related to Asian studies and, to a lesser extent, for curriculum development related to Asia.

Fundable activities include research-related travel, scholarly publication and essential research materials. Preference is given to junior – full-time but pre-tenure – faculty members, although other faculty will be considered, and limited support may be available for outstanding research proposals from UM graduate students. Awards typically are $500, and the maximum award is $1,000.

Interested faculty and students should submit a two-page proposal detailing the nature and the cost breakdown of their request and explaining the impact the support will have on their research or teaching. A letter of support from a colleague in the field familiar with the applicant’s work and able to assess the merits of the proposal (or a letter of support from their principal adviser for students) must be included.

The application deadline is Friday, Dec. 6. Submit all applications via email attachment to caitlin.sager@mso.umt.edu. Awards are announced in mid-December. For more information, visit http://umt.edu/mansfield/japanprojects.

This release is online at:

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Contact: Abraham Kim, Mansfield Center director, 406-243-6778, abraham.kim@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA – A new episode of the popular MontanaPBS travelogue series “Backroads of Montana” premieres at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24. It will repeat at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25.

The program begins by exploring an unlikely collection of home appliances amassed by Gene Hensen, a retired Deer Lodge rancher. He has one model of every Singer sewing machine made between 1859 and 1964.

Viewers also will meet Cree teenager Chontay Standing Rock, a student at Stone Child College on the Rocky Boy’s Reservation. Standing Rock puts his own spin on traditional music by adding some English words to songs about love and family. He invited “Backroads” to a favorite place on the reservation where he goes to create his music.

The program spends an afternoon hiking through Rock City near Valier, a sandstone metropolis of hoodoos carved by Two Medicine River, and concludes on the Missouri River with Chris Clasby, a Missoula man who has worked hard to improve access to the state's great outdoors. A terrifying highway accident left Clasby a quadriplegic, but it couldn’t diminish his passion for hunting and fishing.

William Marcus hosts the program from the Fergus County Courthouse in Lewistown.

“Backroads of Montana” is funded by the Greater Montana Foundation, the Montana Office of Tourism and the University of Montana.

MontanaPBS is a statewide collaborative service of KUFM-TV at UM and KUSM-TV at Montana State University. Check local listings for channels.

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Contact: William Marcus, director, MontanaPBS, 406-243-4154, william.marcus@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA – The “Evening with Montana Public Radio” event scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 24, at the Wilma Theater in Missoula has been canceled.

Featured headliner Susan Stamberg of National Public Radio is unexpectedly unable to travel to Missoula this weekend. Stamberg said she is disappointed and wants all MTPR listeners to know that she really wishes she could be here. She sends her best wishes for the station and all MTPR supporters.

GrizTix will handle all ticket refunds. If you purchased with a credit card, GrizTix automatically will issue a full refund of the ticket and fees.

If you purchased with cash or check, bring your tickets to the Adams Center Box Office on the UM campus in Missoula for a full refund, by Dec. 20. Call MTPR if you need assistance with ticket refunds at 800-325-1565 or 406-243-4215 or email contact@mtpr.org.

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Contact: Linda Talbott, UM Broadcast Media Center associate director, 406-243-4215, linda.talbott@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA, Mont. – More than $53 million was spent by nonresidents of the Beartooth Highway region in the three gateway communities during the summer season 2012 and winter season 2012-13, according to a study conducted by the University of Montana Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research.

Final analysis shows the Beartooth Highway All-American Road is a significant contributor to the economies, livelihoods and recreation opportunities to the residents and visitors of Red Lodge, Mont., Cooke City, Mont., and Cody, Wyo.

During the summer, 170,000 nonresident groups visited the Beartooth Highway region and 16,000 visited in the winter, supporting 654 jobs to the rural communities and more than $16 million in income to local residents.

"While the economics of the area depend on the Beartooth region, it's not just about the dollars and the support of livelihoods," said Jake Jorgenson, the report's primary author and UM graduate student. "It is also about the recreational opportunities that bring visitors to the area and creates a reason for residents to live in the communities."

The Beartooth region transforms each season and attracts different visitors depending on the activities available. It is a place for both active and passive recreation – from scenic driving in the summer to backcountry snowmobiling and skiing in the winter. As part of his thesis work, Jorgenson discovered there were four types of visitors in the summer based on their activity participation.

He found that 8 percent of visitors were on two wheels (motorcycling and bicycling), 19 percent were knowledge seekers (interested in the history and culture of the area), 32 percent were active outdoor visitors (hiking, camping, climbing, fishing and so forth) and the largest segment of visitors – 41 percent – were passive viewers. This group enjoyed scenic driving, wildlife watching and taking photographs.

"What is really interesting is that the passive viewers spent more money per day but stayed in the area the least amount of time," Jorgenson said.

Table 1: Comparing summer Beartooth activity segments

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*Segment population = total nonresident travelers X % of population.

**Total spending by segment = segment population X total trip spending.
In contrast to summer visitation, winter visitors fit into three activity types: snowmobilers, active outdoor (cross-country skiing, backcountry boarding/skiing and ice climbing) and passive recreationists, who were basically in the Beartooth region for watching wildlife in Yellowstone National Park.

“The winter snowmobiler is visiting because of the history of good snow and the steep terrain,” Jorgenson said. “But the passive recreationist basically uses the Beartooth area, Cooke City and Silver Gate as their eating spot in between watching wildlife in the Lamar Valley of Yellowstone.”

Other interesting findings include:

- Summer travelers along the Beartooth Highway spent an average of two nights in the region. About half of them also spent time in Yellowstone National Park, and one quarter of them spent at least one night in Billings, Mont., West Yellowstone, Mont., or Jackson, Wyo.

- Winter snowmobile travelers spent an average of 2.3 nights in the area while passive visitors spent less than a day on average.

- Snowmobilers are “snow dependent,” and when the snow is not good, they will go elsewhere for their winter recreation.

Until this study was conducted, research related to the use and economic impact of the Beartooth Highway was nonexistent. This yearlong study provides information for policymakers, marketers and businesses of the gateway communities. It also provides baseline data as future reference points on use and impacts of the Beartooth Highway.

