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UM Ranks No. 7 for Producing Peace Corps Volunteers

February 28, 2017

MISSOULA – The University of Montana has been named the No. 7 medium-sized university for producing Peace Corps volunteers. Currently, 30 UM alumni serve with the Peace Corps worldwide.

This year marks the 13th time the University has placed in the top 25 on the medium-sized, volunteer-producing colleges and universities list. UM moved up three spots from its 2016 tie with the College of William and Mary for the No. 10 spot.

“Peace Corps service is an unparalleled leadership opportunity that enables college and university alumni to use the creative-thinking skills they developed in school to make an impact in communities around the world,” Acting Peace Corps Director Sheila Crowley said. “Many college graduates view Peace Corps as a launching pad for their careers because volunteers return home with the cultural competency and entrepreneurial spirit sought after in most fields.”

Since the Peace Corps’ founding in 1961, 869 Grizzlies have traveled abroad to serve as volunteers. UM is one of two Montana schools on the top colleges list, with Montana State University finishing at No. 21 in the medium-sized
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UM was the first public university in the country to partner with the Peace Corps to offer the Peace Corps Preparatory Program. Any UM student can earn a Peace Corps Prep Certificate, which gives students an advantage in the competitive Peace Corps application process. The Peace Corps Prep Certificate is part of a partnership with UM's international development studies minor in UM's College of Humanities and Sciences. UM also offers a Coverdell Fellows Master's Degree program for returned Peace Corps volunteers through the Global Youth Development Program.

In 2016 Montana made a big splash on Peace Corps' annual Top States list, ranking No. 3 among states with the highest number of Peace Corps volunteers per capita. The city of Missoula was ranked No. 1 among all metropolitan areas per capita.

Service in the Peace Corps is a life-defining, hands-on experience that offers volunteers the opportunity to travel to a community overseas and make a lasting difference in the lives of others.

The Peace Corps ranks its top volunteer-producing colleges and universities annually according to the size of the student body. View the complete 2017 rankings of the top 25 schools in each category online at http://files.peacecorps.gov/university-rankings/2017/topschools2017.pdf. Find an interactive map that shows where alumni from each college and university are serving online at https://www.peacecorps.gov/news/topcolleges/#college/1846.

For more information about serving in the Peace Corps, call UM Peace Corps campus representative Terri Nichols at 406-243-2839 or email peacecorps@umontana.edu. Those interested in volunteering with the Peace Corps are encouraged to stop by UM's Peace Corps office, which is located in the Office of Career Services in Lommasson Center Room 154.

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Note to the media: In celebration of Peace Corps Week UM will host a Returned Volunteer Story Slam from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, in the University Center Room 330. Seven returned volunteers will tell stories around the week’s theme of “Highlighting Hospitality.” The media is invited to attend the event.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana will hold its comprehensive evaluation visit from the Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities on Monday and Tuesday, May 1-2.

UM has accreditation status with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. In 2014, UM completed its mid-cycle evaluation and its accreditation was reconfirmed.

The purpose of the May visit is to evaluate the quality of UM's participation in NWCCU’s Demonstration Project. The Demonstration Project assesses the degree to which UM is fulfilling its mission, as evidenced by the data available on student learning and general education.

In preparation for the May visit, NWCCU invites individuals to send comments directly to the commission. The comments should be sent to the following address by April 1:

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
8060 165th Avenue NE, Suite 100
Redmond, WA 98052

Comments are considered with regard to an institution’s qualification for candidacy or accreditation. Signed comments are forwarded, as received, to the institution, evaluation committee and the commission.

Individuals can obtain a copy of Commission Policy A-5, “Public Notification and Third Party Comments Regarding Full-Scale Evaluations” by visiting http://www.nwccu.org/ and clicking on the “Standards and Policies” link and then the “Operational Policies” link. They also can call the commission office at 425-558-4224.

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MISSOULA – University of Montana alumna Molly Murphy Adams will return to campus in March as a visiting artist for a weeklong printmaking residency that is a collaboration between the UM School of Art’s MATRIX Press and the Missoula Art Museum.

Throughout the week, Murphy Adams will work on several prints in Fine Arts Building Room 403. Her printmaking schedule is:

- 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, March 6, and Wednesday, March 8.
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, March 9.

At 10 a.m. Friday, March 10, Murphy Adams will curate prints in Fine Arts Building Room 403. She also will deliver a public lecture at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the Missoula Art Museum, located at 335 N. Pattee St. in downtown Missoula. All events are free and open to the public.

Murphy Adams is an exhibiting artist specializing in contemporary sculptural beadwork and printmaking. She was
raised in western Montana and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from UM in 2004. Her work illustrates the blending of culture, identity and histories.

The printmaking residency was created in 2016 by MATRIX Press and the Missoula Art Museum. It will bring four Native American visiting artists to Missoula to participate in the project. Murphy Adams is the second artist in the series. The work completed during the residencies will culminate in an exhibit at the Missoula Art Museum in 2018. Learn more about the residency and see images of Murphy Adams’ work at http://www.matrixpress.org.

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UM Student Trio to Play Competition Pieces for Missoula Audiences

February 27, 2017

MISSOULA – The Missoula Piano Trio, comprising two University of Montana School of Music students and one Hellgate High School student, will perform its competition pieces for Missoula audiences in preparation for the upcoming Music Teachers National Association’s Young Artist String Chamber Music Competition.

The trio, which took third place at the national competition last year in San Antonio, Texas, includes UM graduate student Adam Sears of Missoula on piano, UM senior Sarah Harmsworth of Bonner on violin and Hellgate High School senior David Harmsworth, Sarah’s brother, on cello.

The national competition will take place Saturday, March 18, in Baltimore. Before they depart, they will perform their 45-minute competition repertoire for Missoula audiences in UM’s Music Recital Hall. The performances, which are free and open to the public, will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12, and Tuesday, March 14.

Only one chamber group advances from each of the seven MTNA divisions. According to their principal coach, UM music Professor Steven Hesla, the trio is excited to represent the Northwest Division for the second year in a row.
“With third prize already under their belt, they are working like crazy to move up a notch – maybe even two,” Hesla said.

The program will include the first movement of Beethoven’s “Archduke Trio, Op. 97” and Bedřich Smetana’s “Piano Trio in G minor, Op. 15.”

Montana Public Radio’s Performance Today, found on 89.1 FM and 91.5 FM in Missoula, will broadcast a live interview and studio performance with the trio from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 8.

Those unable to attend the Music Recital Hall performances can watch the Sunday, March 12 performance live on Missoula Community Access Television’s Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/MissoulaCommunityTelevision or online at http://www.mcat.org/local-live.

For more information on the trio and the competition, call Hesla at 406-241-6006 or email steven.hesla@umontana.edu.

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UM Alumnus and International Relations Expert to Present on US-China Relations

February 24, 2017

MISSOULA – An expert on international relations who graduated from the University of Montana in 1994 will return to campus next week to participate in a roundtable discussion on U.S.-China relations.

Wang Li earned his Master of Arts in history from UM in 1994. Since then he has become an expert in the fields of international relations, foreign and security policy in China and Sino-U.S. relations. He is a professor in the School of International and Public Affairs at Jilin University in China and the author of several books, including “United States Diplomacy: Ideas, Power and Order.”

On Tuesday, Feb. 28, Wang will exchange views on U.S.-China relations with UM faculty who also study international relations. The event will take place from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 106. It is free and open to the public. Other panelists include the following UM faculty members:

- Steven Levine, history, “The Historical Context of Sino-American Relations.”
- Terry Weidner, political science, “President Trump and the Balance of Power in the Pacific.”
- Eric Schluessel, history and political science, “Track Two Diplomacy and the NGO sector.”
- Peter Koehn, political science, “Why China Will Trump the U.S.: Climate Change Mitigation.”

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Corporate Leaders Discuss Communication Technology Advancements at Roundtable

February 24, 2017

MISSOULA – Accelerate Montana at the University of Montana will host an evening reception and information technology-focused roundtable on Wednesday, March 1, in the Harold and Priscilla Gilkey Building at UM.

The reception will run from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Garden Foyer, and the roundtable will run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Thompson Auditorium, Room 105. The event is in partnership with Mansfield Center and the Mansfield Academy of Global Leadership.

The free event will address how information technology innovation is transforming industry, energy and education. Three top international leaders from IBM, Panasonic and Washington Corporation will discuss how advancements in information communication technology and internet of things are transforming energy management, industrial sectors and city management. The panelists are:
Nicholas Donofrio, former IBM executive vice president of innovation and technology, IBM Fellow Emeritus.
- Masato Nakamura, Panasonic director/general manager, International Corporate Affairs, Panasonic International.
- Chris Warden, Washington Corporation Technology vice president.

The panelists will address the following questions: How are artificial intelligence, big data analytics and sensors tech transforming industries? What is the latest on the smart-city and smart-world concept? What is the next generation of information and energy technologies developments that could be disruptive? What can universities do to better prepare students for this next generation of technology development?

Interested participants can register online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/networking-reception-and-leadership-roundtable-tickets-32189823629.

Accelerate Montana is UM’s center for economic development, entrepreneurship and leadership. It serves Montana businesses through seven programs: Blackstone LaunchPad, the Missoula Regional Small Business Development Center, the Montana Code School, Montana iLEAD, the Montana Technology Enterprise Center, the Montana World Trade Center and the Montana Procurement Technical Assistance Center.

For more information visit http://www.acceleratemontana.com.

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February 23, 2017

MISSOULA – Join anglers from across the area for an evening of homegrown fly-fishing films at the Montana Fishing Film Fest on Sunday, March 5, at the University of Montana’s Dennison Theatre.

Doors open at 4 p.m. and the event starts at 5 p.m. Tickets cost $12, but students with a valid Griz Card pay $10. Tickets are available in advance at Missoulian Angler, Grizzly Hackle, Blackfoot River Outfitters, as well as at the venue the day of the show.

According to the website, the film fest is created by serious Montana anglers, for serious Montana anglers. It focuses primarily on Montana films but is open to other trout-fishing films that exemplify the notion of fishing close to home, wherever that may be. To the event creators, fishing films are about having heart and having a good time, and then wanting to go out there and do it for yourself.

The teaser for the 2017 tour can be found online at https://vimeo.com/202793187.

Contact: Tom Webster, UM Dennison Theatre director, 406-243 2853, thomas.webster@umontana.edu.
February 23, 2017

MISSOULA – The University Center Game Room at the University of Montana will host “Lady’s Night” every first and third Thursday of each month, beginning in March and running until the end of the semester in May.

The event will offer free billiards, table tennis and video games from 8 p.m. to midnight to anyone identifying as a woman. Men are welcome but will have to pay normal prices.

The misspelling of the event is intentional, as organizers want to give women ownership over the night. The event is open to all students, faculty, staff and community members.

Lady’s Night is designed to allow those who identified as women an opportunity to network with other women, make friends and have fun in an all-inclusive and safe environment.

For more information visit http://www.umt.edu/uc/uc-game-room/ladys-night.php, or call Joseph Grady, UC Game room program adviser, at 406-243-5590 or email joseph.grady@mso.umt.edu.

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Celebrate Women’s History Month with UM Exhibit

February 23, 2017

MISSOULA – In honor of Women’s History Month, Archives and Special Collections at the University of Montana’s Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library will present an exhibit of Montana women’s diaries, letters, interviews and drafts of published and unpublished works.

This exhibit, “Women’s Words, Writings and Reminiscences,” will be on display March 6 through July 7.

The library, in conjunction with UM’s Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies program, also will host an opening event for the exhibit from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, March 9, in the Theta Rho
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Room on the fourth floor. It is free and open to the public.

The event will feature a viewing of the exhibit, an exclusive tour of additional Montana women’s writings and reminiscences not included in the exhibit, as well as presentations about female writers by Caroline Patterson and Elizabeth Hubble.

Patterson is the editor of the anthology “Montana Women Writers: A Geography of the Heart” and director of the Missoula Writing Collaborative. Hubble is the director of the UM WGSS program and an adjunct assistant professor of women’s studies.

To request disability-related modifications or for more information about the event, call archives specialist Hannah Soukup at 406-243-2053 or email library.archives@umontana.edu.

More information about Archives and Special Collections is available at http://www.lib.umt.edu/asc.

