DHC News for the week of February 20, 2012

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Service Saturdays: KidsFest/Nano Days with SpectrUM at Southgate Mall
Saturday, March 10, 9:00-6:00 p.m.
20-25 Volunteers
Mountain FM’s 15th Annual Kids Fair is an opportunity for local organizations and businesses to connect with the community and showcase their family friendly services. Hands-on exhibits and demonstrations are encouraged, making this a fun event for the whole family! We are bringing activities from our NanoDays Kit, which introduces kids to Nanoscience and Technology. It offers children the hands-on opportunity to explore the ways itsy-bitsy technologies are already experienced in our everyday lives. There will be at least seven exciting activities all day long, including Liquid Nitrogen ice cream, NanoGold, seeing everyday things super close up, and exploring butterfly structures.
Volunteers are needed for the following shifts:
9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (7-9 volunteers)
12:30-4:00 p.m. (7-9 volunteers)
3:30-6:30 p.m. (7-9 volunteers)
If interested, please RSVP to shanna1.ungate@umontana.edu by February 24.
*Transportation will not be provided for this event, since the Mountain Line runs to Southgate Mall.

Honors Student Association Presents International Service Opportunities
Wednesday, February 29, 12:00-1:00 p.m. in DHC 118

Come hear from three exceptional students* who participated in three different exciting international service programs on three different continents. Get ideas and assistance for planning your own adventure and service experience. Enjoy free snacks!

*Caitlin Ajax is a graduating senior majoring in International Relations and minoring in Central and Southwest studies. She is also an avid student of Arabic language studies. Caitlin spent last summer living and interning in Amman, Jordan, where she worked for a non-profit organization, Hamzet Wasel. She helped to coordinate and implement the organization’s many Heritage Hunts, competitive challenge-based activities in which teams follow "clue lists" to different parts of Amman of historical and cultural significance, thereby increasing a sense of community and understanding among group members. Caitlin also taught women’s English language workshops in lower-income neighborhoods. After graduating, Caitlin hopes to return to the Middle Eastern non-profit sector and eventually work in legal advocacy for Arab and Muslim Americans.

*Paige Ely is a Pre-Medicine sophomore majoring in Sociology. She traveled to Paraguay last summer to work for the non-profit international development organization, Amigos de las Américas. She supervised high-school volunteers working with rural communities in planning and implementing construction projects. Global health, development, and poverty are issues that Paige learned about abroad and that she continues to study at the university.

*Ardina Hasanbasri is a junior in Economics with a minor in Math and International Development Studies. She spent last summer as a Freeman Indonesia Scholar working for an NGO called PUPUK in her home country, Indonesia. PUPUK deals with issues of sustainable development through small and local business. Ardina observed how locals thrive to develop their small businesses and how PUPUK as an outside entity tries to collaborate with the locals.

11th Annual UM Conference on Undergraduate Research (UMCUR)
All UM undergraduates are invited to submit a proposal to the UM Conference on Undergraduate Research (UMCUR), which will take place in the University Center on Friday, April 13, 2012. Over $700 in awards will be given to the top student poster and oral presentation in each subject area. Please consider submitting a proposal to present your research or creative scholarship! Presentations are welcome in all disciplines. We will offer training sessions designed to help interested students prepare their posters or oral presentations prior to the conference. For information about the conference, please
visit the Undergraduate Research website, http://www.dhc.umt.edu/ugresearch/UMCUR – here you will find an online proposal form, presentation templates, contact information, and sample abstracts.

To propose a poster or oral presentation, students must submit an abstract (circa 250 words) of their research topic. The student’s faculty mentor should review and approve the abstract prior to submission, bearing in mind that all abstracts will be published in the conference program. The submission deadline is Thursday, March 1. Proposals must be submitted online at:
http://www.dhc.umt.edu/ugresearch/UMCUR/call_for_submissions.cfm

Kimmitt Public Service Internship in Washington, D.C.
UM students are invited to apply for the J. Stanley Kimmitt Public Service Internship, a paid position in the offices of a member of the Montana congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. A 10-week internship will be available this summer in the office of Senator Jon Tester, and will come with a $1,500 stipend. Up to 9 academic credits (optional) are available through the Washington Center internship program. All UM students are eligible to apply for the internship. To be considered, students must submit an application that includes an essay, resume (with contact information for two faculty references) and unofficial UM transcript to the Davidson Honors College. The application deadline is noon on Thursday, March 1, 2012. Please send your application by e-mail to dhc@umontana.edu.

Following are the application criteria: (1) UM cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better; (2) suitability of the student’s academic program for a public service internship, as indicated by successful coursework in American government, politics, history, economics, or public policy issues; (3) evidence of interest in practical politics or community involvement, as indicated by a one- to two-page resume; (4) a concise essay (500 words maximum) addressing how the internship would advance the student’s academic program and career goals, particularly in the realm of public service, and stating his or her current interest in a specific public policy issue; (5) contact information for two UM faculty members who can provide references on behalf of the student. For more information, call the Davidson Honors College at 406-243-2541 or e-mail dhc@umontana.edu.