The Beartooth Highway All-American Road is a 68-mile travel corridor that reaches nearly 11,000 feet in elevation in the summer months. In the winter, the high-elevation section is closed to automobile traffic. Access to Cooke City is through Yellowstone or by snowmobile from the Wyoming section of Highway 212.

To view the compiled reports visit: http://www.itrr.umt.edu/Research2013/BeartoothHwy2012_13Year_RndVisStudy.pdf

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Contact: Norma Nickerson, director, UM Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research, 406-243-2328, norma.nickerson@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA – Montana State Parks is in the final stages of a new five-year outdoor recreation plan that outlines goals for outdoor recreation management and conservation in the state. Four University of Montana faculty members assisted with data collection and research to support the plan’s recommendations.

UM College of Forestry and Conservation Professors Norma Nickerson, Wayne Freimund, Elizabeth Metcalf and Alex Metcalf helped the planning team implement surveys and review data trends to make recommendations about activities and funding priorities.

Nickerson, Elizabeth and Alex were responsible for two studies. The first assessed resident and land managers on the use and perception of outdoor recreation facilities around the state. The second used secondary data on Montana resident travel for outdoor recreation and health benefits of outdoor recreation. Freimund was on the advisory board that reviewed reports to help guide the development of the final plan.

The state will accept public comment on the plan through Nov. 18 and expects Gov. Steve Bullock to sign it by the end of the year. The public can review the plan online and comment at http://stateparks.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/board/pn_0002.html.

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Contact: Elizabeth Metcalf, UM assistant professor, College of Forestry and Conservation, 406-243-4448, elizabeth.metcalf@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA – Ten outstanding student-athletes representing colleges and universities across the state will receive the 2013 Montana Athletes in Service Award sponsored by Montana Campus Compact. Each student-athlete will be recognized Saturday, Nov. 23, for their outstanding commitment to civic engagement, volunteerism and the impact that their service has on their communities.

“These students deserve special recognition for taking time from their busy academic and athletic schedules to engage in projects that make a difference in Montana’s communities,” said Jane Karas, Montana Campus Compact Board chair and Flathead Valley Community College president.

The 2013 Montana Athletes in Service are:

- Andy Austin, senior, psychology, football at Montana State University-Bozeman.
- Taylor Cummings, senior, civil engineering, women’s basketball at Montana State University-Northern, Havre.
- Kelsey DeWit, senior, business management, women’s basketball at Montana Tech, Butte.
- Haylee Gallegos, sophomore, nursing, women’s basketball at Dawson Community College, Glendive.
- Eva Green, junior, business, women’s basketball at Salish Kootenai College, Pablo.
- Jayde Hair, junior, biology, volleyball at Rocky Mountain College, Billings.
- Conner Hausauer, junior, secondary education, men’s golf at Carroll College, Helena.
- Brian Labbe, senior, elementary education, football at University of Montana Western, Dillon.
- Lewis Polkow, senior, secondary education, men’s track & field at Montana State University-Billings.
- Jordan Sullivan, senior, marketing, women’s basketball at University of Montana, Missoula.

The awards will be presented by Karas, UM President Royce Engstrom, MSU President Waded Cruzado, Gov. Steve Bullock and Lt. Gov. John Walsh on the field at the annual Brawl of the Wild football game between MSU and UM on Saturday, Nov. 23, in Bozeman.

In its 13th year, the Montana Athletes in Service Award commemorates the historic Montana signing of the Presidents’ Declaration of the Civic Responsibility of Higher Education. The first award was made in November 2001 in Bozeman. The award presentation alternates with the location of the annual football game between the Bobcats and the Grizzlies.

"Montanans are dedicated to their communities and to this long-standing state football rivalry, which makes the Brawl of the Wild a significant venue to honor these student-athletes with this award," said Karas.

Montana Campus Compact is Montana’s largest higher education network. MTCC works to deepen the ability of colleges and universities to improve community life and educate students for their civic and social responsibilities.

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Contact: Dean McGovern, executive director, Montana Campus Compact, 406-243-5177, mcgovern@mtcompact.org.
MISSOULA – Archaeologist Kelly Dixon will discuss how the stories revealed by her work in the Old West have relevance today during the next installment of the Provost’s Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series at the University of Montana.

Dixon, a UM anthropology associate professor, will present “Archaeology, Global Change and the Modern World: Tales from the American West” at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, in the University Center’s North Ballroom. The event is free and open to the public.

Dixon will describe a handful of archaeological case studies about how people living in – or traveling through – the American West faced issues relevant to life in the modern world, including vulnerability, risk and adaptation.

“The way people responded to these challenges in the past can help us address present challenges such as environmental planning, sustainability and preservation of the world’s natural and cultural heritage,” she said.

Her lecture will feature archaeological examples from the American West, with an emphasis on places in Montana.

Dixon is co-editor and contributing author of “An Archaeology of Desperation: Exploring the Donner Party’s Alder Creek Camp,” which won the Society for Historical Archaeology’s 2013 James Deetz Book Award. She earned her doctorate from the University of Nevada and has taught archaeology at UM since 2003.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana Percussion Ensemble and Islanders Steel Band will present “A Steel Band Christmas” at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre.

The concert’s centerpiece will be a performance of several well-known Christmas songs and carols especially arranged for the UM Islanders Steel Band.

“The pieces will feature an ‘island flavor’ including a calypso version of ‘Sleigh Ride,’ a reggae version of ‘We Three Kings,’ as well as a salsa Christmas medley,” said Robert Ledbetter, UM music professor.

The Islanders Steel Band also will release their new CD, “A Steel Band Christmas,” at the concert.

The Percussion Ensemble will perform several works including two tangos by Astor Piazzola, a mallet ensemble jig and a piece based upon Japanese Taiko drumming.

Tickets cost $11 for general admission, $6 for seniors and $5 for students.

To purchase tickets call UMArts Box Office at 406-243-4581 or visit http://www.ummusic.org.

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Note to the media: Digital music files from the CD “A Steel Band Christmas” are available to the media by calling Ledbetter at 406-243-4819.