Contact: Hannah Soukup, archives and special collections technician, UM Mansfield Library, 406-243-2053, hannah.soukup@umontana.edu.
UM to Hold ‘Feminist Fight Club’

February 22, 2017

MISSOULA – The Student Involvement Network and the Women’s Resource Center will host a weekly “Feminist Fight Club,” starting Thursday, March 2, at the University of Montana.

The event will run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every Thursday in University Center Room 207.

Inspired by the book “Feminist Fight Club” by Jessica Bennett, the event is focused on bringing women together to share their experiences and identities, support one another and promote self-love and confidence. It includes raffle prizes, snacks and networking opportunities, all in a safe place.

Interested participants should register online a week in advance.

For more information about the event or to register, visit http://www.umt.edu/uc/ffc, call Program Adviser Hailey Michelson at 406-243-5776 or email hailey.michelson@mso.umt.edu. Those interested also can call Student Coordinator Kim Lamar at 406-243-5622 or email kimberly.lamar@mso.umt.edu.

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UM Gallery to Host ‘Wither, Whether’ Exhibit

February 22, 2017

MISSOULA – An art exhibit featuring feminine identity will run in the University Center Gallery from Feb. 27 to March 30 at the University of Montana.

The gallery will host an opening reception for “Wither, Whether,” recently known as “Hushed Notion” by Paige Ward, from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, March 2. The event will include hors d’oeuvres.

In her artwork, Ward triggers multiple senses and uses metaphors that speak to “home” as part of the feminine identity. With a concentration in ceramics and instillations, Ward is fascinated with where people come from both physically and psychologically. She explores the transition and identity from her roles as both a professional and a mother through symbolic materials that relate to the feminine in all its forms.

The UC Gallery, a nonprofit program run by the Student Involvement Network, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information on the exhibit, visit the Facebook event at
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https://www.facebook.com/events/1414390468867667/.

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UM to Host Empowerment Workshops

February 22, 2017

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Student Involvement Network, along with the Student Advocacy Resource Center, the UM Police Department, the Missoula Taekwondo Center and the Women's Resource Center, will host a two-day safety workshop on how to “Feel Empowered at UM.”

The first event, starting on Wednesday, March 1, will run from 5 to 7 p.m. and the second event on Thursday, March 2, will run from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Branch Center, located on the second floor of the University Center.

Each day will have a different emphasis, with the first focusing on smart intervention, allyship and relaxation. The second will highlight self-defense skills. The workshop also will feature care packages, information on counseling and opportunities to pet a dog.

All campus and community members are welcome. Organizers especially encourage anyone who feels marginalized or fearful in the community or campus to attend.

For more information call Hailey Michelson at 406-243-5776, email hailey.michelson@mso.umt.edu or visit the Facebook page for the first event at https://www.facebook.com/events/1380710958669577/.
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UM Center for Integrated Research to Dig Deeper into Air Force Bases

February 22, 2017

MISSOULA – The Center for Integrated Research on the Environment at the University of Montana recently expanded an ongoing partnership with the U.S. Department of Defense and Army Corps of Engineers to do archaeological inventories, site evaluations and cultural resource support.
projects on U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard bases.

“Doing archaeology on Air Force or Air National Guard bases is an exciting opportunity because it provides access to places that archaeologist don’t normally get to go to,” said Doug MacDonald, a professor in UM’s Department of Anthropology and principal investigator for five cultural projects at CIRE.

MacDonald, who has conducted numerous archaeology projects in Yellowstone National Park, says Air Force bases have many similarities to wilderness areas across the country.

“Air Force bases are often similar in the sense of their landscapes, where they are often untouched wilderness and often have never been surveyed by a professional archaeologist,” he said.

These projects are mutually beneficial for both military and the CIRE cultural team. Bases benefit by having knowledge of where these archaeological sites are located, while CIRE cultural teams benefit by conducting research and by learning about pre-history, Native American history, military history and European American history, MacDonald said.

CIRE’s cultural resources division also has a particular interest in public outreach and education, talking to public school students about its archaeology work and presenting research at different conferences.

“It’s very important that we preserve things, as well as educate the public in regards to our collective past and hope that it helps us all in this day and age to get along transculturally,” said Stocky White, a doctoral student in archaeology involved in CIRE projects.

The research will help Air Force bases know whether they have any archaeological sites and where they are
located so they can avoid them during their military exercises and other activities that are part of their core mission.

CIRE also provides student-veterans the opportunity to combine their military experience with their educational aspirations. Currently, there are three veterans involved in the project who all have master’s degrees in archaeology.

“This is a nice opportunity for them to get experience both in the military and in archaeology, and many of these bases have permanent archaeologists on them, so all of these people are going to have potential work for those bases in the future,” MacDonald said.

The Department of Defense is charged with military land management. In May 2014, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced a five-year, $45 million cooperative agreement with UM to study and solve environmental and cultural resource problems across the nation.

Through the agreement, UM also assists the Corps to implement land and water ecological restoration, as well as maintenance and training for optimal management of public resources. Together, the two entities work to promote positive ecosystem health, endangered species awareness and the continuing wealth of natural resources on Air Force bases.

CIRE is a center at UM organized within a suite of investigation, research and support areas with specific roles and responsibilities strategically designed to address the particular needs of its clients. In addition to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Defense, CIRE works with agencies, foundations and private organizations to accomplish specific research goals.

For more information call Mona Nazeri, CIRE media information specialist, at 406-243-2617 or email mona.nazeri@mso.umt.edu.

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UM Workshop Prepares Bitterroot Professionals to Inspire Students About Career Pathways

February 22, 2017

HAMILTON – The University of Montana’s We Are Montana in the Classroom initiative will lead a “Role Models Matter” professional development workshop on Thursday, Feb. 23, in Hamilton. The workshop is designed to prepare Bitterroot professionals to inspire K-12 students about their career pathways.

The free professional development workshop, which is fully booked, will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Taste of Paris, located at 109 N. Fourth St. in Hamilton. Based on curriculum developed by Techbridge, a national leader in inspiring girls about STEM through role-model engagement, the workshop prepares professionals from all workforce sectors to lead hands-on activities with K-12 students and share their personal stories about their educational and career experiences.

Participants include over 30 professionals in the science, technology, entrepreneurship and math related fields from...
Rocky Mountain Laboratories, GSK, Bitterroot National Forest, Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital, Ravalli County and other Bitterroot businesses and organizations. Following the workshop, We Are Montana in the Classroom will partner with Bitterroot schools and community organizations to place role models in classrooms, after-school clubs and community events.

As part of the UM Broader Impacts Group, We Are Montana in the Classroom engages over 10,000 K-12 students each year with role models from the University and local communities. With a grant from the Martin Family Foundation, the Broader Impacts Group, including its spectrUM Discovery Area, is currently partnering with a Bitterroot community advisory group and Hamilton and Corvallis schools to co-create learning experiences that align with real workforce needs and strengths in the Bitterroot.

According to Broader Impacts Group and spectrUM Director Holly Truitt, “BIG is excited to be linking arms with K-12 schools, businesses, community organizations and private foundations such as the Martin Family Foundation and the Jane S. Heman Foundation to do powerful, collective-impact work designed to close opportunity and achievement gaps for Bitterroot children. Building community capacity for role-model engagement is a crucial step in inspiring the next generation about the bright futures that await them in the work force.”

With the Bitterroot community advisory group, We Are Montana in the Classroom is also building a database of local role models available for schools and youth organizations to book in their classrooms or programming. For more information call Truitt at 406-243-4872 or email holly.truitt@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA – Julie Ammons, a 2016 University of Montana graduate and Missoula native, won a grand prize in the “Share Your Story Challenge” sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. She was selected as one of two grand-prize winners.

The “Share Your Story Challenge” asks participants to “share a brief, compelling personal narrative that
demonstrates the benefits of international exchange and would inspire more people to go abroad." It's part of the 2016 U.S. Alumni Citizen Diplomacy Challenge, which invites U.S. alumni of state-sponsored programs “to play a role in encouraging more Americans to take advantage of these types of opportunities by telling the world about the innumerable benefits of international exchange.”

Ammons studied in Vladimir, Russia, with the Critical Language Scholarship Program this past summer. She graduated from UM in December 2016 with a Bachelor of Arts in Russian and a minor in history, and she is returning to Russia this spring with the American Councils Advanced Russian Language and Area Studies Program with a Title VIII Language Fellowship from the U.S. Department of State.

Through her participation in CLS, Ammons increased her Russian Oral Proficiency Interview score by three levels and had the “experience of a lifetime” sharing Russian poetry with new friends, peers, teachers and her host family.

Ammons plans to pursue graduate school for Russian language and literature. She is particularly interested in studying Russian identity concepts to improve international dialogue between Russians and Americans.

The grand-prize winners receive an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C., for professional development opportunities in their area of interest. In addition, story challenge winners will have their work featured on the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs assistant secretary’s Huffington Post blog and on various State Department media channels.

MISSOULA – Katie Barnes, a second-year culinary arts student at Missoula College University of Montana, placed second at the American Culinary Federation’s Student Chef of the Year competition, winning a silver medal.

The competition took place Feb. 3-5 in Joliet, Illinois. Barnes competed among ten other semifinalists from colleges across the region for the Student Chef of the Year title. The first-place winner went on to compete in nationals.

For her final dish, Barnes prepared deep-fried malasada with milk-chocolate ganache; blood-orange caramel sauce; caramel iced-banana slices; macadamia nut pineapple ice cream; macadamia tuile; and candied cilantro leaf.

“I think I slept a whole three hours the night before,” Barnes said.

The Student Chef of the Year winner was announced Feb. 7, but Barnes had to wait another week to learn how she placed among the other competitors. After much anticipation, Barnes found out that she placed second with a score of 83.
Barnes said she now feels even more motivated to compete for Student Chef of the Year again next year and win the title.

“This makes me want to try that much harder to be back there next year and win,” Barnes said. “I’d love to make it to nationals – that in itself would be awesome.”

The competition also served as a great learning experience, Barnes said. She met professional chefs from around the world competing for the ACF Chef of the Year title. One master chef even encouraged Barnes to compete for the ACF Culinary Team USA – otherwise known as the “Culinary Olympics Team.”

In the meantime, Barnes is encouraging other culinary students to compete. Several Missoula College culinary students have shown interest in competition and she hopes to enter upcoming culinary competitions near Missoula with them.

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MISSOULA – University of Montana Master of Fine Arts graduate students Sarah Moore, Reanna Schultz and Karl Schwiesow will present their thesis exhibitions March 2-16 in the Gallery of Visual Arts, located in UM’s Social Science Building.

An opening reception for the exhibitions will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 2. The event is free and open to the public and includes refreshments.

Moore’s video installation – ‘Perhaps,’ she said, ‘looking itself could be an antidote.’ – presents viewers the opportunities to both look and to be looked at. By creating her own films and appropriating segments from mainstream cinema, Moore is investigating how female authorship can be cut and collaged to form nonlinear psychological stories. At once deeply personal,
completely fictitious and persistently confrontational, Moore wishes to allow looking to be an antidote to the inexplicable.

Large sculptural installations made from a variety of construction and household materials are featured in Schultz’s exhibition titled EVERYTHINGSFINE. Her use of mundane materials is an effort to normalize discussion of anxiety and depression. Using weather as a manifestation of psychological states, she strives to undermine the perceived control we have over our emotions through irony and absurdity.

Schwiesow is a multimedia artist currently working in ceramic, found objects and latex paint. He creates immersive, surreal installations and sculptures that contemplate psychology and physical experience through a colorful and sometimes humorous juxtaposition of textures and forms.

The Gallery of Visual Arts is located on the first floor of the Social Science Building and is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, and Monday hours are available by appointment.

For more information call Cathryn Mallory, Gallery of Visual Arts director, at 406-243-2813, email gallery.visarts@umontana.edu or visit http://www.umt.edu/art/galleries/default.php.

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UM Students Earn Degrees

February 16, 2017

MISSOULA – The University of Montana had 941 students who were degree candidates for fall semester 2016. The Montana students listed below are UM degree candidates or have been awarded their degrees for fall semester 2016.

A single asterisk after the student’s name indicates the student is expected to complete degree requirements and graduate with honors by achieving a GPA of 3.4 or higher. Double asterisks indicate the student is expected to complete degree requirements and graduate with high honors by achieving a 3.7 GPA or higher.

Official awarding of a degree and any official graduation with honors or graduation with high honors designation is not made until degree candidates have completed their final term of enrollment and have met all specific requirements.

