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THE DEAN'S COLUMN

"A real book is not one that we read, but one that reads us." – W. H. Auden

It has been a busy and productive spring semester here in Missoula! Students in the Davidson Honors College have had exceptional opportunities to present their research in regional and national conferences.

In early April, seven UM students and three DHC staff members traveled to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, to attend the **Western Regional Honors Conference**. DHC students **Brian Foster, Tia Hunter, Laura Jenkins, Whitney Oliver, Tara Ness, Sarah Robertson, and Jeremiah Stringam** presented their research and creative writing at this prestigious regional conference. Their research topics included endangered bats, tropical fungi, desert caterpillars, and the domestication of the dog.

On April 15-17, UM hosted the **National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR)**, a three-day event where over 2,600 students from all over the U.S. (and several foreign countries) presented their research and creative endeavors. Over 200 UM students presented their work at the conference, including 75 students from the Davidson Honors College. Thanks to the generosity of private donors, the DHC was able to cover the cost of conference registration and poster printing for all of the UM students who presented their research. Garon Smith, professor of chemistry at UM, served as the conference director. It was truly an extraordinary opportunity for UM students to meet their peers from other colleges and universities and share ideas, research methods, and creative inspiration.

The second annual "**Mix-and-Mingle**" for DHC students and international students enrolled in UM's English Language Institute was held in the DHC Lounge on April 22. Visiting students from France, Spain, Japan, Korea, Saudi Arabia, and several other nations engaged in conversation and practiced their intercultural communication skills. Serendipitously, a group of ten students and two faculty members from the University of Central Lancashire, U.K., who presented their research at NCUR and were stranded in Missoula due to the volcanic eruption in Iceland, attended this event and added their own colorful British idioms to the colloquial exchange.

My sincere thanks to the UM faculty mentors, peer reviewers, student ambassadors, academic officers, staff members, and private donors who made it possible for UM to host NCUR. Such an opportunity to showcase student research at a national conference comes rarely to any campus, and we certainly made the most of it.

James McKusick

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

By Laure Pengelly Drake, Director of External Scholarships and Advising

"The danger is not lest the soul should doubt whether there is any bread, but lest, by a lie, it should persuade itself that it is not hungry."
–Simone Weil

Update on Marshall Scholar Hilary Martens

Alumna **Hilary Martens** recently won a National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship for space physics, her first love and the focus of her first MA at University College London through the Marshall Scholarship program. She will use the NSF funding in a PhD program at California Institute of Technology. She was also offered a prestigious Gates Cambridge Scholarship to earn a PhD in geophysics at Cambridge where she is currently completing an MA in geophysics through the Marshall program.



Humanity in Action

Kate Olp, senior in Political Science with an emphasis on International Relations, won a summer fellowship with Humanity in Action. She will spend five weeks studying human rights in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Mansfield Library Research Scholarship

Jane Duncan won the Mansfield Library Undergraduate Research Scholarship for her history research project, entitled "Playing with the Atom," which explores the cultural ramifications of nuclear media in Post World War Two America by focusing on how children were exposed to all things atomic through toys, comics, and government propaganda.

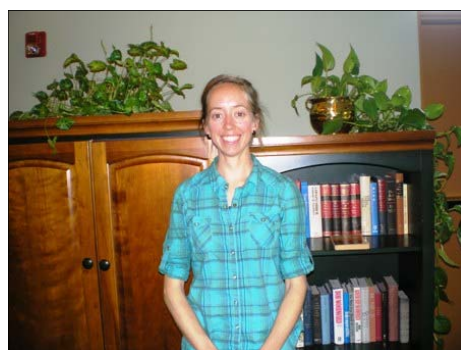


Scribendi Award

Sarah Robertson, senior in Creative Writing, won the 2010 *Scribendi* award for short fiction. She read her story, "Copernicus Goes to London the Third," at the reception for all the published artists and authors during the Western Regional Honors Council (WRHC) conference in Jackson Hole, April 8-10. *Scribendi*, the student arts publication for the WRHC, is published at the University of New Mexico. All members of Honors programs and colleges are welcome to submit pieces for consideration.