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Contact: Robert Ledbetter, UM music professor, 406-243-4819, robertledbetter@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA – More and more people are getting on bikes, and colleges such as the University of Montana are leading the way to make riding safer and more convenient on campus.

The League of American Bicyclists announced the latest round of Bicycle Friendly Universities, and UM has been named to the gold level. The gold award recognizes UM’s commitment to improving conditions for bicyclists through investment in bicycling promotion, education programs, infrastructure and pro-bicycling policies.

“The University of Montana has just improved a connection to the riverfront trail system, making it easier and safer to connect to campus by bike,” ASUM Office of Transportation Director Nancy Wilson said.

“Colleges and universities propel our leaders of the future, and more and more of those students are choosing bicycles as their transportation option of choice,” said Andy Clarke, president of the League of American Bicyclists. “We commend universities, like University of Montana, who are leading the way to a healthier, more sustainable future.”

According to Clarke, the program is revolutionizing the way universities evaluate their efforts in sustainability, transportation options and quality of life, while allowing administrators to benchmark their progress toward improving their bicycle friendliness. There now are 75 Bicycle Friendly Universities in 32 U.S. states and Washington, D.C.

The League of American Bicyclists promotes bicycling for fun, fitness and transportation, and works through advocacy and education for a bicycle-friendly America. The League represents the interests of America’s 57 million bicyclists, including its 300,000 members and affiliates.

For more information about the BFU program, visit http://bikeleague.org/bfa.

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Contact: Nancy Wilson, director, ASUM Office of Transportation, 406-243-4599, nancy.wilson@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA – David Hamon, director of Banyan Analytics and former senior official at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, will present “Asia and Cybersecurity” at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, in the Dell Brown Room of Turner Hall at the University of Montana. The talk is sponsored by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at UM and is free and open to the public.

Modern cyberthreats constantly evolve, creating potential new vulnerabilities in electrical, banking, transportation and other infrastructure networks in the United States. Hackers have made themselves known around the world with acts of sabotage and extortion, including when six major U.S. banks came under attack in 2012. Advances in malicious code-writing will only continue in the coming years. To meet these threats, the U.S. must increase its information system and infrastructure defenses and create contingency plans to deal with attacks on essential services.

During his lecture, Hamon will discuss efforts underway to protect the nation’s critical infrastructure and the future of cybersecurity policy, drawing on 33 years of experience in international security affairs. He spent nearly 10 years with the Defense Threat Reduction Agency working on strategic research and dialogues for the Advanced Systems and Concepts Office. He also has served with the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Africa Policy, as director of policy and programs, and while employed was sent on detail to the United Nations Peacekeeping Department. He has initiated security dialogues with numerous Asian countries, including China and the Republic of Korea.

“Given his past experience in U.S. national security and the Asia-Pacific region, Mr. Hamon should provide a revealing and sobering overview about the current state and the future of cybersecurity in this country and across the globe,” said Abraham Kim, director of the Mansfield Center.

RSVP by calling 406-243-2988 or emailing caitlin.sager@mso.umt.edu. For more information, visit http://www.umt.edu/mansfield. 

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Contact: Deena Mansour, associate director, UM Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, 406-243-2713, deena.mansour@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA – More than 150 high school musicians from 54 regional schools will descend on Missoula this weekend to take part in the All-Star Wind Ensemble at the University of Montana.

They will perform with the UM Marching Band in a special pregame performance at the Grizzly football game, which kicks off at noon, Saturday, Nov. 16, in Washington-Grizzly Stadium. The students also will perform a 2 p.m. concert Sunday, Nov. 17, in the Dennison Theatre. Concert tickets are $5 at the door.

The students hail from as far away as Portland, Ore.; Bellingham, Wash.; Richey, Mont.; and Green River, Wyo. They were selected by audition to take part in the All-Star Wind Ensemble.

Performing for a crowd of 26,000 in Washington-Grizzly Stadium alongside the UM Marching Band is just the warm up for the high school players. During the next two days, they will take part in master classes with UM faculty and renowned international trumpeter Rex Richardson and rehearse with James Smart and guest conductor Dahn Pham of Washington State University.

"The positive response to this event has been astounding," said Smart, organizer of the All-Star Wind Ensemble. "We have students coming from tiny farm towns and large urban centers from five states and Alberta. It surely will show them that UM is the place to be if they are interested in quality, diversity and creativity."

Smart said Sunday's concert is open to the public and will feature two different 75-piece high school wind ensembles, a high school Brazilian percussion ensemble and guest appearances by Yamaha trumpet artist Richardson, the UM Symphonic Wind Ensemble and the UM Jazz I band.

This week, many of the all-star students also are preparing a performance that’s out of the public eye but no less pivotal. The School of Music will conduct scholarship auditions throughout the weekend, allowing out-of-town students to gain maximum value from their Missoula visit.

UM’s School of Music offers a full range of programs and professional degrees in music. The school also has boasted an impressive 100 percent placement rate for graduates of the music education program for the past decade. While these qualities make UM highly attractive, scholarship support can be the critical factor in determine whether dedicated all-stars choose to study at UM.

"UM is committed to student success, and scholarships for talented students are an important part of that commitment," said Stephen Kalm, dean of UM’s College of Visual and Performing Arts.

To learn more about supporting scholarships and the School of Music, call Christian Gold Stagg, UM arts director of development, at 406-243-4990 or email christian.goldstagg@umontana.edu.

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Contact: James Smart, UM director of bands, 406-243-4382, james.smart@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA – Ask your average high school freshman which health care career they might be interested in, and chances are cellular toxicology, clinical laboratory technology and pharmogenetic research are not the first three career pathways that come to mind.

These and other fields of study at the University of Montana College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences will be highlighted during two tours hosted by the Western Montana Area Health Education Center for the Big Sky High School Health Science Academy freshman class on Monday and Tuesday Dec. 2-3.