This information also is available online at: http://bit.ly/2ISUmDd.

ALBERTON: Clarissa Gunn, AA: History
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**ANAconda:**

Dana Anderson, AS: Registered Nursing*

Ashley Flachmeyer, BAE: Education*

Anthony Orrino, AAS: Respiratory Care

Marcus Proxell, BSAD: Accounting

**ARLee:**

Jeffrey Daniel, CERT: Recreational Power Equipment

Kathleen Whetzel, MPA: Public Administration

**BELgrade:**

Addie Kreikemeier, CERP: Public Health*

**BELT:**

Stephanie Back, BS: Biology

**BIG ARM:**

James Bible, MBA: Business Administration

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**BIG SANDY:**

Justin Stevens, BSHHP: Health & Human Performance*

**BIGFORK:**

Angela Gross, MS: Computer Science

Emily Smith, CERPS and BA: Anthropology

**BILLINGS:**
Brian Adkins, MBA: Business Administration-Exter

Colin Angland, BSBAD: Marketing

Ryan Burke, BSBAD: Accounting

Morgan Covington, BSBAD: Management

Karissa Frye, BAJ: Journalism

Brady Gustafson, BSBAD: Accounting

April Hoell, JD: Law

Hayley Lose, BSBAD: Management Information Systems

Bradley Lozoski, BA and CERPS: Sociology

Kylie Mainey, BA: Media Arts

Amber McDermott, PHD: Psychology

Stephanie McDonald, BA: Communication Sciences and Disorders*

Justin Price, MPH: Public Health

James Rahr, BSBAD: Marketing

John Schmaing, BA: Sociology

Brandon Smith, BSBAD: Marketing

**BONNER:**

Robert O'Boyle, MA: Anthropology

Lauren Towsley, BA: English

**BOULDER:**

Theresa Gadaire, BA: History
BOX ELDER:

Amanda Belcourt, BA and CERPS: Anthropology

BOZEMAN:

Teresa Haas, BAJ: Journalism

Dwain Henderson, MBA: Business Administration-Exter

Madison Henning, BS: Biology*

Price Klaas, MPA: Public Administration

Kenneth Rand, MA: Journalism

Hannah Stiff, MPA: no major

Amanda Tebay, MBA: Business Administration-Exter

BROWNING:

Iva Croff, MIS: Interdisciplinary Studies

Aleah Oldmouse, AAS: Practical Nursing*

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Courtney Little Axe, CERPS: Anthropology

BUTTE:

Courtney Cashell, BA: Art

BreAnna Filius, BS: Biology

Tami Hoar, BA: Communication Studies*
Margie Judd, MA: English

Matthew Mulcaire-Jones, BS: Biology

Annie Ossello, BA: Communication Studies

Paige Plattner, CERPS: Anthropology*

Jonathan Quinn, BA: Political Science

Shannon Sullivan, BSBAD: Accounting

**CHARLO:**

Joshua Marceau, PHD: Biomedical Sciences

Susan Petersen, MA: Teaching Middle School Math

Chance Rosenbaum, AA: Computed Tomography *

**CHESTER:**

Sadie Brown, BSBAD: Marketing

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Stan McLaren, AAS: Respiratory Care

Jenny Rammell, MED: Education Leadership

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Parker Johnson, BSBAD: Marketing**

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Bobbi Ruffatto, JD: Law

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Grant Myhre, AAS: Pre-Engineering
Jill Raad-Couture, MS: Speech Language Pathology

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Lisa Morgan, BA: Biology**
Clint Tyler, BA: French*

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Kelsey Halvorson, BA: Psychology**
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Sabina Sabyrkulova, CERPS and BA: Psychology
Paula Specht, MA: Anthropology

STEVENVILLE:

Shaun Barnes, BA: Sociology
Sarah Bush, CERT: Administrative Management

Caryn Foehringer, BAJ: Journalism*

Lucas Jones, PHD: Systems Ecology

Thomas Kester, CERTEC: Information Technology

Tim Kolberg, AA: Applied Science

Brittany McLaughlin, AS: Registered Nursing*

Shelby Murphy, BAE: Education**

Jacob Noonan, BA: Sociology*

Jessica Parks, BSBAD: Management

Alysia Plascencia, AAS: Information Technology

Philip Williams, CERPS: Forestry**

Jennifer Wright, BFA: Art*

**SUPERIOR:**

Cary Chamberlain, BSHHP and BA: Health & Human Performance*

**THREE FORKS:**

Meredith Berthelson, PHD: Individual Interdisciplinary

**TROUT CREEK:**

Jason Krick, BA: Psychology

**TROY:**

Jeremy Akin, BSF: Forestry*

**VICTOR:**

Meghan Bowers, AAS: Practical Nursing*

Hannah Brower, BFA: Media Arts**
Heidi Brower, BME: Music**

Vangelin Burnett, AA: Sociology*

Corey Deering, AAS: Welding Technology

Shane Hadley, CERT: Welding Technology**

Natalie Johnson, MED: Curriculum & Instruction

Stacey Marks, BA: Environmental Studies

Craig Norton, AA: General Education

Richard Reed, AA: General Education

Megan Winderl, JD: Law

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WHITEFISH:

Troy Case, BFA: Art*

Clifford Clark, BS: Geosciences*

Leslie Jones, PHD: Systems Ecology

Elizabeth Riopel, MBA: Business Administration

Lindsey Schwickert, MBA: Business Administration

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WILSALL:

Koryn Haight, BA: Psychology*

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WOLF POINT:

Rebecca Grubbs, CERT: Pharmacy Technology

Sara Harada, BSBAD: Marketing

Alyssa Hoversland, BA: Psychology**
Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author to Give Craft Lecture, Reading March 3 at UM

February 21, 2017

MISSOULA – Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tracy Kidder will give a lecture and a reading at the University of Montana on Friday, March 3.

Kidder’s lecture, titled “Another Set of Eyes,” will take place from noon to 12:50 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. At 7 p.m. that day, Kidder will read from his recent nonfiction work in the Dell Brown Room of Turner Hall. Both events are free and open to the public.

Kidder graduated from Harvard and received his MFA from the University of Iowa. He is the author of “Strength in What Remains,” “My Detachment,” “Home Town” and several other books. He won a Pulitzer Prize in general nonfiction in 1982 for “The Soul of a New Machine.”

“Our creative writing students are incredibly excited to work with Kidder,” said UM Professor Judy Blunt. “There’s simply no better writer or teacher of narrative nonfiction, no more consummate master of the genre. We are so very fortunate to welcome him to UM.”
Kidder’s visit is sponsored by UM’s Creative Writing Program and the President’s Writers-in-Residence Series. Kidder last visited UM in 2013 to meet with students and deliver a lecture when his book “Mountains Beyond Mountains” was UM’s First-Year Reading Experience.

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MC Culinary Arts Students to Host First Prix Fixe Chef’s Tasting Event

February 17, 2017

MISSOULA – Students in the Culinary Arts Program at Missoula College University of Montana will host their first prix fixe menu of the semester on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 23-24, at Missoula College, located at 909 South Ave. W.

The menu will feature dishes created by guest chef and barbeque champion Tony Balay. Students will work alongside Balay to prepare the menu.

The five-course prix fixe menu is available by reservation for $35. Seating is available from 11 a.m. to noon each day. It is recommended that diners plan for an hour to an hour and a half to enjoy the full fine-dining experience. Call 406-243-7815 for reservations.

The menu will feature wild game bird tamales, chorizo sweet potato bisque, grilled scallop and heart of romaine salad, rustic whole hog porchetta, and Mexican chocolate cake with cold-smoked goat cheese sorbet cayenne and smoked vanilla syrup.
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For more information on the event, email Chef Rose Burland at rose.burland@umontana.edu. For more news from the Culinary Arts Program, visit https://www.facebook.com/missoulacollegeculinary/.

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UM Russian Professor Receives Prestigious Teaching Award

February 17, 2017

MISSOULA – Ona Renner-Fahey, an associate professor of Russian in the University of Montana’s Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures Department, recently received the 2016 AATSEEL Excellence in Teaching (Post-Secondary) Award.

"MCLL is thrilled that Dr. Renner-Fahey is the recipient of such a prestigious national award," said Elizabeth Ametsbichler, who chairs the department. “Such recognition of her excellence in teaching is extremely well-deserved.”

Known for her energy, passion and professionalism, Renner-Fahey teaches across all levels and curriculum of the Russian program and engages her first-year Russian students with the same dedication and attentiveness as those
studying in her more advanced courses in Russian poetry.

Additionally, she has led multiple groups of UM students on international experiences to Moscow and St. Petersburg, and established and maintained a partnership between UM and the School of Russian and Asian Studies, which sends 15 to 20 students per year from colleges and universities all over the country to study Russian in Kyrgyzstan.

“Our language programs typically excel in their approach to teaching and supporting students,” said UM College of Humanities and Sciences Dean Christopher Comer, “so it is wonderful to see our Russian program, and Dr. Renner-Fahay in particular, get the recognition that they deserve.”

Since Renner-Fahay arrived at UM, the Russian program has defied national trends, producing five Fulbright Scholars, a Boren Scholarship winner and multiple Critical Language Scholarship recipients. It also has seen its graduates accepted to top-tier graduate programs in Slavic, history, international relations, political science and medicine.

The Excellence in Teaching (Post-Secondary) Award is presented by the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages, an organization that exists to advance the study and promote the teaching of Slavic and East European languages, literatures and cultures on all education levels. Renner-Fahay was honored for her award at the president’s reception during the AATSEEL national convention in San Francisco earlier this month.

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MISSOULA – University of Montana Creative Writing Program graduate student Anna Blackburn, winner of the 2017 Merriam-Frontier Award, will hold a reading at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, in the Theta Rho Room of UM's Mansfield Library.

Blackburn’s poetry submission “The Keeping House” was selected as the winning entry because, in the judges’ words, she “demonstrates a mastery of form with her submission of poems of varying styles and lengths that are united by a tethering narrative. She leads her readers to look at the world differently. And she understands when to push against the page and when to let the form work for her.”

Blackburn is an MFA candidate in poetry and a writing instructor at UM. She grew up in Vermont and earned a bachelor of arts in writing and literature from Marlboro College. She also is the recipient of a Hilly Van Loon Prize.

The Merriam-Frontier Award was established by H.G. Merriam, UM professor of English and creative writing from 1919 to 1954, and includes a $500 prize and funds to publish the winning entry as a chapbook. The contest is open to undergraduate and graduate students each autumn semester.
Frontier, later titled Frontier and Midland, was a distinguished quarterly journal founded and edited by H.G. Merriam and published at UM from 1920 to 1939. Contributors included then-emerging talents Wallace Stegner, A.B. Guthrie Jr., William Saroyan, Dorothy Johnson, John Mason Brown, Weldon Kees, Thomas McGrath and many others. A particular strength of the journal was its frequent publication of work by young authors, a tradition the Merriam-Frontier Award honors and continues.

Blackburn’s reading is sponsored by the UM Creative Writing Program, the Merriam-Frontier Award and the Mansfield Library. For more information call Creative Writing Program Coordinator Karin Schalm at 406-243-5267, email karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu or visit http://hs.umt.edu/creativewriting.

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UM Center for Integrated Research Expands Bat Study to Southern, Eastern U.S.

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MISSOULA – The Center for Integrated Research on the Environment at the University of Montana has expanded an ongoing partnership with the U.S. Department of Defense and Army Corps of Engineers to monitor endangered bats on U.S. Air Force bases.

The project, which started in November, builds upon previous CIRE research conducted last summer on the northern long-eared bats on 14 bases in the central U.S. Researchers are now studying all threatened bat species on 48 Air Force bases in 18 states across the southern and eastern U.S.

The research will help the bases know whether they have any threatened or endangered species of concern, as well as help the Air Force better manage the habitat and reach the ultimate goal of protecting the landscape.

“We will report our survey results, and then the military will develop a management plan that is locally focused, but

nation ally important,” said CIRE Director Ric Hauer, a professor of stream ecology at UM and principal investigator for the project. “Each base will have its own specific resources incorporated into their management plan in order for them to properly manage for this particular group of species, part of our wildlife heritage in the U.S.”

The CIRE team, led by UM-CIRE Bat Ecology Research Coordinator Mike Keech, installed five acoustic monitors on each base that are set to automatically turn on at predetermined times throughout the day, when the bats are expected to be most active. The monitors will collect data for several months.