Brain, Mind, and the Literary Imagination
Study Abroad in Dublin, Ireland
May 24-June 9, 2012
3 credits (as Biology 395, or English, or Irish Studies)
This program combines approaches from the sciences and humanities to investigate how information about brain and cognition can inform our understanding of literary creativity and how we appreciate literary work. We will consider such interrelated topics as: The biological basis of language, language evolution and neural control, narrative theory, cognition in literature, sources of creativity. We will concentrate on the workings of the literary mind through study of 20th century Anglo-Irish writers. Students will live in Dublin, be taught by Christopher Comer, Dean of the UM College of Arts and Sciences (a neuroscientist) and Irish faculty (in the humanities) from Trinity, UCD and St. Patrick’s College. You will experience Irish culture and the arts using Dublin’s abundant resources
(the National Theatre, museums, galleries, friendly pubs). The course also includes discussion with practicing writers, critics etc. Prior knowledge of neuroscience not required. There will be several orientation meetings in Missoula before departure (in March or April 2012). Cost: approximately $2100 (could be slightly less if a large number of students enroll). The cost covers on-site tuition in Dublin, housing near the Centre where you will study, an on-site orientation and a farewell dinner. Travel is arranged on your own. Dr. Comer can help you find affordable airfares and will provide most course materials. Application is through the UM Study Abroad Office, or directly to Dr. Comer. Deadline: applications should be received by March 1. For more information contact Chris Comer (christopher.comer@umontana.edu).

DHC Graduation Checklist Due
Seniors who intend to graduate Spring 2012, Summer 2012, or Autumn 2012 should come to the DHC office to pick up a Graduation Checklist, and to make an appointment for a graduation meeting with Karen Kaley. The purpose of this meeting is to assist graduating seniors in reviewing their requirements to graduate as a "University Scholar" from the DHC. The DHC Graduation Checklist must be completed right away for Spring or Summer, and by March 1 for Autumn graduation. The form is posted here: http://www.dhc.umt.edu/current_students/student_forms.cfm#seniorgraduation
Note: Don't forget that you must also apply for graduation from The University of Montana. Applications are available in Griz Central or online. For further information: http://www.umt.edu/registrar/forms/pdf/Application%20for%20Bachelor%20Degree%20-AFTER.pdf

Dailey Study Abroad Scholarships
The University of Montana offers two Daily Study Abroad Scholarships of $1,500 in support of a full-year study abroad program in a country where English is not commonly spoken. All undergraduates at The University of Montana-Missoula are eligible to apply; preference shall be given to individuals born in Montana. The application deadline is March 15 each year for scholarships to be awarded in the following academic year. For further information and an application form: http://www.dhc.umt.edu/scholarships/dhc.cfm#dailey

Boileau Study Abroad Scholarships to Spain or Latin America
The Davidson Honors College offers the Violet M. Boileau Study Abroad Scholarships of up to $500. Funds are available for Spanish majors or minors who intend to participate in a study abroad program in Spain or Latin America. Only Davidson Honors College students are eligible for these awards. DHC Study Abroad Scholarships are based primarily upon merit, but also on need, and preference will be given to upper division students. Hardcopy applications are available in the DHC main office. The application deadline is March 15 (for next autumn or winter semester). For further information and an application form: http://www.dhc.umt.edu/scholarships/dhc.cfm#boileau

The Jane Buttrey Memorial Scholarship
Publish Your Senior Honors Project on the Mansfield Library Website

DHC students can now publish their Senior Research Projects as electronic documents on the Mansfield Library website. The Davidson Honors College strongly encourages the wide dissemination of research results and scholarly inquiry, and for this reason we hope that many DHC students will take this opportunity to publish their research and creative projects! The full text of your electronic thesis or professional paper will be available worldwide, listed under your name in the Mansfield Library catalog, and searchable through web-based search engines such as Google. You can take great pride in this scholarly publication and list it on your résumé forever!

Undergraduate theses and professional papers completed in fulfillment of the Davidson Honors College Senior Research Project requirement are eligible to be considered for publication by the Mansfield Library through the electronic Undergraduate Thesis and Professional Paper (UTPP) project. Electronic publication is entirely optional and is not a DHC graduation requirement. If a student wishes to submit an undergraduate thesis or professional paper for publication by the Mansfield Library, then a second faculty reader will required. For further information, please consult “Procedures and Criteria for Publication of Undergraduate Research,” posted here: http://www.dhc.umt.edu/current_students/research_publication.cfm

Summer Field Projects in Climate Change and Natural Resources

Proposals due March 14

The College of Forestry and Conservation in conjunction with the Climate Change Studies program offers a competitive grants program to support undergraduate student summer field work. Funding is available to support the training of leaders in climate change and natural resources through experiential and field-based learning. Student-designed projects must address climate change and involve either independent research or restoration activities. Three awards are available, each up to $3,000, to support student stipends related to field work. The deadline for proposal submissions is March 14, 2012. For further information: http://www.cfc.umt.edu/ccs/StudentFieldProjects.html
Additional Fulbright UK Summer Institute: London 2012 Olympics Games

The US-UK Fulbright Commission is pleased to announce the opening of an additional 2012 Fulbright UK Summer Institute to be held at the King's College London Summer School.