Community “Ed-ventures” such as the winter UM tour are part of Project Lead the Way curriculum upon which the Big Sky High School Health Science Academy is based. This STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) academy, which welcomed its first freshman class in 2012, merges real-world experience through occupational coursework and job skills with the rigor of college-prep academics. The six-teacher teams for the Health Science Academy freshman and sophomore classes are directed by Big Sky High School Dean of Students Amy Shattuck.

"Community connections and experiences are a vital component to the Health Science Academy," Shattuck said. “Students get to see first-hand the opportunities and possibilities that are ahead of them.”

During the two-day event, 60 Health Science Academy freshmen will get a glimpse inside UM’s histology labs, animal labs and the pollen count station. They also will observe the electron microscope in the Division of Biological Sciences and 3-D motion analysis in the physical therapy department.

Emily Weiler, research specialist with UM’s Center for Environmental Health Sciences, will lead one part of the tour.

“I've loved science since an early age, but it was between seventh and 12th grade that I really narrowed it down to what I enjoyed most,” she said. “The opportunities I was given during these years, along with some exceptional teachers, influenced what I studied in college and where I am now. I absolutely love working with these age groups, and hopefully can pique the interest of a few young minds.”

For the past four years, Weiler has led groups to see the Burkard Pollen and Spore Sampler, which resides on the roof of the Skaggs Building.

Lisa Venuti, clinical lab coordinator for UM’s pharmacy program, will have students test their CPR skills on a state-of-the art simulation mannequin called SimMan. SimMan, a computerized human patient simulator used to teach core skills of airway, breathing, cardiac and circulation management, is an essential tool for pharmacology instruction. Microchips placed on SimMan mirror effects of prescription medications, and the computer reacts accordingly – SimMan can die and be revived with the click of the mouse. SimMan also can talk, alerting students to specific ailments, sometimes with speech so lifelike that students will apologize to the inanimate figure on the table.

This is the second class of Health Science Academy freshmen who have toured UM. Western Montana AHEC staff serve on the advisory board for the Big Sky High School Health Science Academy and assist the academy in arranging tours, job shadow placements and teacher externships. AHEC also supports the new Big Sky High School Health Occupation Students of America chapter.

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Contact: Martha Robertson, K-12 program coordinator, Western Montana AHEC at UM, 406-243-4746, martha.robertson@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA – The University of Montana will host a scoping open house to inform the public about the proposed Missoula College building site and solicit comments and concerns. The open house will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown, located at 200 S. Pattee St. University planners will introduce and describe the proposed project at 6 p.m.

UM currently is evaluating the development of the 1205 E. Broadway site to meet the current needs of the Missoula College, to address a long-term increasing student enrollment and to ensure adequate facilities exist for MC students and faculty into the future.

A traffic and parking study, riparian resource management plan, storm water management plan and floodplain designation are underway. Additionally, UM is conducting an environmental assessment to evaluate the effects of the proposed project on the human environment and will disclose these effects, if any, to the public.

The University will solicit comments from interested parties regarding the proposed project until Dec. 2. Participants are encouraged to submit comments at the scoping open house, via email to slauer@jbrenv.com or via postal mail to Stephanie Lauer, Project Manager, JBR Environmental Consultants, Inc., P.O. Box 7875, Missoula, MT 59807.

UM owns the 7.2-acre site at 1205 E. Broadway. The site now has a Park-N-Ride facility and Missoula College Energy Technology Program facilities. The main project components include the construction of a four-story building with a basement and 730 parking spaces. The existing Park-N-Ride facility is planned to be relocated across East Broadway on land leased from Montana Rail Link and would include 120 parking spaces. The renewable energy facilities would be incorporated into the building project or would be relocated with the Park-N-Ride facility.

The project is detailed in the 1205 East Broadway Site Feasibility Study, which can be accessed online at http://umt.edu/buildmissoulacollege/docs/070513FS_FIN.pdf.

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Contact: Kevin Krebsbach, associate director, UM Planning and Construction, 406-243-2095, kevin.krebsbach@umontana.edu.

Andrews, an associate professor of history at the University of Colorado, will present “Toward an Animals’ History of the United States” at 7 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 106. Sponsored by the UM Department of History, the lecture is free and open to the public.

Andrews is widely recognized for his cutting-edge scholarship. He said animals have been our constant companions and ceaseless victims. They have shared our germs, sustained our metabolisms, populated our nightmares and dreams, and powered our economies.

Animals also have served as the indispensable others used by philosophers and moralists to define humankind. Come learn more about how nonhuman creatures helped people to make U.S. history.

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Contact: Jeff Wiltse, UM history associate professor, 406-243-2987, jeff.wiltse@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA – The Office of International Programs at the University of Montana will host a full slate of lectures, presentations and special events Nov. 12-15 to celebrate International Education Week.

Topics will range from teaching English language abroad, Peace Corps adventures and Japanese literature to figuring out how to fund international studies.

“International Education Week is our opportunity to promote the many life-changing benefits of international education and exchanges,” said Paulo Zagalo-Melo, UM director of the Office of International Programs. “Our programs prepare future leaders for an increasingly global, interconnected world, and we couldn’t be more excited to help people learn about them.”

The full schedule is available below or online at http://www.umt.edu/ip/news_events/International_Education_Week.php. For more information, call Linda Ellersick at 406-243-6865 or email linda.ellersick@umontana.edu.

International Education Week 2013

Daily Nov. 12-15

- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. – English Language Institute information table, University Center atrium (main floor).
- All day – Study Abroad Student Photo Exhibit, UC Atrium.

Tuesday, Nov. 12

- Noon-1 p.m. – International Fashion Show, UC South Atrium, featuring UM students and staff from around the world.
- 1-2 p.m. – “From UM to the World! Adventures in Teaching English as a Foreign Language Abroad,” UC Room 330. In this panel discussion, a team from the English Language Institute will share experiences teaching English in different countries around the world. Topics will include how to find a job, qualifications, certification and prerequisite skills that make for successful English teaching, as well as the challenges and rewards of teaching internationally.
- 3-4 p.m. – “The True Lives of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers: A Panel Discussion on the Lifelong Impacts of Volunteerism,” UC 332. Hear firsthand what it is like to volunteer. Returned Peace Corps volunteers will share their experiences abroad and talk about how service has impacted their lives. A Peace Corps recruiter also will be available to answer questions.