“The unique thing about this particular project is that the research monitoring covers much of the continental United States,” Hauer said. “We will end up with a total of 62 locations recorded, everywhere except the Pacific Northwest.”

The Department of Defense is charged with military land management. In May 2014, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced a five-year, $45 million cooperative agreement with UM to study and solve environmental and cultural resource problems across the nation.

Through the agreement, the University also assists the Corps in implementing land and water ecological restoration, maintenance and training for optimal management of public resources. Together, the two entities work to promote positive ecosystem health, endangered species awareness, and the continuing wealth of natural resources on Air Force bases.

CIRE at UM is organized within a suite of investigation, research and support areas with specific roles and responsibilities strategically designed to address the particular needs of its clients. In addition to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Defense, CIRE works with agencies, foundations and private organizations to accomplish specific research goals.

For more information call Mona Nazeri, CIRE media information specialist, at 406-243-2617 or email mona.nazeri@mso.umt.edu.

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KBGA College Radio Announces Annual Radiothon Fundraiser

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MISSOULA – KBGA College Radio 89.9 FM will host its annual signature fundraiser, Radiothon, the week of Feb. 26 through March 4, with its highest fundraising goal ever – $25,000.

"With the revamps to the station we've made this year, we decided to put on the biggest Radiothon yet – which needed an equally big goal," said General Manager Christian Mu. "With the funds raised from the support of the community, we plan on upgrading and repairing our studio equipment, maintaining student jobs in light of enrollment decline and upping the ante of our parties and shows."

For this new evolution of Radiothon, KBGA chose the monolith from “2001: A Space Odyssey” as the symbol. In the “Space Odyssey” universe, monoliths represent an ancient technological marvel that marked milestones in the evolution of humanity, from primitive to modern to futuristic. At KBGA, the Radiothon monolith represents the station’s complete ascent into 21st century radio and beyond.

Donors can contribute to Radiothon in exchange for premiums, such as KBGA merchandise or discounted gift cards to local businesses. They also can participate in daily challenges when donating, as well as unique specials and
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sales with each radio program.

To donate during the weeklong event, visit http://www.kbga.org/donate or call 406-243-KBGA, ext. 5242.

The Radiothon schedule follows:

**Sunday, Feb. 26**

- All Nighter Challenge: For every $100 raised, one DJ will have to work an extra hour, between 2 and 8 a.m., each day of the week until the Radiothon is over.

**Monday, Feb. 27**

- Polar Plunge Challenge: At each threshold for daily funds raised, an additional KBGA staff member will jump in the frozen Clark Fork River the following day.

**Tuesday, Feb. 28**

- Tattoo Challenge: Every donor can submit a random tattoo idea of their choosing that one of four staff members will draw at random and get tattooed the following day.

**Wednesday, March 1**

- Food Challenges: Blender Challenge – Select gross ingredients to be added to a blender; Pancake Challenge – Every $50 adds another pancake to the stack; Spicy Challenge – Every $200 adds a shot of hotter sauce, and $1,000 raised will culminate with Arthur Wayne’s Carolina Reaper hot sauce.

**Thursday, March 2**

- Horror Games Challenge: For every $250 raised, video game newcomers will stream increasingly terrifying games, from “Proteus” to “Bioshock” to “Layers of Fear” to “P.T.” to “Alien VR.”

**Friday, March 3**

- KBGA Prime Delivery: All donors will receive their KBGA merchandise or premiums that day. Long gone are the days of waiting for donation incentives.

**Saturday, March 4**

- Smash for the Station: KBGA will sponsor a “Super Smash Bros. Melee” and “SSB 4” tournament in the UC Commons. Organized and hosted by the UM Smash Club.

KBGA’s fundraising week will culminate at The Palace Lounge with EndOfThon, a party boasting some of Missoula’s favorite local acts. EndOfThon begins at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 4, and is a thank-you to the community for their year-round support. Gonzo Missoula superstars Rooster Sauce will kick off the night, followed by local ski-
surf legends, the Skurfs, and Shakewell will shake it up with funky neo-soul rhythms. The 2016 Best of Missoula’s “Best New Band” winner, Glass Spiders, will finish off the night with their wholly unauthorized David Bowie tribute show. Tickets for EndOfThon are $6 presale and $8 at the door, and the event is for 18 years and older.

KBGA College Radio 89.9 is a community-led, student-run alternative radio station. Volunteer DJs provide quality, local programming representative of the diverse tastes and perspectives within the Missoula Valley. The station currently boasts about 60 different weekly shows that range from talk shows about skiing to live in-studio performances to the widely syndicated independent news program “Democracy Now!”

For more information on Radiothon, donating, ticketing for EndOfThon or scheduling an interview, call Ava Pepprock, KBGA promotions director, at 406-241-8172 or email promotions@kbga.org.

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UM Students Named Wyss Conservation Scholars

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MISSOULA — Three University of Montana students have been named 2017-18 Wyss Scholars for Conservation in the American West.

Jess Eller graduated from the University of Alaska Southeast and joined UM’s Environmental Studies master’s program in fall 2016, where she quickly emerged as a leader among her peers by assuming an editorial board role with the student literary magazine Camas. Eller aims to work in policy, advocacy and outreach for environmental nonprofits in the West, and she uses dispute resolution skills, including collaboration, in her work.

Heidi Schatz received her teaching credentials from Augsburg College in Minnesota and moved to Missoula to find work and education in the conservation movement. She established a volunteer station leader position with Defenders of Wildlife and battled invasive species with the Missoula County Weed District, involving youth in weed control and identification. She was selected as a youth crew leader for her leadership potential. In fall 2016, she joined the Environmental Studies master’s program and currently is working on a geographic information systems certificate. Schatz wants to work for an organization, like The Nature Conservancy, that has led the way in implementing GIS tools in conservation practice.
Lindsay Wancour graduated from Michigan State University and followed a friend’s suggestion to move to Missoula to work with the Montana Conservation Corps as a team leader. She flourished in the training program, which sparked her interest in graduate school, and she began taking classes in environmental studies before she was admitted in fall 2016. Wancour sees youth involvement as an important element in building a stronger conservation movement. She aspires to work with a wildland restoration nonprofit or youth conservation program, as she is committed to halting degradation and restoring lands throughout the West.

The Wyss Scholars Program provides financial support to UM master's students who are committed to careers in Western land conservation through a federal or state land management agency or at a nonprofit in the region.

The program is funded by the Wyss Foundation, a private charitable foundation that, since its establishment in 1998, has supported locally led efforts to conserve public lands in the American West and across the country. The foundation’s philanthropy has helped conserve and restore public lands from the Crown of the Continent in Montana and the Hoback Basin in Wyoming to the coastline of California and the rivers of Maine.

For more information on the Wyss Scholars Program, visit http://hs.umt.edu/evst/graduate/wyss-scholars.php, call Julie Tompkins, UM Environmental Studies Program administrative assistant, at 406-243-6284 or email julie.tompkins@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area will share hands-on health science activities at the Heart Expo at Providence St. Patrick Hospital on Saturday, Feb. 25.

Presented by the International Heart Institute, the Heart Expo is a free, public event from 7 to 11 a.m. at the Broadway Building Conference Center, located at 500 W. Broadway in Missoula.

Heart Expo visitors can attend lectures by researchers and meet health care providers from the International Heart Institute of Montana. Low-cost health screenings also will be available. More than 1,000 people attend this event annually.

At spectrUM’s station at the Heart Expo, visitors can dissect a heart, explore a health assessment station and practice simulated surgery activities on a life-size medical teaching torso. This visit is powered by the International Heart Institute of Montana Foundation.

According to Director Holly Truitt, spectrUM’s goal is to “inspire Montanans, especially our next generation, about
STEM and higher education and to power a vibrant, homegrown workforce in our state.”

UM’s spectrUM Discovery Area engages more than 55,000 Montanans annually through its in-museum and mobile programs. Since 2006, spectrUM has traveled exhibits and educators to 73 schools and four public libraries in 31 Montana counties and on all seven American Indian reservations in the state. Thirty percent of the people spectrUM serves are Native American, and more than 75 percent live in rural communities.

Additional spectrUM sponsors include the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, NASA, the Jane S. Heman Foundation, the Martin Family Foundation, the Montana Space Grant Consortium, the Simons Foundation, the Bonneville Power Administration, GSK-Science in the Summer and the O.P. and W.E. Edwards Foundation.

For more information on spectrUM, visit http://spectrum.umt.edu/, call Truitt at 406-243-4828 or email holly.truitt@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA – The campus and Missoula communities are invited to an open house at the School of Extended and Lifelong Learning at the University of Montana from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, in the Todd Building.

The showcase, which is open to the campus community from 4 to 5 p.m. and the off-campus community from 5 to 6 p.m., is an opportunity to learn about the wide range of programs and services SELL offers, which include the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UM (MOLLI), professional development courses, beekeeping certificate program, Montana Brews online course and conference planning services. Beer, wine and appetizers will be provided.

The event is free and open to the public, though organizers request attendees RSVP by emailing sell@umontana.edu no later than Tuesday, Feb. 21.

For more information, call Beth Burman Frazee, SELL marketing director, at 406-243-6721 or email beth.burman-frazee@mso.umt.edu.
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MISSOULA – The Montana Board of Regents fully approved a proposal for a new University of Montana Humanities Institute on Sept. 14, 2016. Led by faculty and structured to benefit student and faculty research, the institute will bring new opportunities for humanities study at UM.

“The creation of the Humanities Institute signals the University of Montana’s historic commitment to scholarship in the humanities,” said Nathaniel Levtow, who will serve as the institute’s first director. “The Humanities Institute will be an important site and source of support for individual and collaborative research projects in the humanities at the University of Montana.”

Drawing on UM’s rich tradition of teaching and scholarship in the humanities, and funded primarily by grants and private donations, the institute aims to foster provocative thinking, innovative research and sustained public discussion of the human experience in all its complexity.

This mission encompasses traditional liberal arts disciplines including history, languages, literature, philosophy and religious studies, as well as any humanistic work that crosses disciplinary boundaries or develops new approaches...
“Until now, UM has lacked a common space and visible forum for the development and presentation of cross-disciplinary humanities research on campus,” Levtow said. “The Humanities Institute will promote faculty scholarship and offer the entire University community and the greater public a way to connect with ideas and initiatives generated every day in UM’s many humanities departments and related programs in the arts and sciences.”

The Humanities Institute’s first Spring Program will highlight the research of new UM faculty members, and will include public lectures on topics such as cultural trauma in Chinese Central Asia, the nature of language acquisition by children and new views on the foundations of modern Western political thought.

In addition, the institute will offer financial support and working space for interdisciplinary research projects in the humanities. The institute’s future plans include hosting events to advance public understanding and discussion of humanities scholarship on campus; bringing renowned humanists to UM from other institutions to speak and collaborate with faculty and students; establishing a Humanities Institute Fellows program for faculty and students; and furthering initiatives to expand funding opportunities for humanities research at UM.

The institute is overseen by an advisory board composed entirely of UM faculty. Its members include Associate Professor Benedicte Boisseron of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures (French, Francophone Studies); Regents Professor of History Anya Jabour; Professor Ashby Kinch of the Department of English; Associate Professor Bernadette Sweeney of the School of Theatre and Dance in the College of Visual and Performing Arts; Assistant Professor Robert Tuck of the Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures (Japanese); and Associate Professor Theodore Van Alst of the Native American Studies department.

For more information visit the Humanities Institute website at http://hs.umt.edu/hi/, call the institute at 406-243-2683 or email humanities.institute@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – The Humanities Institute at the University of Montana will host a lecture by Assistant Professor Eric Schluessel on Wednesday, Feb. 22, as a part of the institute’s New Faculty Lecture Series.

Schluessel will deliver his lecture, “When the World Fell Apart: Translations of Trauma in Turn-of-the-Century Chinese Central Asia,” at 4 p.m. in the Dell Brown Room of Turner Hall.

Schluessel arrived at UM this fall from Harvard University, where he earned his doctorate in history and East Asian languages. He is an assistant professor for the history and political science departments and teaches Chinese history and politics. He also serves as director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center program on East Asian Studies.

“Professor Schleussel will present the latest research on a critically important region and topic,” said Nathaniel Levtow, director of UM’s Humanities Institute. “We are thrilled that he has joined the UM faculty and very excited to have him offer the Humanities Institute’s first public event of the season.”
This event is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be provided. For more information call Media and Information Coordinator Ian Withrow at 406-243-2683 or email ian.withrow@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – Over 700 Montana high school students will log in to STEAM Fest, a free, distance-learning career fair presented by the University of Montana's We Are Montana in the Classroom initiative Feb. 28 through March 2.

