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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for the November 2012 Board of Regents Meeting

- The University of Montana was ranked one of “The Best 377 Colleges” by the Princeton Review. The rankings are based on surveys of more than 122,000 undergraduate students from across the United States. Students are asked to take an 80-question survey about their school’s academics, administration, campus life, and student body. Only about 15 percent of the nation’s four-year colleges and two Canadian colleges made the list.
- In August, UM launched a new online tutorial to educate students about sexual violence issues. The training is titled Personal Empowerment Through Self-Awareness or PETSA. PETSA consists of short, informative videos and a quiz and takes about 30 minutes to complete. All UM students are required to complete the training before registering for the Spring Semester. As of October 31st, over 12, 500 students have completed the tutorial.
- UM alumna **Laurel Nakanishi** of Missoula will travel to Nicaragua as the recipient of a Fulbright U.S. Student scholarship for the 2012-13 academic year. Nakanishi earned a Master’s in creative writing from UM in May.
- The Mathematical Association of America recently selected UM Professor **Mark Kayll** as one of two winners of the 2012 Carl B. Allendoerfer Award. The Carl B. Allendoerfer Awards are given for articles of expository excellence published in Mathematics Magazine and are named after Allendoerfer, a distinguished mathematician at the University of Washington and former President of the Mathematical Association of America. Kayll earned the award for his article “Integrals Don’t Have Anything to Do With Discrete Math, Do They?”
- The University of Montana School of Law was ranked the seventh “Best Value Law School” in the nation by National Jurist Magazine. The ranking was announced in the September issue of the magazine. The ranking takes into account the cost, debt load, bar passage, and employment of graduates in actual law jobs. The UM School of Law emphasizes a skill-based curriculum, and the success is evident as UM alumni enter the workforce. The recognition takes into account 89 percent bar passage for UM law students in 2011, 82 percent employment after graduation – 78 percent of that in legal jobs.
- UM received a Merit Award from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting for achieving a 90 percent or higher graduate pass rate on the Certified Surgical Technologist exam during the 2011-12 academic year.

- UM Professor **Doug Emlen**, Division of Biological Sciences, published an article about his research on Japanese rhinoceros beetles in Science magazine titled “A Mechanism of Extreme Growth and Reliable Signaling in Sexually Selected Ornaments and Weapons”. UM student **Will Freihofer’s** picture of one of the beetles was featured on the cover of the issue.
- **Jordan Sullivan**, UM Student and Lady Griz Basketball Player, was one of 30 undergraduate and graduate students from across the country chosen to participate in a five-day conference titled, “Interactive Marketing Immersion Xperience” in New York City in August. The students attended lectures by various CEOs of large marketing companies, conducted case studies with Harvard Business School Professor John Deighton, participated in a resume-building workshop, and presented a group project at the end of the week.
- The University of Montana has received a \$297,731 grant from the Department of Justice to improve evaluation and implementation of a comprehensive student assault response and prevention program. The Office of Violence Against Women grant will be used to expand, reorganize, and streamline UM’s approach to addressing interpersonal violence. The grant will fund a full-time director of student assault programming position for three years and provide support for a variety of UM programs and services, including UM’s Men of Strength Club, Women’s and Gender Studies, the School of Social Work, the Department of Counselor Education, a student assault prevention lecture series, and training for UM’s administrative personnel, Campus Safety, and the Missoula Police Department.
- The University of Montana have partnered with medical providers in Missoula and Kalispell to create the Family Medicine Residency Program of Western Montana. The program has been approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. The Family Medicine Residency of Western Montana will launch next summer with as many as 10 graduate physicians starting a three-year residency program.
- Regents Professor **Jakki Mohr** has been appointed to the National Academies of Science Committee on Overcoming Barriers to Electric Vehicle Deployment. Mohr, who teaches marketing in the UM School of Business Administration, will help identify market barriers slowing the purchase of electric vehicles and plug-in hybrids in the U.S. The committee will study the technological, infrastructure and behavioral aspects of introducing more electric vehicles into the country’s transportation system, and will evaluate past incentive programs and the different components of the electric/hybrid vehicle “ecosystem.”
- A record 536 international students are enrolled at The University of Montana for the 2012-13 academic year. The number has increased 32 percent from last year. International students from 72 countries study at the undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as in professional programs and at the English Language Institute.
- The NCAA recently announced that University of Montana scholarship athletes who enrolled in the 2005-06 academic year hold the highest federal graduation rate in the Big Sky Conference. According to the UM Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, the 77 percent graduation rate is the best in recent years.