Wednesday, Nov. 13

- 11 a.m.-noon – “See the World Through New Eyes: UM International Development Studies and the Peace Corps Prep Program,” UC Room 330. Join International Development Studies Director Teresa Sobieszczyk, IDS program coordinator Delyla Wilson and IDS students for a presentation and panel discussion about the IDS minor and related Peace Corps Prep Program. During the discussion, learn more about how to “see the world through new eyes” with the interdisciplinary IDS minor, which focuses on international development and globalization.
- 12:10-1 p.m. – “Modern Japanese Literature and Technology,” Mansfield Center Conference Room in the Mansfield Library. Language Assistant Professor Brian Dowdle will examine the formation of modern Japanese literature as a reaction to reprints created through moveable type and to new copyright laws.
- 3-4 p.m. – “Boren Scholarship and Fellowship Opportunities,” UC Room 330. Join Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry, director for study abroad, student exchanges and institutional partnerships, and Don Loranger, director of the Defense Critical Language and Culture Program, to learn about the Boren Scholarship and Fellowship. Boren Awards, an initiative of the National Security Education Program, provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to study abroad, where students can add important international and language components to their educations.
- 4-6 p.m. – “Multicultural Learning Solutions’ 10 Year Anniversary and Global Gateway Launch,” Davidson Honors College Lounge. Be there when a new portal at UM opens. Celebrate 10 years of Multicultural Learning Solutions and the inauguration of Global Gateway, which will connect the UM campus, K-12 education and community organizations by providing educational opportunities that build global awareness and competence, fostering mutual understanding in a globally minded community.
- 7-9:30 p.m. – “Jose and Pilar,” UC Theater. This moving Portuguese documentary by Miguel Gonçalves Mendes about love, loss and literature follows José Saramago, the Nobel-laurate Portuguese novelist, and his wife, Pilar del Rio. It was nominated for Best Film, Best Editing, and Best Soundtrack by the Brazilian Academy of Cinema and also for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Film. An introduction will be given by International Programs Director Paulo Zagalo-Melo.
Thursday, Nov. 14

- 10-11 a.m. – “Global Public Health,” UC 333. Learn about the Global Public Health minor.
- 11 a.m.-noon – “South and Southeast Asian Studies,” UC Room 333. G.G. Weix and Ruth Vanita will present information about the new South and Southeast Asian Studies minor.
- Noon-1 p.m. – “Funding Study Abroad Brown Bag,” UC Room 333. Unkuri-Chaudhry explores funding opportunities that make study abroad experiences affordable. Learn how your financial aid will apply to study abroad and about scholarships.
- 1:30-3:30 p.m. – “Fulbright Scholar Program Open Forum,” UC 333. Fulbright Scholar Program Ambassador Dawn Odell and others from the UM Fulbright community share their experiences and discuss available opportunities in the Fulbright Scholar Program.
- 5:30-7 p.m. – “Mesopotamia, the Cradle of Civilization,” Jeannette Rankin Peace Center, 519 S. Higgins Ave. Yassin Khalafm, visiting professor of education from Iraq, will speak about the importance of the ancient Iraqi culture and its treasures to the history of modern civilization.

Friday, Nov. 15

- 11 a.m.-noon – “History of Ethiopia and Zimbabwe,” UC 327. The African Student Association will discuss the history, culture and traditions of these two countries.
- Noon-1 p.m. – “Intern and Work Abroad Brown Bag,” UC 327. Internship Coordinator Kevin Hood presents opportunities about how to intern and work abroad.
- 2-3 p.m. – “The Islas Malvinas/Falkland Island Issue: Back to the United Nations after the 1982 Argentina-UK South Atlantic War,” UC 327. Join the general consul of Argentina as he discusses the question of the Malvinas Islands, which he calls a story of colonialism.
- 3-5 p.m. – “International Education in Public Policy,” UC 327. Hear from a panel of state government representatives, UM administrators and students about the impacts of public policy on international education with sponsoring international programs and students.

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MISSOULA – Renowned art specialist Stephanie D’Alessandro will deliver a lecture titled “Picasso, Matisse and the 1913 Armory Show in Chicago” as part of the University of Montana President’s Lecture Series at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18, in the University Center Ballroom.

This lecture is presented in conjunction with the Montana Museum of Art & Culture exhibition, “Figurative Modernists: Picasso, Chagall and other Masterpieces from a Private Collection,” which is on display in UM’s Meloy Gallery through Feb. 8, 2014.

D’Alessandro, the Gary C. and Frances Comer Curator of Modern Art at The Art Institute of Chicago, also will present an afternoon seminar that same day titled “German Expressionism: Beyond Painting and Sculpture” from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. Both the seminar and lecture are free and open to the public.

D’Alessandro specializes in art of the Weimar Republic in Germany. She began her career at The Art Institute of Chicago in 1998 as an Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Curatorial Fellow and has organized several exhibitions for Chicago, including “Poetics of Scale” in 2001 and “Juan Munoz” in 2002.

In 2009, she oversaw the installation of the modern art collection in the museum’s Modern Wing and co-curated a major exhibition, “Matisse: Radical Invention, 1913–17,” for The Art Institute and the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. The Matisse exhibition won an award from the U.S. section of the International Association of Art Critics for “Best Monographic Museum Show Nationally” and a commendation for best installation from the American Association of Museum Curators.

Before joining The Art Institute, D’Alessandro was a curator for 10 years at the David and Alfred Smart Museum of Art at the University of Chicago where she organized more than 20 exhibitions, including “Weimar Bodies: Fantasies about the Sexualized Body in Weimar Art, Science and Medicine” and “Still More Distant Journeys: The Artistic Emigrations of Lasar Segall,” which traveled to the Jewish Museum in New York City and the Musee d’art et d’histoire du Judaisme in Paris.

She currently is working on a comprehensive scholarly catalogue of The Art Institute’s modern collection.

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

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MISSOULA – The Office for Civic Engagement at the University of Montana is soliciting nominations for the Outstanding Volunteer Award that will be presented during UM’s 2014 Charter Day celebration in February.