With the goal of inspiring students about the array of opportunities that await them in higher education and the workforce, STEAM Fest will engage students with role models in science, technology, entrepreneurship, arts and mathematics.

STEAM Fest's five distance-learning sessions include:

**Tuesday, Feb. 28**

- 1-1:45 p.m.: “Brains and Biomedical Careers,” Genevieve Lind, UM Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and David Burkhart, Inimmune.
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- 10:15-11 a.m.: “Building with Biomaterials,” Monica Serban, UM Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Tyler Smith, Rivertop Renewables.
- 1-1:45 p.m.: “Biomechanics and Human Performance,” Matt Bundle, UM Department of Health and Human Performance, and Meg Fisher, Alpine Physical Therapy.

Thursday, March 2


An initiative of the UM Broader Impacts Group, We Are Montana in the Classroom engages over 10,000 K-12 students with UM faculty and graduate student role models each year.

According to BIG Director Holly Truitt, who oversees We Are Montana in the Classroom, the initiative is designed “to put K-12 students on the fast track to higher education and fulfilling careers by connecting them with inspirational role models who are eager to share their passion for learning and exploring with the next generation.”

We Are Montana in the Classroom is partnering with Inspired Classroom, a Missoulal-based distance-learning technology company, to connect with students in rural and tribal communities across Montana through live video-conferencing. STEAM Fest’s live sessions are now fully booked, but links to recordings of the sessions will be available to teachers following the event.

For more information about STEAM Fest or We Are Montana in the Classroom’s array of free programming for K-12 students, email Nathalie Wolfram, BIG associate director, at nathalie.wolfram@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA – The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at the University of Montana will once again offer UM faculty members and graduate students support in Asian-related research through the Yamaguchi Opportunity Fund.

The generous support of Akira Yamaguchi allows the University to offer between $500 and $1,000 each fall and spring to faculty members from all departments across campus for research and curriculum development related to Asia. Past awards have gone to faculty from a variety of disciplines, including language, journalism, economics, and theater and dance.

Supported activities include research- or program-related travel, scholarly publications, conference participation and purchase of essential research materials.

Preference is given to full-time, pre-tenure faculty members, although other faculty will be considered. Limited support also may be available for outstanding research proposals from UM graduate students.
Interested faculty and students should submit a two-page proposal detailing the nature and cost breakdown of their request and explaining the impact the support will have on their research or teaching. The proposal must include a letter from a colleague in the field who is familiar with the applicant’s work and able to assess the merits of the research, as well as a letter of support from a principal adviser.

The application deadline is Friday, March 31, and awards will be announced in mid-April. Applications can be submitted to Caitlin Sager, Mansfield Center program manager, at caitlin.sager@mso.umt.edu.

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at UM promotes better understanding of the people and cultures of modern Asia, U.S. relations with Asia and ethics in public affairs in the spirit of Sen. Mike Mansfield (1903-2001) and his wife and life partner, Maureen Hayes Mansfield.

For more information on the Yamaguchi Opportunity fund, visit the Mansfield Center’s website at http://www.umt.edu/mansfield/default.php.

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MISSOULA – The Arbor Day Foundation again honored the University of Montana with a 2016 Tree Campus USA recognition for its sustainable campus forestry.

Launched in 2008, the Arbor Day Foundation’s Tree Campus USA program recognizes colleges and universities that promote healthy trees and the spirit of conservation on campus. To receive the distinction, UM met the five goals of having a tree advisory committee, a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for the plan, an Arbor Day observance and sponsorship for student service-learning projects on campus.

The UM campus has approximately 2,000 trees, which the UM grounds staff maintains through planting, small tree structural pruning, insect and disease diagnosis and treatment, and hazard mitigation.

For Arbor Day, the UM Arboretum Committee plans to involve students in arboretum tours and plantings in the interpretive area north of Main Hall.

The Montana legislature designated the UM campus as the official state arboretum in 1991, and this is the second
year in a row the University has earned the Tree Campus USA distinction.

For more information on the Arbor Day Foundation, visit https://www.arborday.org/. To learn more about trees on the UM campus, call Ben Carson, UM grounds maintenance manager, at 406-243-2183 or email ben.carson@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – The school psychology doctoral program at the University of Montana successfully obtained full approval from the National Association of School Psychologists through 2020. The program also has been accredited by the American Psychological Association since October 2015.

Approval by NASP’s Program Accreditation Board is based upon meeting rigorous requirements of the Standards of Graduate Preparation of School Psychologists and preparing competent professionals who serve the mental health and educational interests of all children and youth.

School psychologists are experts in mental health, learning and behavior for children. They work closely with families, teachers and other school professionals to create safe, healthy and supportive learning environments that strengthen connections between home, school and the community. Doctoral-level school psychologists work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, community mental health agencies and universities, as well as public and private schools.

Anisa Goforth, director for UM’s school psychology graduate training programs, said UM’s doctoral program is the
only one in the state that prepares school psychologists.

“We are thrilled that our two national professional associations recognize our strong commitment to the preparation of highly competent professionals that meet the most rigorous standards in the preparation of school psychologists,” Goforth said. “Our graduate students are exceptional and they have obtained positions all across the country to serve the mental health and academic needs of children and adolescents.”

Zachary Shindorf, an advanced doctoral student, said that approval of UM’s program is crucial to his future employment.

“The UM school psychology Ph.D. program has given me the opportunity to really foster my interests, whether it be in my research or clinical work,” Shindorf said. “Given that Montana is primarily a very rural state, providing mental health services to the community can be a challenge. Nonetheless, I have been able to work closely with children with autism, complex trauma and a range of other mental health concerns.”

The School Psychology Program, housed in UM’s Department of Psychology, has three full-time faculty: Greg Machek, Jacqueline Brown and Goforth. The department also includes the Experimental Psychology Program, as well as the Clinical Psychology Program, which has been fully accredited by the APA since 1965.

To learn more about UM’s School Psychology Program, visit http://hs.umt.edu/psychology/school-psychology/. To learn more about the NASP approval process, visit http://www.nasponline.org/standards-and-certification/graduate-program-approval.

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UM Montana Event Services Assistant Director Wins Missoula Businesswomen Award

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MISSOULA – The assistant director of Montana Event Services at the University of Montana recently received the Flying High Award from the Missoula Businesswomen’s Network. As the recipient, Shannon Brilz entered MBN’s Flying High Hall of Fame, which celebrates “extraordinary women who have made significant contributions” to both MBN and the community.

“Her leadership qualities are undeniable,” said Liz Roosa-Millar, UM’s University Center director. “She uses quiet strength, a keen sense and understanding of humans and how they interact, and she operates from a place of caring.”
Brilz has been a part of MBN for the past 10 years, served on the Synergy Board as the directory editor from 2012-16, and was a business sponsor, exhibitor and attendee at the annual Women’s Symposium. She has volunteered with Missoula First Night Steering Committee, Big Sky Band Parents Council and many more organizations in Missoula.

Montana Event Services is part of the UM’s University Center. It helps produce events on campus.

To read more about Brilz and the Missoula Businesswomen’s Network, visit: http://www.umt.edu/uc/about-us/uc-news/2017-02-09_mbn-flying-high-award.php.

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MISSOULA – “Motion,” one of the University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area’s popular traveling exhibitions, will visit Lakeside Thursday and Friday, Feb. 23-24.

Featuring hands-on exhibits and activities exploring the wonders of physics and engineering, “Motion” will transform the Lakeside Elementary School gymnasium into an interactive science museum. Highlights of the exhibition include a gravity well, a spin station, and spectrUM’s ever-popular flight simulator. This tour stop is powered by the Somers Lakeside PTA.

Lakeside students will experience guided field trips of “Motion” during the school day while the exhibition is in town. The community is also invited to attend a free Family Science Night from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Lakeside Elementary School gymnasium, where students can share “Motion” with family and friends.

Inspiring a culture of learning and discovery for all, UM’s spectrUM Discovery Area serves more than 55,000 Montanans annually through in-museum and mobile programs. Since 2006, spectrUM has traveled exhibits and educators to 73 schools and four public libraries in 31 Montana counties and on all seven American Indian
reservations in Montana. Thirty percent of people spectrUM serves are Native American, and more than 75 percent live in rural communities.

SpectrUM’s sponsors include the National Science Foundation, the Montana NSF EPSCoR Program, the National Institutes of Health, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, NASA, the Jane S. Heman Foundation, the Martin Family Foundation, the Montana Space Grant Consortium, the Simons Foundation, the Bonneville Power Administration, GSK-Science in the Summer and the O.P. and W.E. Edwards Foundation. Its Science for All Scholarship Fund has given the gift of science to more than 12,000 Montana children.

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MISSOULA – Aaron Brien, a Crow scholar and faculty member at Salish Kootenai College, will deliver a lecture at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, in University of Montana Payne Family Native American Center Room 105.

The lecture, which is hosted by UM’s Modern and Classical Languages Program and the Department of Anthropology, is titled “From Informant to Investigator: My Approach to Archaeology.” The event is free and open to the public.

The lecture’s title draws from the history of American Indians serving as informants for cultural anthropologists and other scholars. Brien will share his own experiences as the anthropologist who serves as investigator, educator, steward and descendant community representative.

“Aaron has transformational perspectives relevant to the ethical requirements of practicing archaeology in the modern world,” said Kelly Dixon, UM anthropology professor. “His work is a symbol of the future of Indigenous scholars’ impacts on cultural heritage fields. We are fortunate that he is working in this region and that he is teaching the next generation relevant lessons for navigating the future of resource protection in the 21st century.”
Brien is a member of the Apsaalooke Nation, Big Lodge Clan and child of the Whistling Water Clan. He also is a member of the Night Hawk Dance Society. He was born in Sheridan, Wyoming, and was raised on the Crow Reservation’s Center Lodge (Reno) District. Brien earned master’s degree from UM’s Department of Anthropology and currently teaches archaeology and Native American studies at SKC. He also has experience working as a cultural consultant on a National Geographic project.

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UM Wins Communication, Marketing Awards

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MISSOULA – University of Montana communicators and marketers captured several awards in recent competitions.

The Montanan, UM’s institutional magazine, won a Grand Gold for writing from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education Region VIII. This CASE Grand Gold goes to the top written piece by college promoters in a region that includes Alaska, Montana, the Pacific Northwest and western Canada.

The award honors a story about UM alumna and Smithsonian bird detective Carla Dove, who studies “snarge” – the remains of birds that strike aircraft. The story was written by UM journalism graduate and freelancer Nate Schweber.

“This is the second Schweber piece that has won a Grand Gold for us,” Heaney said. “He won the first in 2013. I couldn’t be more pleased – these Grand Golds don’t happen too often, and this demonstrates the quality of writers produced by UM.”

The winning story is online at http://bit.ly/2lsCmpv.
The Montanan also earned a CASE Silver Award in feature writing for a piece titled “The Rebirth of Libby,” written by UM alumna Erika Fredrickson. The story explores how UM students and faculty are helping the small town in northwestern Montana rebuild after its rocky environmental past. That story is online at http://bit.ly/2lNdVc9.

The UM Foundation, along with contracted creative partners, captured three 2016 MarCom Awards. These awards offer an international competition for marketing and communication professionals.

The foundation won a Platinum Award for its 2015 Impact Report, which is online at http://bit.ly/2kcV2Tx.

“This was our first digital impact report,” said Erin Greenside, the foundation’s associate director of communications and interactive media. “We have had rave reviews about the final product – that it’s simple, clean and effective.”


UM also earned five awards from the national Educational Digital Marketing Awards competition. The awardees were from Integrated Communications, University Relations and Information Technology. The winners were:


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MISSOULA – In small towns across Montana, pharmacists do much more than just dispense medications. They serve as a vital health care resource for their patients, providing important health screenings and education for conditions like diabetes and asthma.

To grow the number of community pharmacists in Montana and across the United States, The ALSAM Foundation created the University of Montana's Skaggs Scholars Program in 2010. The scholarship provides financial assistance to five pharmacy students per year who are American Indian/Alaskan Native or another underrepresented minority.

