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UM GRADUATES TO BE HONORED AT HOMECOMING

Six graduates of the University of Montana will receive the Distinguished and Young Alumnus Awards, the UM Alumni Association's highest honors, during Homecoming. The awards will be presented at a dinner honoring the recipients and the 50-year Golden Grizzlies Friday, Oct. 15, at 6 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

Those receiving the Distinguished Alumnus Awards are:

Joan Hoff-Wilson, a 1975 graduate in journalism and history who is the executive secretary of the Organization of American Historians and a professor of history at Indiana University.

Fred H. Mass, who graduated in 1930 with a degree in forestry. He is retired from a long career with the U.S. Forest Service and now maintains a tree farm in Eddy, Mont.

Kermit R. Schwanke, a 1939 graduate in pre-medicine and retired president of the John R. Daily Meat Company in Missoula.

Ward A. Shanahan, a 1953 graduate in zoology and a Helena lawyer.

Verna Green Smith, who received a degree in journalism in 1940 and is director of Communication Services (CEMREL) Inc. in St. Louis.

Jane Michelle "Mitzi" Kolar, assistant professor of music at San Diego State University and a 1971 music graduate, will receive the Young Alumnus Award.

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