The Outstanding Volunteer Award is granted annually to an individual who has contributed many hours of uncompensated volunteer time to UM. Nominees can be UM employees or non-student community members who willingly donate their spare time, energy and expertise to UM. The award is one of several that will be presented at the Charter Day award ceremony and reception on Feb. 13, 2014. It includes a cash award of $1,500.

Suggestions must include two letters of recommendation and a completed nomination form, which can be found online at http://www.dhc.umt.edu/oce. The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, Nov. 26. They can be submitted to Andrea Vernon, Office for Civic Engagement, Davidson Honors College 015.

For more information, call Vernon at 406-243-5159 or email andrea.vernon@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – Jim McNerney, chairman, president and chief executive officer of The Boeing Company, will deliver the Harold and Priscilla Gilkey Executive Lecture on Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the University of Montana.

McNerney, one of the world’s top executives whose experience spans some of the largest and most well-respected companies in the United States and around the globe, will present “Leadership Innovation and Competitiveness” from 10 to 11 a.m. in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre. The event is free and open to the public.

Lecture attendees are encouraged to get to campus using the Park-N-Ride buses. Free parking is available at lots on South Avenue and East Broadway. Free buses run from the parking lots to campus every 10-15 minutes. Find bus schedules and parking lot locations at http://life.umt.edu/asum/asum_agencies/Transportation/bus/default.php.

McNerney, 64, currently oversees the strategic direction of the Chicago-based, $81.7 billion aerospace company. With more than 174,000 employees across the U.S. and in 70 countries, Boeing is the world’s largest aerospace company and a top U.S. exporter. It is the leading manufacturer of commercial airplanes, military aircraft and defense, space and security systems. It supports airlines and U.S. and allied government customers in more than 150 nations.

Before taking the helm at Boeing on July 1, 2005, McNerney was chairman of the board and CEO of 3M, then a $20 billion global technology company with leading positions in electronics; telecommunications’ industrial, consumer and office products; health care; safety; and other businesses. He joined 3M in 2000 after 19 years at the General Electric Co.

McNerney joined General Electric in 1982. There, he held top executive positions including president and CEO of GE Aircraft Engines and GE Lighting; president of GE Asia-Pacific; president and CEO of GE Electrical Distribution and Control; executive vice president of GE Capital, one of the world’s largest financial service companies; and president of GE Information Services. Before joining GE, McNerney worked at Procter & Gamble and McKinsey & Co. Inc.

By appointment of U.S. President Barack Obama, McNerney chairs the President’s Export Council, which operates as an advisory committee on international trade.

McNerney has served as a member of the Boeing board since 2001. He is a director of Procter & Gamble, a director of IBM, a member of The Field Museum Board of Trustees in Chicago, a trustee of Northwestern University and a member of the Northwestern Memorial HealthCare Board.

A native of Providence, R.I., McNerney earned a bachelor’s degree from Yale University in 1971 and a master’s in business administration from Harvard University in 1975.

The UM lecture series was established by Harold and Priscilla Gilkey in 2004 to provide resources for the University’s School of Business Administration to host the nation’s top business leaders to share their knowledge, expertise and experiences with students, faculty members and the community.

For more information visit http://www.business.umt.edu/seminar, call Chris Dundon at 406-243-4569 or email chris.dundon@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – A delegation of three University of Montana students will leave Nov. 9 for the United Nations international climate change negotiations in Warsaw, Poland.

During the talks, nations from around the world aim to secure new global agreements on climate change for 2015. At issue is devising a new allowable target date for global greenhouse gas emissions to peak, subsequent emission-reduction targets for various nations and funding protocols.

In 2009 and 2011, UM sent students to the U.N. talks in Copenhagen, Denmark, and Durban, South Africa. At that time, the students were part of a youth delegation. This year, because UM received recognition as an observer organization by the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, UM can send its own delegation to observe the 19th Convention of Parties, which meets Nov. 11-22.

Stephanie Lackey, Sam Dexter and Mara Menahan comprise the 2013 UM delegation. Lackey, a graduate student from Milwaukee, studies environmental justice issues in eastern Europe.

“I am excited to meet people from around the world who share my concern about the impacts of climate change and who are interested in finding solutions that can be agreed upon and followed by all nations,” she said.

Menahan, a senior from Helena, double majors in environmental studies and geography and minors in climate change studies. She participated in campus and community climate change discussions and looks forward to witnessing dialogue at the global level.

"Attending the conference in Warsaw will help me understand how my own voice and the stories from my home here in Montana fit within a larger climate change narrative,” Menahan said.

An aspiring artist, Menahan also hopes the experience will help her learn how the climate change issue can be communicated visually. “During my stay, I will be sketching my observations and sharing my thoughts about the intersection of art, science and communication.”

Dexter, an environmental studies graduate student originally from Portland, Maine, and more recently from Boulder, Colo., also will be part of the UM delegation. Dexter hopes to work as a Foreign Service officer on international development projects.

"There are many much-needed, small-scale local projects around the world, but they are no substitute for the continued global-scale efforts I hope to see the Warsaw talks produce,” he said.

The student delegation is supported by the UM President Royce Engstrom’s Excellence Fund and the Environmental Studies Program. The three students will blog daily about events, offering their photos, sketches and commentaries. Visit their blog at http://umstudentdelegatesinwarsaw.tumblr.com/.

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MISSOULA – The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Nov. 6 that it has awarded nearly $10 million to an academic, industry and government consortium to study the major challenges in using insect-killed trees as a sustainable feedstock for bioenergy. The award was made by USDA’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

The University of Montana will receive more than $1 million over five years to help study the issues related to using forest residue, including beetle-kill trees, as a feedstock in biofuel production.

UM College of Forestry and Conservation Associate Professor of Forest Operations Woodam Chung will lead the group of scientists studying the logistics of harvesting, collecting and transporting underused forest biomass to a biofuel production facility. He and his research team, which includes UM graduate students, will look at cost, machine productivity, infrastructure needs, pretreatment requirements and other factors in getting biomass from the forests to a facility.