Among the recipients is Skaggs Scholar Jessi Cahoon, who received the scholarship in 2012, 2013 and 2014. After graduating with her Pharm.D. in 2015, Cahoon completed a residency at Community Medical Center in Missoula, then accepted a position as an ambulatory care pharmacist for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in...
“The scholarship offers inclusion in a wonderful network of people,” said Cahoon. “The scholarship coordinators, faculty mentors and other recipients eased the isolation of being a Native American student with many barriers to success. The support of my mentors emboldened me to pursue the highest goals of pharmacy.”

The Skaggs Scholars Program has been highly successful in its goal of recruiting more Native American students. When the scholarship was created, UM ranked fourth among pharmacy schools nationwide in enrollment of Native American and Alaska Native. Now, as of the 2016-17 school year, UM has the largest number of Native American students in any pharmacy program in the country.

As they graduate, they are making a difference for Montana. Currently, all 30 practicing pharmacists in Montana who identify as American Indian/Alaska Native are UM Skaggs School of Pharmacy alumni.

The impact of their past generosity has inspired The ALSAM Foundation to permanently endow the scholarship. With their $1.25 million gift, they are ensuring that UM can continue to attract and support Native American students in pharmacy.

“How the education of minority and underprivileged students and providing pharmacy services to rural communities were both goals of L. S. Skaggs,” said Ronny Cutshall, president of the foundation. Skaggs was a retail giant who, building on top of a business his father started, pioneered innovative merchandising techniques that revolutionized the grocery and drug store businesses.

“The ALSAM Foundation hopes the Skaggs Scholars program will continue to satisfy these goals.”

Howard Beall, associate dean of the Skaggs School of Pharmacy at UM, says that the scholarship fund will have lasting effects on the quality of health care in Montana.

“The scholarships will provide opportunities for future generations of Native American students to pursue their dreams of becoming pharmacists,” he said. “Many will then return home to serve and strengthen their communities.”

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UM Student Involvement Network Invites Students to Winter Campfire Stories Events

February 10, 2017

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Student Involvement Network will host Winter Campfire Stories at The Payne Family Native American Center’s Fire Circle on three Wednesday evenings in February and March.

The free events will be held from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 15, Feb. 22 and March 1. Stories will be shared around the campfire outside of the Native center. Hot chocolate and s’mores will be provided. The event is open to the public, and organizers encourage all people to attend and bring their stories to share.

More information can be found on the Facebook event page at https://www.facebook.com/events/1162298703888121/.

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MISSOULA – Bitterroot College of the University of Montana will host “Introducing MSGC, the Eclipse Ballooning Project and How You Can Get Involved!” at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16.

The event will celebrate new student opportunities with NASA programs and will take place in Room 119 at Bitterroot College UM, located at 103 S. Ninth St. in Hamilton. Bitterroot College students, faculty and staff, as well as any business, industry, nonprofit and private mentors in STEM fields are encouraged to attend.

Established in 1991, NASA’s Montana Space Grant Consortium comprises higher education, business, industry and nonprofit organizations that promote a strong science, math and technology base in the state. MSGC awards fellowships, stipends and scholarships to students pursuing aeronautical or space-related studies at all member campuses and has a yearly competition for research initiation, as well as educational enhancement grants for faculty. The consortium carries out additional undergraduate research, K-12 teacher enhancement, and pre-college and public outreach programs through its central office and affiliate campuses.

Kate Stocker, a UM post-baccalaureate student in the physics program, initially became involved with MSGC as a
sophomore studying the governing processes of solar flares at Montana State University. After she was introduced to MSU’s MSGC director Angela Des Jardins, she conducted additional student research and helped plan an upcoming eclipse project.

“I didn’t know where I was going or how to get involved,” Stocker said. “Then I met Angela and the MSGC team, and everything else has been structured around that day."

One of MSGC’s current programs is the high altitude ballooning program, or the Balloon Outreach, Research, Exploration and Landscape Imaging System. Through BOREALIS, students from multiple disciplines work together to conceive, design and build scientific payloads that are flown up to 100,000 feet – the edge of space – using high altitude balloons. BOREALIS has two complete ballooning programs at UM and MSU.

On Aug. 21, Montana students associated with BOREALIS will take part in high altitude balloon flights with over 60 other teams at locations across the total solar eclipse path, from Oregon to South Carolina, and send live videos, images and atmospheric data from near space to the NASA website.

The event will bring together students from both the high altitude ballooning project and the radiosonde project.

For more information on MSGC, call Jennifer Fowler, MSGC assistant director, at 406-396-8085, email jennifer.fowler@umontana.edu or visit http://www.spacegrant.montana.edu.

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UM to Host Screening of Internationally Acclaimed Teaching Documentary

February 10, 2017

MISSOULA – The University of Montana and Phi Delta Kappa will host a screening of the award-winning documentary “Most Likely to Succeed” at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 2, in the University Center Theater.

The event is free and open to the public, and a dialogue about what matters today for students will follow.

“Most Likely to Succeed” offers an inspiring look at what students and teachers are capable of – if they have the vision and courage to transform schools. Directed by acclaimed documentarian Greg Whiteley, the film has been an official selection of two dozen of the world’s top film festivals in 2015, including Sundance, Tribeca and AFI DOCS, and it has been featured at leading conferences on education. As more than 2,300 communities screened “Most Likely to Succeed” during the past year, audience members called it the most compelling film ever made on the topic of school.

With a school system designed in 1893, the U.S. ranks 18th in education out of 23 industrialized countries, and only one in four high school students graduates college-ready in English, math and science, according to the documentary.
“Most Likely to Succeed” aims to spur meaningful discussions among educators, administrators, parents and students on overcoming current obstacles and initiating change on a local level through communitywide commitment and transformational initiatives.

For more information about the film and the movement, visit http://mltsfilm.org.

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Mansfield Center at UM Announces Spring 2017 Lecture Series

February 10, 2017

MISSOULA – The Mansfield Center at the University of Montana will launch its spring 2017 Brown Bag Lecture Series on Wednesday, Feb. 15, to promote understanding of Asia, public affairs and ethics.

Topics this semester include women's leadership, traditional ecological knowledge in resource management, climate change in Southeast Asia, Korean culture and U.S.-Japanese relations.

All sessions will be held from noon to 12:50 p.m., unless otherwise noted, and are free and open to the public. The schedule follows:

- **Wednesday, Feb. 15, University Center Room 333**: “Montana NEW Leadership: Leadership Opportunity for Female Undergrads,” Nicky Phear, director of UM’s Climate Change Studies program and member of the UM Women's Leadership Initiative inaugural cohort; and Deena Mansour, Sara Rinfret and Haley Anderson, Montana NEW Leadership organizers.

- **Wednesday, Feb. 22, UC Room 330**: “Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Resource Utilization in the
Minority Region of Guizhou Province, China,” Jiang Nie, associate professor at Guizhou University of Finance and Economics and UM visiting scholar.

- **Wednesday, March 15, UC Room 331:** “Exploring the Delta: Changing Climate and Culture in Vietnam,” Nicky Phear, director of Climate Change Studies at UM, and Dan Spencer, UM professor of environmental studies.


- **Wednesday, April 12, Davidson Honors College Room 119:** “Introduction to Korean Culture and Hallyu (Korean Wave),” Byeong-Keun You, lead instructor, Korean Language and Culture, Mansfield Center; and Sanghyup Lee, Jisoo Han and EunBee Seo, instructors, Korean Language and Culture, Mansfield Center.

- **Tuesday, April 25, UC Room 326, 12:30-1:20 p.m.:** “The Montana-Japan Connection: Reflections on the KAKEHASHI Project,” participants in the 2016 UM KAKEHASHI Project study tour of Japan.

For more information and extended session descriptions, visit [https://www.umt.edu/mansfield/events/brownbaglectures.php](https://www.umt.edu/mansfield/events/brownbaglectures.php) or call 406-243-2988.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana's We Are Montana in the Classroom initiative will travel to Kalispell on Thursday, Feb. 16, to share UM's research and educational opportunities with high school students.

UM role models Mark Reiser, academic adviser in the UM Department of Physics and Astronomy, and Nathanael Herrera, a UM doctoral candidate in organismal biology, ecology and evolution, will lead hands-on activities with biology, math, physics and earth science students. The classroom presentations will take place from 11 a.m. to noon at Glacier and Flathead high schools, and then again from 12:30 to 3:15 p.m. at Glacier High School.

"We're excited for Kalispell high school students to experience what it's like to study and do research at UM, as well as to meet role models who will share their own experiences in higher education and the work force," said Nathalie Wolfram, associate director of UM's Broader Impacts Group, which oversees the We Are Montana in the Classroom initiative.
We Are Montana in the Classroom, part of the Broader Impacts Group in UM's Office of Research and Creative Scholarship, partners with more than 125 UM faculty members, professionals and graduate students to inspire K-12 students about higher education and career pathways. We Are Montana in the Classroom role models engage more than 10,000 K-12 students annually through statewide tours, local classroom visits and distance-learning experiences.

K-12 teachers can learn more about We Are Montana in the Classroom's array of free programs by calling Wolfram at 406-243-4828 or emailing nathalie.wolfram@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA – Western historian Annie Gilbert Coleman will explore how recreational consumption has fragmented mountain landscapes, both visually and politically, during the University of Montana's eighth annual Hampton Lecture on Thursday, Feb. 23.

Coleman will deliver “The Problem with Going Pro: A Short History of Public Land, Outdoor Sports and Visual Culture” at 7 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 106. The lecture, sponsored by the UM Department of History, is free and open to the public.

Coleman is an associate professor of history in the Department of American Studies at the University of Notre Dame and author of “Ski Style: Sport and Culture in the Rockies.” Her lecture will examine how outdoor recreation over the past century has fueled the preservation of mountainous public land throughout the Rockies but also prompted extended legal battles and political conflict.

For more information email Jody Pavilack, UM associate professor of history, jody.pavilack@umontana.edu.
Lecture at UM to Examine Effects of Recreation on Mountain Landscapes - UM News - University Of Montana

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UM Tops for Vegan Dining in Montana

February 08, 2017

MISSOULA – University of Montana Dining has the highest student vegan satisfaction rating in the Montana University System, according to a recent survey by PETA2, the youth division of the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

UM Dining received an A on PETA2’s 2016 Vegan Report Card, noting that students gave the University a 100 percent satisfaction rating. In 2015, UM Dining received a B, and in 2014 it received a C.

The report card is online at http://bit.ly/2losPoN.

“UM Dining takes pride in supporting student success by providing delicious, nutritious, and sustainable food to all students, including vegans,” said Mark LoParco, director of UM Dining. “Our grade from PETA2 reflects our continued efforts to provide the highest quality service to all students.”

This year’s report noted that UM Dining offers at least one vegan entrée at every meal, offers nondairy milk, offers an all-vegan station in the Food Zoo dining hall, promotes vegan options and labels its vegan options.

For more information about UM Dining visit http://www.umt.edu/dining/.
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UM to Host ‘Branching Out’ Networking Events

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MISSOULA – The Branch Center in the University Center will host “Branching Out,” a weekly networking event, Wednesdays from Feb. 15 to May 3 at the University of Montana.

“Branching Out” will help students learn new skills, engage in mindful dialogue and connect with others on campus. It will take place from 3 to 4 p.m. in The Branch Center lounge area on the second floor of the UC. Free coffee and pastries will be served.

The first event is hosted by the Black Student Union, and the Feb. 22 topic is a panel titled “How to be an Activist.”

The Branch Center at UM opened Feb. 1 as a community space dedicated to providing programs, services and resources for underrepresented students. It is named for UM’s former Vice President of Student Affairs Teresa Branch, who retired last June.

For a listing of “Branching Out” dates and topics, visit http://www.umt.edu/uc/student-involvement/branching-out.
For more information on the event, call Hailey Michelson, program adviser for the Student Involvement Network and The Branch Center, at 406-243-5776 or email hailey.michelson@mso.umt.edu. Those interested also can call Antonio Morsette, student coordinator of the event, at 406-243-5622 or email antonio.morsette@mso.umt.edu.

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UM Launches Leadership Institute for Female Students in Montana

February 08, 2017

MISSOULA – Are you a female Montana undergraduate student inspired to take a leadership role in your community? The University of Montana is now accepting applications for a six-day summer program designed to educate, empower and encourage college women to become politically active and assume greater leadership roles.

NEW Leadership is a national bipartisan program developed by Rutgers University’s Center for American Women and Politics. The program educates college women about politics and leadership, providing them with tools to become effective leaders.