Two UM Students Win Udall Scholarships

University of Montana students **Lindsey Aull** and **Emily Schembra** have won \$5,000 Udall Scholarships for the 2010-11 academic year. They were selected on the basis of commitment to careers in the environment, leadership potential, and academic achievement. Including these two new awards, UM students have received a total of 33 Udall awards since 1997.



Lindsey (left), a sophomore in environmental studies, grew up on a farm in North Dakota and plans to work in the sustainable agriculture field as an organic farmer, researcher, and policy advocate.



Emily (right), a junior in environmental studies and political science, intends to use her academic background and her special interest in water to mitigate natural disasters through the development of environmentally sound policies.

HONORS STUDENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

by Ali Bierer, HSA Publicity Coordinator,
2009-10

Hi, everyone! We've had a very exciting and busy year here at the HSA thanks to the wonderful support of UM's students, faculty, and staff, including our excellent, dedicated officer team! The officers for the 2009-2010 academic year were Brittany Wooley (President), Kathy Steinhoff (Vice President), Hannah Anderson (Program Coordinator), Victoria Deonis (Business Manager), Ali Bierer (Publicity Coordinator), Eleana Joyner (Historian), Jill Zeren (Reporting Secretary), and Kelsey Olsen (Corresponding Secretary). The year started off with a barbeque and meet and greet at Knowles Hall to welcome the new DHC freshmen to the university. Over 150 people came to eat and have some fun. Both the food and company were wonderful. From there, we progressed quickly to planning the UM Homecoming Dance, assisted by a group of hardworking student volunteers. To coincide with the university-wide homecoming theme of "Sweet Home Montana," this year's dance was filled with cowboy boots and hay bales. Continuing the HSA homecoming tradition of giving back to campus and community, the officers decided to give our ticket profits to a family and a veteran in need. Our other big event in the fall was the annual Trick-or-Eat food drive on Halloween. We had an outstanding turnout, and the groups of UM and DHC student volunteers who went door-to-door around Missoula and collected canned food were met with much generosity. Together, we raised 1,400 pounds of food for the community.

Our two major projects in the early spring were **Undergraduate Research Night** and **Rock the World Talent Show**. At Undergraduate Research Night, UM students can come



President George Dennison belts out a tune at the Rock the World fundraiser.



HSA members decorate for the UM Homecoming Dance.

listen to a variety of student and faculty guest speakers about their research interests and personal, professional, and academic development as researchers. Students are also given a chance to mingle and network afterwards. We are very thankful to our faculty (Professor David Firth- Information Systems and Technology), graduate student (Sara Shapiro-Sociology), and undergraduate students (Jane Duncan-History, and Rafael Villarreal-Calderon-Pre-Med/Physics), as well as researcher (Matt Jones-Terradynamic Simulation Group, Forestry), all of whom did an amazing job!

The Rock the World Talent Show, put on with Alpha Lambda Delta and American Indian Business Leaders, was also a wonderful success. With performances that varied from belly dancing to chemistry, no audience member went away without a favorite performance. The grand finale was the great President Dennison who chose to sing/play a few songs on the guitar. Overall, the night was filled with laughter, fun, and a lot of talent. The total funds raised—over \$1,300—were donated to Doctors without Borders. To end the year with a bang, HSA will be involved with Invisible Children, Relay for Life, and many other volunteering activities. We look forward to electing a new group of outstanding HSA officers for autumn 2010. HSA is always open to new ideas and welcomes new members. Come check us out and join in the fun!

2010 KIMMITT INTERNSHIP GOES TO UM STUDENT FROM BUTTE

by Brenda Day

Austin James, a University of Montana sophomore from Butte, will travel to Washington, D.C., this summer as the recipient of the 2010 J. Stanley Kimmitt Public Service Internship.