He’ll develop research sites in Montana, Idaho and Colorado to look closely at the specifics of biomass removal as part of timber management and forest restoration activities.

“We’ll test a range of feedstocks for their quality of biofuels output, perform field studies on feedstock logistics and then develop economic models to estimate the cost of using those feedstocks,” Chung said, noting that they’re looking mainly at feedstock not destined for another timber market and want to complement existing forest product industry.

Beth Covitt, research assistant professor in UM’s Environmental Studies program and a project co-principal investigator, will collaborate with the education team. Education activities derived from the project will reach K-12 students and teachers and university students. The education team will develop middle- and high school-level science units addressing "Next Generation Science Standards" related to biomass, carbon cycling and human energy systems. Additional education activities will include middle and high school teacher professional development, teacher and undergraduate research experiences and online bioenergy courses that aim to integrate findings from the project’s research.

“The educational opportunities that the project provides will help prepare residents of the Rocky Mountain West to make better informed decisions about our energy systems in the coming decades,” Covitt said.

“Infestations of pine and spruce bark beetles have impacted over 42 million acres of U.S. forests since 1996, and a changing climate threatens to expand the threat from bark beetle on our forest lands,” said U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “As we take steps to fight the bark beetle, this innovative research will help take the biomass that results from bark beetle infestation and create clean, renewable energy that holds potential for job creation and promises a cleaner future for America.”

A team of university researchers, led by Colorado State University, along with government and private industry in the Rockies region, created the Bioenergy Alliance Network of the Rockies to address the challenges of widespread fuel production. Those include distance from urban industrial centers and some environmental, social and policy constraints to using beetle-kill and other forest residues. Other scientists will first determine where and how much of underused forest biomass is available as potential feedstock for biofuels.

James Burchfield, dean of UM’s College of Forestry and Conservation, said, "Biofuels derived from wood from Montana’s forests offer a tremendous opportunity to develop renewable energy, provide jobs and assist in the management of forests that sustain Montana’s quality of life."

The project will undertake comprehensive economic, environmental and social/policy assessments and integrate research results into a Web-based user-friendly system.

UM is collaborating with partners across four states to complete the project. They are Colorado State University, the University of Idaho, Montana State University, the University of Wyoming, the U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station, the National Renewable Energy Lab and Cool Planet Energy Systems. For more information, visit http://banr.colostate.edu/.

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MISSOULA – Very few Montanans voluntarily go without health insurance, according to a survey conducted by the University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research. This suggests that many uninsured will participate in the health insurance exchanges created as part of the Affordable Care Act, said Paul Polzin, interim director of BBER’s health care industry research program.

The survey found that 76 percent of the uninsured in Montana are involuntarily uninsured. Reasons for lack of health insurance varied, but many respondents noted low-wage jobs, premiums that were too expensive or forced unemployment, Polzin said.

The Affordable Care Act is scheduled to take effect on Jan. 1, 2014, and will provide health insurance to many of Montana’s uninsured, Polzin said. However, there are many uncertainties concerning how it will turn out.

BBER’s survey found that about 20 percent of Montanans – about 195,000 people – were uninsured. This figure is similar to what the U.S. Census Bureau reports.

The uninsured have poorer health than the insured.

“Almost 50 percent of the survey respondents who said they have fair or poor health were uninsured,” Polzin said. “The reasons for their poorer health are not known for certain. Some experts believe that uninsured peoples’ health may improve once they have better access to health care.”

Additionally, the uninsured have more medical debt, Polzin said. About 23 percent of the uninsured said they had medical debts as compared to about 9 percent of the insured.

The survey also found a surprisingly low level of knowledge among those with insurance about important features of their coverage. “Consumer knowledge is important for rational decision making, and this ignorance may be one of the factors plaguing the health care sector,” Polzin said.

The survey was conducted by telephone – including cell phones – from Sept. 12, 2012, to Feb. 27, 2013. There were 4,662 completed interviews. The full report may be found at http://www.csi.mt.gov/health/reports.asp.

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MISSOULA– Tim Praetzel, a UM alumnus from Salt Lake City, submitted the winning design for the inaugural University of Montana T-shirt design contest. Praetzel responded to UM’s call to artists to submit a one-of-a-kind design using UM’s new visual mark, the M-pulse. The design will be printed locally onto gray American Apparel shirts and sold in The Bookstore at UM.

Praetzel was awarded $500 for his hand-lettered design, which won a majority of online votes. He also will receive one of the limited-edition shirts.

“I wanted to incorporate some sort of hand type, which I did with the ‘Montana’ lettering,” said Praetzel. “I felt hand lettering played well into the history of the state and its foundation of artisans and craftsmen. As a student, I spent many early mornings on campus, so naturally when I think of Montana and the University I picture the sun coming over Mount Sentinel.”

After graduating from UM in 2012 with a degree in business marketing and media arts, Praetzel moved to Utah to accept a job at an ad agency. Currently, he works as a freelance designer in Salt Lake City and his specialty is typography.

“We couldn’t be more pleased with the number of high-quality submissions we received in the first year of the contest,” said Mario Schulzke, UM’s assistant vice president of marketing. “We are looking forward to making ‘The Shirt’ an annual tradition.”

The shirt is a unisex fit and can be purchased online at [http://shop.griz.co/theshirt](http://shop.griz.co/theshirt) for a special preorder price of $15. It will be available in the Bookstore in early December for $20.

This past April, UM unveiled its new logo and brand identity. The new visual mark – an outline of the mountains located on the main campus – is known as the M-pulse. The contest called for artists to create a design using the M-pulse. The contest will take place annually.

For more information about the contest call Gwen Landquist, University Center marketing and art manager, at 406-243-5555 or email gwen.landquist@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – More than 5 million children in the United States experience trauma each year, which can contribute to a range of sleep difficulties. Researchers in the University of Montana Clinical Psychology Program are seeking children who struggle with nightmares and sleep disturbances after suffering trauma for a treatment study.