Montana NEW Leadership is a six-day residential program that will take place June 4-9 at UM. The program is open to 20 women who will be a sophomore, junior or senior during fall semester 2017. During the institute, students will meet statewide political, business and nongovernmental leaders; learn about women in American politics; and develop and practice leadership skills through panel discussions, workshops and hands-on projects.

“We are proud to have been chosen as the sole statewide host for this program and to bring this exciting opportunity to Montana women,” said Sara Rinfret, Montana NEW Leadership academic director and UM assistant
professor of political science. “Students will come away from the program with practical new leadership skills as well as expanded networks and friendships from across the state.”

“This program is designed to celebrate the diversity of our state,” said Deena Mansour, associate director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at UM and Montana NEW Leadership administrative director. “We are specifically recruiting women of different backgrounds, ideologies, tribal nations, ages and geographic regions.”

Montana legislators Kimberly Dudik of Missoula and Geraldine Custer of Forsyth also will help manage the program.

The program is offered at no cost to participants. Major costs are funded by private individuals and foundations and participants are asked to seek the support of a faculty adviser to identify a campus scholarship to cover the remaining costs. A special scholarship from the Mansfield Center is available for applicants from tribal colleges.

Applications and more information are available at http://www.umt.edu/mansfield, by calling Rinfret at 406-243-2461 or emailing sara.rinfret@umontana.edu. Applications are due Monday, March 6.

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University Center Gallery at UM Now Accepting New Art Proposals

February 07, 2017

MISSOULA – The University Center Gallery at the University of Montana now will accept exhibit proposals for the upcoming 2017-18 academic year.

The art call is open to all full-time UM and Missoula College students, staff and faculty and is free to apply.

The application deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, April 7. To apply, go to https://ucmontana.formstack.com/forms/uc_gallery_art_call_application.

Run by UM students, the UCG is a contemporary, nonprofit gallery committed to creating an engaging, educational experience for campus and community members. UCG exhibitions are selected based on diversity in origin, media, content and style, and the work displayed comes from local, regional and national artists, as well as UM students, staff and faculty. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To view a schedule of current exhibits, visit http://www.umt.edu/uc/uc-gallery/exhibit-schedule/default.php. For more information call Paige Robinson, UCG student coordinator, at 406-243-5564 or email paige.robinson@mso.umt.edu.
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UM Big Sky Employment Fair Brings Employers, Recruiters to Campus

February 06, 2017

MISSOULA – The University of Montana will host the 28th Annual Big Sky Employment Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, in the University Center Ballroom. Participants can meet with recruiters from local, regional, national and international companies. More than 100 recruiters from over 70 employers are expected.

The fair, sponsored by the UM Office of Career Services, is free and open to all UM students and alumni. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

The event will offer recruiting opportunities for students in all academic disciplines, including professional full-time and part-time positions, as well as summer jobs and internships. Many recruiters will return Thursday, Feb. 23, to interview students and alumni for open positions in their organizations.

Students and alumni can go online to http://www.umt.edu/career/CareerFairs/bsef/default.php to view a complete schedule and list of companies attending the fair and add themselves to a mailing list. Through their Griz eRecruiting account, students also can see who will be on campus recruiting this semester and sign up for on-campus interviews being held the day after the fair and throughout spring semester. Students can contact the Office
of Career Services to set up their free Griz eRecruiting account.

For more information call Career Services at 406-243-2022.

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Award-winning Journalist Suzanne Goldenberg to Lecture at UM

February 06, 2017

MISSOULA – Suzanne Goldenberg, an award-winning journalist for the Guardian and author of “Madam President,” will lecture at the University of Montana at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, in Liberal Arts Building Room 103A-B.

Goldenberg’s lecture is titled “Climate Change in the World’s Two Largest Democracies: New Developments in India and the U.S.” Goldenberg reported from India for many years, and during her lecture she will address the human cost of climate change, especially for women. The event is free and open to the public, and a reception will follow.
Goldenberg reported for the Guardian for more than 20 years. She now is a writer and environmental consultant based in Washington, D.C. Her work on climate change was cited by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry at the Paris climate summit in 2015.

She has won several awards for her work in the Middle East, and in 2003 she was among a small group of reporters who covered the U.S. invasion of Iraq from Baghdad. She also covered the war in Lebanon in 2006, the Palestinian uprising from 2000 to 2002, the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan in 1996 and the wars in Chechnya, Georgia and Nagorno Karabakh in the former Soviet Union in the early 1990s.

Her book “Madam President” is about Hillary Clinton’s historic run for the White House. She also is the author of “Pride of Small Nations: The Caucasus and Post-Soviet Disorder” and co-wrote “Transcaucasian Boundaries” with John F. R. Wright and Richard Schofield. She lives in Washington, D.C., with her family.

The event is hosted by UM’s South and Southeast Asian Studies, School of Journalism and Liberal Studies Program.

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UM Honors Black History Month with February Events

February 03, 2017

MISSOULA – The University Center will host several events throughout the month of February to support African-American students at the University of Montana during the nationally recognized Black History Month.

The events include movies, UM professor-led discussions and a panel discussion on race in America. The schedule follows:

Thursday, Feb. 9

- All day – Black History Month display, UC Atrium, first floor.

Friday, Feb. 10

- All day – Black History Month display, UC Atrium.
- 10 a.m. – Talk: “Black Like Me,” presented by UM associate Professor Benedicte Boisseron. UC Theater, third floor.
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11 a.m. – Lunch social, The Branch Center, UC second floor.
12:30 p.m. – Talk: “U.S. Slavery, Industrial Corporatocracy and Climate Disaster: The Connecting Threads,” presented by UM lecturer George Price. UC Theater.
2 p.m. – Movie: “Good Hair,” produced by and starring Chris Rock. UC Theater.
5 p.m. – Talk: “Limits of Censorship in an Age of Respectable Racism,” presented by UM Associate Professor Tobin Miller Shearer, director of the UM African-American Studies Program. UC Theater.

Monday, Feb. 13

7 p.m. – Movie: “13th.” UC Theater.

Thursday, Feb. 16

4-6 p.m. – Panel: “Ask a Black Person.” A discussion on race in America. UC Rooms 326-327.

To learn more about the events, visit https://www.umt.edu/uc/student-involvement/bhm/default.php. In conjunction with Black History Month, a special exhibit on UM’s Black Student Union is on display at Archives and Special Collections at the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library. The exhibit uses historic photos, publications and artifacts to tell the story of the student group since its 1968 beginning. For more information call Archives and Special Collections at 406-243-2053, email library.archives@umontana.edu or visit http://www.lib.umt.edu/asc/default.php.

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MISSOULA – University of Montana President Sheila Stearns invites the campus and Missoula communities to join in UM’s 124th birthday celebration during the annual Charter Day awards ceremony and reception at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, in the University Center Ballroom.

Charter Day, which marks the anniversary of the University’s chartering by the Montana Legislature in 1893, celebrates the strong connection between the UM and Missoula communities. The awards ceremony, sponsored by UM’s Office of Alumni Relations, will honor eight exemplary campus and community members who help further UM’s dedication to excellence. The ceremony, which is free and open to the public, will be followed by a reception featuring birthday cake and other refreshments.

The Charter Day awards ceremony will honor the following individuals:
ASUM Student Service Award: Peter Breigenzer. This award recognizes distinguished service and achievement. Breigenzer graduated from UM in fall 2016 with a double degree in organismal biology and ecology and in environmental studies. A Presidential Leadership Scholar, he also was a member of the UM Wilderness Association and 1000 New Gardens. His future plans include attending graduate school for evolutionary biology and traveling as much as possible.

George M. Dennison Presidential Faculty Award for Distinguished Accomplishment: Elaine Hightower Gagliardi. This award recognizes distinguished accomplishments that have brought significant recognition to UM at the regional and national levels. Gagliardi is a professor in UM’s Alexander Blewett III School of Law who teaches business law and estate planning. She currently serves as associate dean of students and as director of the law school’s Montana Tax Institute, and she previously has served as academic associate dean and clinic director.

George M. Dennison Presidential Staff Award for Distinguished Accomplishment: Kathleen Whetzel. This award recognizes distinguished accomplishment by an employee that brings excellence, merit, distinction or glory to UM. Whetzel joined the UM School of Journalism staff in 2003. She has served on Staff Senate, the University Athletic Committee, the Faculty/Staff Award Planning Committee and the Inter Unit Benefits Committee and currently works as a UM Campus Wellness Champion. Whetzel began working on her bachelor’s degree as a nontraditional student, taking one class at a time, until she decided to quit work and go to school full-time. She worked as a student employee in the president’s office under President George Dennison. She earned her bachelor’s degree from the School of Business Administration in 1998 and her master’s degree in public administration last December.

John Ruffatto Memorial Award: Justin Angle. This award recognizes UM faculty who bring practical, applicable business principles into the classroom. Angle is an assistant professor of marketing in UM’s School of Business Administration. His academic research focuses on how people express their identities through consumption behaviors. He is particularly interested in the unconscious effects of social and marketing factors on attitude and behavior. The Journal of Consumer Research, International Journal of Research in Marketing and Journal of Consumer Psychology recently published his findings, and ESPN, The Washington Post and Sports Illustrated have reported on his work.

Montana Alumni Award: Brandon L. Gebhardt. This award recognizes a former UM student for extraordinary service to the University. Gebhardt earned a Master of Accountancy degree from UM in 2014 and works as a senior auditor at JCCS PC in Missoula. In addition to serving the UM Alumni Association as a House of Delegates outreach volunteer, a committee member for the Boots to Beaches fundraiser and a Homecoming Parade judge, Brandon is the current president of the Missoula chapter of the Montana Society of CPAs.

Neil S. Bucklew Presidential Service Award: Mike McDonough. This award recognizes extraordinary effort to foster an understanding of UM’s needs and strengths throughout the community and the state. McDonough retired after a long career in telecommunications, which included serving in several executive-level positions at GTE (now part of Verizon). His volunteer service to UM includes serving as board chair of UMAA, board chair and investment committee chair for the UM Foundation and a member of several presidential advisory committees. He and his wife, Mary, currently sit on the UM Flathead Lake Biological Research Station advisory board.

Outstanding Service to the External Community Award: Todd Goodrich. This award recognizes exceptional service to the off-campus community and positive contributions to the overall mission of the University. Goodrich, UM’s official photographer, has captured images of campus, students, faculty, athletics and special events for more
than 25 years. His photos appear in UM publications, websites, social media, GoGriz.com and other UM communications. Over the course of his career at UM, he has photographed U.S. presidents, musicians like the Rolling Stones and Paul McCartney, every national championship football game in which the Grizzlies have played, Nobel Prize winners and even a NASA rocket launch.

Robert T. Pantzer Presidential Humanitarian Award: Jasmine Zink Laine. This award recognizes those who create a more humane learning environment at UM. Laine coordinates academic policy, curriculum proposals, and institutional assessment and accreditation in UM’s Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. She uses her passion for people to advocate for improved internal communication, employee engagement and leadership development at all levels. She co-authored “Recommendations for Improving Internal Communication at UM” with Claudine Cellier and Gordy Pace in May 2014. Together, they continue to reach out to colleagues across campus to build community and engagement.

For more information about Charter Day, call Angela Weisenburger, UM Office of Alumni Relations on-campus events coordinator, at 406-243-6439 or email angela.weisenburger@umontana.edu.

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‘Walk with a Doc’ Program Launches in Missoula

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MISSOULA – Community members are invited to trek a 2-mile expanse of the Milwaukee Trail as part of Community Cancer Care and Prevention Center’s Missoula “Walk with a Doc” program. The program launches at noon Tuesday, Feb. 14, and will continue every Tuesday through May.

Each week, a different local doctor will provide a 15-minute presentation on a timely health topic and will participate in the walk while addressing any questions posed by walkers.

“Walk with a Doc” is a national program started in 2005 by Dr. David Sabgir, a cardiologist in Columbus, Ohio. Frustrated with his inability to affect behavior change in the clinical setting, Sabgir invited his patients to go for a walk with him in a local park on a spring Saturday morning. To his surprise, over 100 people showed up, energized and ready to move. “Walk with a Doc” has grown as a grassroots effort with a model based on sustainability and simplicity.