James, who majors in economics and political science with a minor in communication studies, will serve as a summer intern for U.S. Rep. Denny Rehberg. At the same time, he will be enrolled in The Washington Center internship program. The Kimmitt internship includes a \$1,500 stipend.

James is a fourth-generation resident of Montana and a graduate of Butte Central High School. He served as a team field leader intern for John McCain's presidential campaign and as a local volunteer for Rehberg's last two congressional campaigns. He is a member of UM's Davidson Honors College and the Pi Sigma Alpha, Alpha Lambda Delta and Golden Key honor societies. James also serves as an Associated Students of UM senator and as treasurer for the campus group College Republicans.



Austin James with Congressman Denny Rehberg.

The Kimmitt intern is selected each year through a competitive application process. The review and ranking of this year's internship applications was carried out by a UM faculty committee convened by Davidson Honors College Dean James McKusick. Finalists then were interviewed by staff in Rehberg's office to determine their suitability for an internship in the U.S. Congress.

The internship, a public service opportunity for UM students established to honor J. Stanley Kimmitt, former secretary of the U.S. Senate and aide to Sen. Mike Mansfield, rotates among all three members of the Montana congressional delegation.

The next Kimmitt internship will be awarded in summer 2011. A call for applications for that award will be announced this fall by the Davidson Honors College.

DHC FACEBOOK GROUP

A place for alumni and friends of the Davidson Honors College at The University of Montana to reconnect, catch up, share photos, tell stories, and participate in planning the **All-Class Reunion of UM Honors Alumni at Homecoming 2011**.

Check out our Facebook group at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=164884334563>

Save the Date! An all-class reunion of Davidson Honors College and UM Honors Program alumni will take place at 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2011, in the Davidson Honors College Lounge, in celebration of the 20th and 30th anniversaries respectively of the College and the Program. Additionally, 2011 will mark the 15th anniversary of the Davidson Honors College building, which was completed in 1996. All DHC and Honors Program alumni, current and former faculty, deans, staff, and friends are encouraged to join the festivities. Please let us know if you can attend! You can RSVP for this event on the Facebook site noted above.

Online publication will soon be an option for Davidson Honors College students at the University of Montana.

James McKusick, dean of the Honors College, said it is a project three years in the making. He encourages all DHC students to take advantage of the opportunity to have research professionally published online. He said for the first time, students will be able to publish senior research projects as electronic documents online through the Mansfield Library Web site.

This is phase one of a two-phase project, McKusick said. The first phase gives DHC students who have completed a thesis and paper for their senior research project an opportunity to publish work through the Mansfield Library. He aims to expand access in the second phase to students working on senior projects in any department on campus.

Online publication allows students to include media like videos, slide shows and audio recordings in the final draft of a senior project. "You can put up your dance performance or your blueprints for your rocket or whatever," McKusick said.

In order to have a project considered for publication, the work must be read and approved by the student's senior advisor. Then the student can pick a second faculty reader to look over the work and make suggestions for improvement. The final step involves sending the project to McKusick for publication approval.

"I'm the gatekeeper," McKusick said. "If I give it a thumbs-up, then it is published worldwide that day."

All work must be proofread thoroughly and copyedited before publication. If a project contains errors, then the student is given a chance to correct it before submitting it again.

McKusick said online publication brings an opportunity to undergraduate students that ordinarily is reserved for graduate students. Students also have the option of getting projects copyrighted. The Davidson Honors College Research Publication Web site has instructions on how to submit work to the U.S. Copyright Office for approval. Students fill out a form and pay a fee of \$35 and that will protect the project they have submitted from being copied.