The treatment is part of a research study to test the effectiveness of Exposure, Relaxation and Rescription Therapy, ERRT is an effective treatment for adults who suffer with trauma-related nightmares, and researchers in UM’s Research on Implementation Science and Trauma in Youth Lab have modified the treatment to test with children.

If the treatment is effective, ERRT-C will be a breakthrough brief nightmare treatment for children who have experienced trauma in their lives, according to UM researchers.

The serious nature and long-lasting trauma symptoms in some children can carry into adulthood, but a successful treatment potentially could reduce post-traumatic stress, depression and anxiety.

Participants must be 8 to 12 years old, have experienced a traumatic event, have a minimum of four nightmares in a month, have a parent or legal guardian also participate and be able to read and speak English.

Treatment sessions will be held at UM and include an initial evaluation, treatment once per week for five weeks, a post-treatment evaluation and three- and six-month follow up appointments. Participants will be compensated up to $50.

Call the lab at 406-243-6684 to see if your child is eligible.

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MISSOULA – Montana Public Radio will turn to listeners for support this week with its fourth annual fall on-air fundraising event, which starts at 6 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, and ends at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8.

“Public radio and television stations are the granddaddies of crowd sourcing,” said Linda Talbott, Montana Public Radio’s fundraising director. “We’ve been going directly to our audience members to fund Montana Public Radio since 1976, and they always come through for us.”

Receiving the majority of funding from individuals and its nonprofit educational mandate makes public radio services such as MTPR different in the media landscape.

“The crowd-source model is a great strength for MTPR and also keeps us accountable to our audience in a very real way,” Talbott said.

The four-day pledge drive also features a benefit for Montana communities, as MTPR and Missoula Federal Credit Union have partnered with the Montana Food Bank Network Challenge. Instead of donors receiving a thank-you gift for their donation, all pledges and contributions made, received or postmarked by Nov. 8 automatically will activate a 5 percent cash bonus from the partners to benefit food banks and feeding programs in Montana via the Montana Food Bank Network.

“With the reduction in federal food assistance programs like SNAP taking effect this week, our Food Bank challenge is extremely timely,” Talbott said. “Our goal is for MTPR donor’s pledges to total $200,000 by Nov. 8, which will put us within reach of our funding needs for the end of the year. Reaching this goal also means the partners will make a $10,000 bonus match to MFBN, every dollar of which is enough to supply food for three meals.”

People can make financial contributions to MTPR by calling 1-800-325-1565 or visiting http://www.mtpr.org.

MTPR is a public service of the University of Montana and an NPR affiliate, broadcasting throughout western and central Montana, as well as online at http://www.mtpr.org.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana’s eighth annual Day of Dialogue will take place Wednesday, Nov. 6. The Day of Dialogue is a campuswide symposium focused on topics of diversity. Students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members discuss, present, perform and exhibit art that explores topics such as race, gender, ethnicity, ability/disability, religion, sexual orientation, class, social hierarchy and privilege.

The Day of Dialogue begins at 8:10 a.m. in the University Center South Atrium with opening remarks from UM Vice President for Student Affairs Teresa Branch. Participants can choose from more than 20 free educational sessions that begin at 8:30 a.m., 10:10 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 1:10 p.m. and 2:40 p.m. on the third floor of the University Center.

This year’s featured session, “Stories and Songs of the People,” by Montana Blackfeet tribe member Kevin KickingWoman, will take place at noon in the UC Theater. The session will feature oral traditions such as storytelling, music, dance and art to show how the various expressions affirm the identities of indigenous peoples.

The day will conclude with an open forum at 4 p.m. in UC Rooms 326-327. Facilitator Eric Gutierrez, UM director of affirmative action, will lead a discussion of campus issues. All events are free and open to the public.

To learn more about the Day of Dialogue, visit http://life.umt.edu/dod/.

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MISSOULA – A specialty license plate program has raised more than $118,000 to support the University of Montana Flathead Lake Biological Station and its Flathead Lake Monitoring Program. The funds were collected over the past six years from Montanans who pay a small donation with their annual vehicle registration. The specialty plate features a depiction of Flathead Lake.

The initiative was spearheaded by the Flathead Lake Protection Association, a grass-roots group that supports efforts to preserve water quality in the Flathead basin.

“FLBS’s monitoring program is the cornerstone of efforts to protect the Flathead’s water quality,” said Bruce Young, co-founder and board member of the association. “Water quality is the most important factor for our well-being and the local economy. Continuing this program is of the utmost importance.”

Approximately $50,000 of the license plate funds received so far will be matched by an anonymous donor as part of a Lake Monitoring Challenge Grant announced in December 2011. For each dollar raised up to $1 million, the donor will contribute an equal amount. Additional funds collected via license plate fees – and other donations from the community – during the next year will also be matched.

More information about the specialty license plates is online at http://www2.umt.edu/flbs/Community/KeepItBlue.aspx.

With government funding for research and monitoring declining over the past several years, private support has become an important part of the FLBS’s operating budget. FLBS Director Jack Stanford said about $400,000 has been raised towards the Challenge Grant so far.

“It is just great to have community support for Flathead Lake and our monitoring program,” Stanford said. “That people can choose to do so with this beautiful license plate is an added bonus. We are very fortunate to have the FLPA as a partner in our efforts to protect Flathead Lake. Their long-term dedication has really made a significant difference.”

License plate and Challenge Grant funds support monitoring of Flathead Lake water quality and ecology, adding to a data record that began in the 1890s. Water quality monitoring helps ensure that that Flathead Lake remains one of the cleanest large freshwater lakes in the world.

Established in 1899, UM’s Flathead Lake Biological Station is one of the oldest active biological field research stations in the United States. It is internationally renowned as a freshwater mecca for ecology and limnology researchers and students.

The FLPA is a volunteer nonprofit corporation dedicated to preserving and enhancing water quality in the Flathead Basin. Since 1980, the association has been involved in water quality issues as a strong citizen group, advocating the need for proactive public participation in all water quality issues and policies that affect the Flathead drainage.

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Photo caption: Flathead Lake Biological Station Director Jack Stanford stands on the Jessie B research vessel near a water monitoring buoy earlier this year. (UM photo by Todd Goodrich)

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