According to Susan Rick, director of the Community Cancer Care and Prevention Center, several cancers are associated with obesity. In a landmark 2003 study, American Cancer Society researchers analyzed data on obesity
and cancer from a group of 900,000 American adults they had monitored for 16 years. The researchers found that the most obese women had a 62 percent increase in their risk of dying from cancer than women of normal weight; for obese men, the increase was 52 percent. The wide range of tumor types included colorectal, liver, gallbladder, pancreas, esophageal, kidney, prostate, breast, uterine, endometrial and ovarian cancers. The researchers concluded that above-normal weight was associated with almost 20 percent of all cancer deaths in the United States. Doctors say people can decrease the risk for developing cancer and improving overall survivorship by keeping their weight below obesity thresholds. According to the National Cancer Institute, as many as 84,000 cancer diagnoses each year are linked to obesity.

The 2017 Missoula “Walk with a Doc” program is a collaborative effort of Community Cancer Care and Prevention Center; the Western Montana Area Health Education Center at the University of Montana; Missoula Parks and Recreation; and the Missoula City-County Health Department Let’s Move! Missoula.

“Physical activity is one of the best preventative medicines," said Ryan Yearous, recreation specialist with Missoula Parks and Recreation. “Walking with moderate to vigorous intensity 30 minutes or more per day can lead to a wealth of health benefits. Walk with a Doc is the perfect way to get outside, be active and explore your local parks and trails, while connecting with a community of like-minded individuals.”

Interested participants are encouraged to meet north of Third Street, at the Milwaukee Trail, on Catlin. For a map and more information, visit http://walkwithadoc.org/our-locations/missoula-montana/, or call “Walk with a Doc” program intern Jamie Hewitt, at 267-374-0727.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana students, employees and community members are invited to the Spring Volunteer Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, in the University Center Atrium.

The fair is hosted by UM’s Academic Enrichment Civic Engagement and the Volunteers in Action student group.

Approximately 30 community agencies will be on hand to provide information about numerous volunteer opportunities available in the Missoula area. Attendees can learn about meaningful service opportunities while agencies raise awareness and recruit new student volunteers.

Academic Enrichment Civic Engagement coordinates a Volunteer Fair each year at the beginning of fall and spring semesters to connect participants with local volunteer opportunities. The fair helps nonprofit agencies promote their activities and recruit new members in order to meet community needs.

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MISSOULA – The international hit show and musical comedy “Menopause The Musical” will hot flash across the Dennison Theatre stage for a 2 p.m. matinee performance Saturday, March 18, at the University of Montana.

Tickets currently are on sale and can be purchased online at http://www.umt.edu/griztix/, at all GrizTix outlets or by calling 888-MONTANA.

Inspired by a hot flash and a bottle of wine, the musical is a groundbreaking celebration of women who are on the brink of, in the middle of or have survived “the change.” The laughter-filled 90-minute production gets audience members out of their seats and singing along to parodies from classic pop songs of the ’60s, ’70s and ’80s. “Menopause The Musical” has evolved as a grassroots movement of women who deal with life adjustments after age 40 by embracing one another and the road ahead.

Set in a department store, four women meet while shopping for a black lace bra at a lingerie sale. After noticing similarities among one another, they cast jokes about their woeful hot flashes, mood swings, wrinkles, weight gain and more. These women form a sisterhood and unique bond with the entire audience as they rejoice in celebrating
that menopause is no longer “the silent passage.”

“Menopause The Musical”, now in its 14th year of production, is recognized as the longest-running scripted production in Las Vegas and continues to entertain nightly. The hilarious musical has entertained audiences in more than 450 U.S. cities, nearly 300 international cities and a total of 15 countries. For more information visit http://www.MenopauseTheMusical.com.

The musical is produced by GFour Productions, winners of 54 Drama Desk and 44 Tony Awards. GFour recently premiered the Spanish-language version of “Menopausia el Musical” in Hollywood and now have begun the international launch of their ever-popular Menopause brand, bringing laughter to audiences around the world.

For more information on the production, call Thomas Webster, UM Dennison Theatre director, at 406-243-2853 or visit http://gfourproductions.com/.

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MISSOULA – The Student Involvement Network in the University Center will host a Super Bowl Viewing Party on Sunday, Feb. 5, in the UC Theater at the University of Montana.

The party will start at 4:30 p.m. with the game’s kickoff and will include free food and drinks until the end of the game.

The viewing party aims to bring students across campus together for one of America’s most-watched games.

For more information, call Hailey Michelson, program adviser, UM Student Involvement Network, 406-243-5776 or visit the Facebook event page at https://www.facebook.com/events/407220869618525/.

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MISSOULA – A new article points to barriers faced by Native American students pursuing degrees in natural resource programs. Ruth Swaney, coordinator of the Native American Natural Resource Program in the University of Montana's W.A. Franke College of Forestry & Conservation, is a co-author on the study published this month in the Journal of Forestry.

For the study, a group of undergraduate and graduate Native American students majoring in natural resource fields summarized their academic and campus culture experiences. The findings highlight some key opportunities and challenges for Native students in higher education during a time when both universities and natural resource agencies want to recruit more Native American students and employees.

Some of the challenges Native students face include: a variety of nontraditional paths to college; a deep sense of
environmental stewardship and obligation to give back to communities that might conflict with an impersonal approach to science and management emphasized in courses or research; and lack of faculty as mentors on tribal issues.

“We found that an Indian identity provides motivation for some Native students to pursue their degrees because of a strong connection to the land and resources,” Swaney said. “Those students might experience cultural tensions in their academic work, but one way to overcome those tensions is by including tribal issues and Traditional Ecological Knowledge in coursework or research.”

The authors point to the many benefits of engaging in graduate work, including the ability to address tribal issues in their research, allowing them to contribute meaningful biological and cultural information to tribes.

UM recently was highlighted in a Chronicle of Higher Education article as an institution that creates a welcoming environment for Native students. That article noted that UM’s Native student population is about 5 percent of its student body. The national average is 1 percent.

UM’s Native American Natural Resource Program provides educational opportunities, advising and support to Native American students enrolled in the Franke College of Forestry and Conservation. Swaney was named coordinator of the program in 2015.

“We are fortunate to have Ruth Swaney mentoring and advising Native students here in the W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation,” said Dean Tom DeLuca. “We feel strongly that this sort of support is essential for encouraging and successfully mentoring our Native students, as well as bringing awareness of indigenous knowledge and practices into the broader student experience in the college.”

The paper “Native American Student Perspectives of Challenges in Natural Resource Higher Education” was published Jan. 19 in the Journal of Forestry and can be read at http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/saf/jof/pre-prints/content-jof2016065r1 .

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MISSOULA – Susan Carey, veteran aviation reporter at The Wall Street Journal, will deliver the annual Jeff Cole Distinguished Lecture at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at the University of Montana. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held inside the Alexander Blewett III School of Law Room 101.

The talk, titled “Old School in the New Journalism Era,” is the ninth installment of the UM School of Journalism’s annual Jeff Cole Distinguished Lecture Series. The series honors Cole, a Butte native who graduated from the School of Journalism in 1980. He was the aeronautics editor at The Wall Street Journal when he was killed in a plane crash while on assignment in January 2001.

Carey joined WSJ at age 25 to cover coal mining, steel, labor unions and Appalachia. She later covered airlines, aerospace and tourism in Europe.
where she witnessed the fall of the Berlin Wall. From there, she reported for the Asian WSJ in Hong Kong and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

While in Asia, she met Jeff Cole. She describes him as “a wonderful friend and an inspiration.”

The lecture is supported by the Jeff Cole Legacy Fund, which also offers an annual scholarship and a spring dinner for students who work at the Montana Kaimin, UM’s independent student newspaper.

The UM School of Journalism launched in 1914, and has trained generations of journalists in print, broadcast, photography and, more recently, new media. The school regularly ranks among the top 10 journalism schools in the United States.

For more information visit http://www.jour.umt.edu.

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UM to Hold Shine a Light on Mental Health Week

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MISSOULA – The Student Involvement Network will host “Shine a Light on Mental Health Week” starting Monday, Feb. 13, at the University of Montana’s University Center.

The weeklong event is dedicated to eliminating stigma, raising awareness and providing information about mental health issues. The SIN, together with the Curry Health Center, the UM Active Minds student group and the National Alliance on Mental Health Missoula, will hold open discussions, trainings and activities, as well as displays and art pieces to help students and community members navigate the conversation and bring mental health issues “into the light.”

The week will contain an “unconference” dinner discussion on mental health, a memorial on the Oval for suicide victims, suicide-prevention training and more activities to inspire hope and positive change.

The schedule follows:

Monday, Feb. 13
• 11 a.m.-2 p.m. – Activities in the UC Atrium, First Floor
• 5-7 p.m. – Unconference Mental Health Discussion, The Branch Center, UC Second Floor

Tuesday, Feb. 14

• 11 a.m.-2 p.m. – Activities in the UC Atrium, First Floor
• 7-9 p.m. – Open Mic Night, The Branch Center, UC Second Floor

Wednesday, Feb. 15

• 11 a.m.-2 p.m. – Activities in the UC Atrium, First Floor
• 12-1 p.m. – Coffee with a Stranger, Campus Court (by Jus Chill'n), UC First Floor
• 6-8 p.m. – Mental Health Ally Training (QPR Training), The Branch Center, UC Second Floor

Thursday, Feb. 16

• 11 a.m.-2 p.m. – Activities in the UC Atrium, First Floor
• 12-1 p.m. – Guided Mental Meditation, UC 333, Third Floor
• 7-8 p.m. – Keynote Speaker: Mayor John Engen, UC Theater, Third Floor

Friday, Feb. 17

• 11 a.m.-2 p.m. – Open Debrief Discussion and Resource Fair, The Branch Center, Second Floor

Community groups also are encouraged to attend the week’s events or hold events of their own.

To learn more about the event, visit http://www.umt.edu/uc/student-involvement/shine-a-light/default.php. To become involved, call SIN Leadership Coordinator Tessa Feemster at 406-243-5622 or email tessa.feemster@mso.umt.edu.

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He and study co-authors, including UM Professors Mark Hebblewhite and Jedediah Brodie, call for a global network of remote cameras. The researchers believe a large-scale, connected network that collects and manages data from remote cameras could help meet goals to conserve wildlife and other natural resources.
“There is so much remote camera data being collected out there by both research scientists and citizen scientists, we just need to link it together,” Steenweg said. He points to examples such as Snapshot Serengeti and Snapshot Wisconsin, which use citizen-collected, remote-camera data to drive conservation.

Researchers and resource managers currently use remote cameras to monitor wildlife all over the world – an estimated 20,000 cameras in 2015 – and more are added daily. Steenweg and colleagues propose regional networks could be pulled together in national and even global biodiversity monitoring systems.

“A hundred years ago, meteorologists went through the same process of building a set of standardized weather stations that now number in the tens of thousands across the world,” Hebblewhite said. “Without this network, modern-day climate science would impossible.”

The researchers say ecologists already are linking together hundreds of remote wildlife cameras to successfully monitor biodiversity trends at regional scales, and they believe a global collaboration is the next step.

The insights gained from remote cameras are powerful. Cameras have been used to document the first evidence of wolverine recolonization in California, endangered wildlife in Montana like wolverines and fisher, and elk and deer population trends in Idaho as an alternative to expensive aerial helicopter surveys. In the tropics and developing countries where it is difficult to observe or capture wildlife, noninvasive cameras are transforming ecology and conservation.

Hebblewhite points to the Yellowstone and Yukon regions as an example of sharing resources.

“We’re linking together hundreds of remote cameras in the Canadian Rocky Mountain national parks so that wildlife managers can track trends of grizzly bears, lynx, wolverine and other sensitive wildlife species,” he said.

Researchers in UM’s Wildlife Biology Program have pioneered the use of remote cameras for wildlife studies. Brodie has used remote cameras to show how snow affects wolf and elk interactions in Yellowstone National Park. He also has improved protected area conservation in Borneo by monitoring wildlife movements between those areas. In addition to Steenweg’s pioneering work in the Canadian Rockies, UM doctoral student Tshering Tempa deployed 700 cameras across the entire country of Bhutan to obtain the first-ever countrywide population estimate of tigers.

The study is online at http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/fee.1448/full. For more information call Steenweg at 406-243-5236 or email robin.steenweg@umontana.edu; call Hebblewhite at 406-243-6675 or email mark.hebblewhite@umontana.edu; or call Brodie at 406-243-5528 or email jedediah.brodie@mso.umt.edu.

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