Senior Tia Hunter is focusing her research project on the water content of a species of caterpillar that lives in the desert. The official title of her presentation is "Osmoregulation in Desert-Living Lepidopterans." She said she hopes her work wouldn't be at risk for plagiarism if she publishes it online. Student research papers are a good resource for others, like high school seniors looking to complete senior projects, she said, but they shouldn't be used for anything more than that.

"Most students have been working for one or two years on this. It would be kind of upsetting if someone took all that away," Hunter said. McKusick isn't afraid of plagiarism threats, though. He encourages college and high school students to consult the site, but warns that anyone trying to copy it as their own will probably fail.

"If a high school student thinks they can download Honors College students' research and thesis papers and pull it off as their own work, then good luck," McKusick said.

He added that if anyone plagiarized something copyrighted, that person would be in violation of copyright laws and could face serious legal consequences.

Online publication is not a requirement for Honors College graduation. Students also have the option of limiting who can see the project to just the campus network.

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2010-11 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Robert Rogan Burchenal Scholarship

An academic merit scholarship for a DHC student who graduated from a Montana high school.

Mariah Childs, Major: Human Biology

DHC Pre-Medical Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a DHC student enrolled in the Pre-Medical Sciences Program.

Leila Sears, Major: Biochemistry

Dailey Study Abroad Scholarship

The Dailey Study Abroad Scholarship offers two Dailey Study Abroad Scholarships in support of a full-year study abroad program in a country where English is not commonly spoken.

Michelle Gibson, Major: International Business/Marketing, Country of Travel: France

Eric Morse, Major: Management/Marketing, Country of Travel: Austria

The Violet M. Boileau Study Abroad Scholarships offer funding to Spanish majors or minors who intend to participate in a study abroad program in Spain or Latin America.

Kathryn (K.T.) Gianoulis, Major: Spanish, Country of Travel: Chile

Undergraduate Research Scholarship
Undergraduate Research Awards support up to ten student/faculty research teams.

Richard Carr, Major: Political Science, and Prof. Sarah Halvorson, Geography
"Distribution and Relative Abundance of Beavers (*castor canadensis*) in the Upper Clark Fork River Basin"

Marisa Griffith, Major: Political Science, and Prof. Peter Koehn, Political Science
"US African Higher Education Initiative Research"

Karis Hawkins, Major: Athletic Training, and Prof. Valerie Rich, Health and Human Performance

"Dynamic vs. Static Stretching Warm-up: The Effect on Shoulder Range of Motion"

Jessica Hazlett, Major: Social Work, and Prof. Timothy Conley, Social Work

"Juveniles on Probation in Montana- Exploring Risk Factors and Resources"
Isaac Iverson, Major: Drama, and Prof. Alessia Carpoca, Theatre and Dance
"The USITT-USA Exhibit for the 2011 Prague Quadrennial"

Trevor Muller-Hegel, Major: Drama, and Prof. Mike Monsos, Theatre and Dance
"The USITT-USA Exhibit for the 2011 Prague Quadrennial"

Watkins Scholarship

The Watkins Scholarship Program offers research awards to seniors in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Rebecca Hamler, Major: Psychology, Faculty mentor: Lynne Koester, Psychology
"Sviluppo e Lingua (Development and Language)"

Michael King, Major: Sociology, Faculty mentor: Daisy Rooks, Sociology
"The Bureaucratization of Education: Examining Peer Education Programs at The University of Montana"

Nathan Miller, Major: English, Faculty mentor: Robert Baker, English
"Reading Nietzsche in the Writing of James Joyce"

Ariel Peterson, Major: Anthropology, Faculty mentor: June Ellestad, Sociology
"From Fur Baby to Chick Magnet"

Ashleen Williams, Major: Political Science, Faculty mentor: Ramona Grey, Political Science
"The Danger of Language Corrupting Thought"

NASA/Watkins Scholarship

This new scholarship, jointly funded by NASA and the Anna Davis and Gordon S. Watkins Endowment, offers research awards to seniors in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Joshua Goldberg, Major: Wildlife Biology, Faculty mentor: Prof. Thomas Martin, Biological Sciences
"Brood Division Strategies in Passerine Birds"

Erik Johnston, Major: Chemistry, Faculty mentor: Prof. Edward Rosenberg, Chemistry
"Using Sol-Gel Chemistry for New Hybrid Materials"

Carly Osborne, Major: Geography, Faculty mentor: Prof. Julia Baldwin, Geology
"Dating of Precambrian Rocks of Yellowstone National Park"

Luke Stappler, Major: Wildlife Biology, Faculty mentor: Prof. Kerry Foresman, Biological Sciences
"Distribution and Relative Abundance of Beavers (*castor canadensis*) in the Upper Clark Fork River Basin"

Buttrey Scholarship

The Buttrey Family Trust Fund offers scholarships to outstanding juniors who demonstrate both academic excellence and financial need.

Heather Ericson, Major: Photojournalism
Ashley Glover, Major: Communicative Sciences and Disorders
Austin James, Major: Political Science
Travis Vincent, Major: Russian
Victoria Zimmer, Major: History

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Spring 2010

Alaina Abbott
Jasmin Abbott
Cassandra Abel
Jesse Agner
Leann Athas
Amanda Barker
Heather Bergman
Brenna Braaten
Kyle Brekke
Samantha Campbell
Emily Cann
Kristen Carey
Ross Carlson
Megan Carlson
Johanna Ciampa
Callie Cole
Robert Coleman
Thomas Coleman
Crystal Corrigan
Lindsay Crosby
Karra Cuplin

Jessica Dallman
Emily Dixon
Jane Duncan
Andrew Dusek
Jonathan Ebel
Micah Everson
Brian Foster
Sean Galloway
Amanda Giles
Kendra Halvorson
Heather Harby
Tia Hunter
Heather Ingman
Amber Jessop
Vera Jones
Johanna Josephian
Shannon Losinski
Emily Lund
Allison Maier
Kate Marcille
Faith Morrison
Crystal Munger

Lindsey Myers
Tara Ness
Whitney Oliver
Corrine Olson
Amanda Ormesher
Ahva Potticary
Charles Raffety
Rachel Rawn
Sarah Red-Laird
Mollie Riordan
Teddi Jo Roberts
Sarah Robertson
Danielle Rosa
Beth Roskilly
Sam Rostad
Sarah Rott
Clara Schahczenski
Jessica Scharf
Anne Sherwood
Liana Smith
Samantha Stephens
Samantha Steven

Kymra Stibel
Sapphire Stowell
Stephanie Strope
Janna Stucky
Gabriella Torti
Sarah Windsor
Henry Worobec
Jessica Zacharias

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Ashley Griffith
Erin King

Fall 2010

Brooke Andrus
Laramy Applekamp
Kate Olp
Emily Schembra
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THE DIVERSITY CONTINUUM

In an effort to show how truly diverse UM is, despite the common misconception that all of Montana is homogenous, the Campus Corps team created the diversity continuum. The diversity continuum aimed to showcase diversity in all of its forms and left the definition of "diversity" completely up to participants. Individuals who believe they contribute to the diversity of UM were photographed and asked to give a short narrative on the characteristics that make them unique. Forty-eight individuals affiliated with the campus participated in this fashion and many more posted their narratives on the diversity wall during the exhibits display. Each year this project will continue to build on itself.

DONATE LIFE TODAY CAMPAIGN

Eighteen people die each day waiting for a life saving organ. A single individual can save and enhance the lives of 50 people. Shouldn't you be doing your part to encourage everyone you know to register as an organ donor? College students statewide will be participating in the Donate Life Today Campus Challenge in a competition to see which campus can get the most individuals to register. To do your part for UM, and for those nationwide waiting for an organ, visit <http://www.Donatelifetoday.com/campus> Choose from one of three options: "I need to register," "I'm already registered" or "I'm not from MT or WA" then choose The University of Montana-Missoula as your sponsor campus. Last year UM succeeded in having the most registrants in our campus category, and we're hoping to make it happen again this year.



OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!

The Children's Area of the Missoula Public Library turned into a kid's wonderland, as Dr. Seuss Day 2010 got under way. This year around sixty children and their families entered the magic world of Dr. Seuss in an effort to promote youth literacy. Volunteers brought the books to life through storytelling and kids ventured to their favorite Dr. Seuss places along the self-designed giant gameboard. Giggling could be heard from the creature table as unique Dr. Seuss-inspired characters were crafted. Many also got the opportunity to author and illustrate their own original Dr. Seuss book. Thanks to a donation from Target of Missoula there were plenty of craft supplies, and participants received Dr. Seuss bookmarks and colorful goldfish treats. As the day trickled to an end, children left with expanded minds and faces adorned with enchanting characters.



Find Volunteer Opportunities Online! Visit our website, http://www.umt.edu/online listings_volunteer.htm to search our Volunteer Job Database.



Green thumbs, rubber boots, and gardening gloves were all part of this year's Global Youth Service Day (GYSD); a worldwide effort to promote youth involvement in volunteering. On Earth Day, April 22, and Friday, April 23, Campus Corps and AmeriCorps V.I.S.T.A. members helped De Smet School get its garden ready for planting. It was a great opportunity for students to get outside and experience the benefits of sustainable gardening. On Saturday, April 24, we teamed up with local non-profit 1,000 New Gardens, to turn Missoula residents' lawns into sustainable food gardens. These gardens provide low-cost nutritional food for Missoulians throughout the community. This year's GYSD events were a fun way for youth to get involved and learn about gardening! If you're interested in participating in the future, come down to the Office for Civic Engagement and sign up or e-mail um.servic Saturdays@gmail.com.

CANSTRUCTION

CANstruction is a unique design/build competition in which teams are paired with architects or engineers to create a structure made entirely of canned goods the group collects. After the structures have been on display for public enjoyment, the canned goods are donated to food banks for distribution. This year the American Humanics Student Association, a team of students studying non-profit administration and leadership, joined together to raise more than \$900 in an effort to build a tractor at the Missoula CANstruction event held on Friday April 9, 2010, at Southgate Mall. The idea behind the tractor was to be representative of agricultural history, a nod to rural Montana and also to represent the need to fight hunger on local and global scales. The group is proud to announce that 1,179 total cans were used in building their structure. That translates to 1,518 pounds of food that they were able to contribute to the Montana Food Bank Network!



IBAKED FOR HAITI

On January 12, 2010, devastation and disaster struck Haiti. As news of the destruction and need for aid spread, Aleks Pitt, junior at UM, felt she needed to do something. She designed a fundraiser called iBaked, a play on the fact that she lives in building "I" of the Lewis and Clark villages and delivered her cookies from that building. Aleks didn't stop there. After seeing how successful the first fundraiser was, she baked what she called "sham-grams," Shamrock-shaped cookies that she sold out of the basket of her bike during St. Patrick's Day. Between the two events, she was able to raise \$262 to be sent to Habitat for Humanity-Haiti, and she doesn't plan to stop there.

CAMPUS CORPS RECRUITMENT

The OCE is currently taking applications for our 10/11 Campus Corps Service Team! These are part-time AmeriCorps positions that offer a monthly living stipend in addition to a \$1,415 education award after successful completion of service requirements. We have position openings with the YMCA, the YWCA, Watershed Education Network, SpectrUM, the Psychology Department, the Children's Museum, and several with the OCE (tutor coordinator, volunteer and events coordinator, service learning liaison, and alternative breaks coordinator). These positions are contingent upon receipt of grant funding. For more information or to apply, please visit our website: <http://www.dhc.umt.edu/oce> or Contact Colleen at colleen.kane@mso.umt.edu.

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