This three-week cultural and academic programme for US undergraduates will be held from 22 July-11 August 2012 and will centre around the theme of the London 2012 Olympics Games.

As with all our Summer Institutes the King's College London Institute will provide an immersive academic, cultural and social experience for freshman or sophomore American students who wish to deepen their knowledge of the United Kingdom and its diverse population whilst developing their communication, research and presentation skills.

The programme covers participant costs including academic programme fees, travel, housing, subsistence, cultural visits.

The Commission is now offering a total of 7 exciting and unique opportunities for US undergraduates to follow a three-six week summer programme at a world-class UK university or cultural institution.

The application deadline for all UK Summer Institutes is Friday, March 16, 2012. For more information on each Institute and details on how to apply visit the Institute webpages: http://www.fulbright.co.uk/fulbright-awards/for-us-citizens/summer-institutes

Alternative Break Spring Break to Moab, Utah

Join us for an adventure, as we travel to Moab, Utah March 31-April 7! We will be working with Moab Plateau Restoration Inc. and helping to restore the serene landscape that draws thousands to Moab every year.

Volunteers will learn about native plants in Moab, restoration ecology, geological features of the park and have the opportunity to hike/explore Moab. We will be camping in the park and receive gourmet meals prepared by park chefs each night. For more information about this trip, please email Liz at alternativebreaks.um@hotmail.com or stop by the OCE office, located in the basement of the Davidson Honors College or give us a call at 243-5531.

Pre-Med Scholarship Application Open

The Pre-Medical Sciences Program is now taking scholarship applications. To be eligible for these scholarships, you must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and have at least 30 credits completed. You will also need to attach a one-page essay detailing your Pre-med experience, coursework, future goals, and medical interests. Your complete application is due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 6, 2012. Please contact Jenny Wilson (jenny.wilson@umontana.edu) with any questions. Click here to apply: http://www.health.umt.edu/chpbspremedscholarship.php
Undergraduate Research Awards
Undergraduate Research Awards will support up to ten student/faculty research teams. These awards are open to all UM undergraduates. Each successful student applicant will receive a scholarship of $500 per semester, and each student/faculty team will receive up to an additional $500 to cover expenses related to their research activities (the purchase of books, equipment, materials, student travel, etc.). The program is intended to provide selected students (sophomores through seniors) the opportunity to spend the academic year apprenticing with a faculty mentor; assisting with faculty research activity; and planning, developing, and carrying out his or her own undergraduate research project with the guidance of that faculty mentor. The annual application deadline is **April 15** for scholarships to be awarded in the next academic year. For further information and an application form: [http://www.dhc.umt.edu/scholarships/dhc.cfm#undergraduateresearch](http://www.dhc.umt.edu/scholarships/dhc.cfm#undergraduateresearch)

The Watkins Scholarship
The **Watkins Scholarship Program** awards up to $2,000 to ten seniors per year and is open to all undergraduates in the College of Arts and Sciences. Applicants must anticipate attaining senior status (at least 90 credits) by autumn semester of the scholarship award period; have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or higher at the time of application; and plan on working on a senior research project or creative activity that will be directed by a faculty member in the College of Arts and Sciences. The annual application deadline is **April 15** for scholarships to be awarded in the next academic year. For further information and an application form: [http://www.dhc.umt.edu/scholarships/dhc.cfm#watkins](http://www.dhc.umt.edu/scholarships/dhc.cfm#watkins)

Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants for 2012-13
As part of its efforts to recognize and encourage academic achievement in all disciplines, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is pleased to sponsor the **Study Abroad Grant Competition**. Qualified undergraduates in all areas of study are encouraged to apply. The program is designed to help support you as you seek knowledge and experience in your academic field by studying abroad. **Forty-five $1,000 Study Abroad Grants** are available each year. **APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 1, 2012.** The competition is open to Phi Kappa Phi members and non-members in all fields of study who meet the following requirements:

- Attend an institution with a Phi Kappa Phi chapter (UM has a chapter; you don’t have to be a member);
- Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale;
- The study abroad program must begin between May 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013;
- Must have been accepted into a study abroad program (provide the letter of acceptance on an official letterhead);
- Your study abroad plan should relate directly to your academic preparation, potential career choice, and commitment to the welfare of others.
For further information and an application form:
http://www.phikappaphi.org/Web/Awards/Study_Abroad.html

*This award does not require university nomination, but it would be a good idea to have your application reviewed by Laure Pengelly Drake, Director of External Scholarships and Advising, as soon as possible.

James "Rhio" O'Connor Memorial Scholarship
The James "Rhio" O'Connor Memorial Scholarship Fund is offering its scholarship again this year. It is an essay contest open to all college students. The essay subject concerns cancer and the scholarships are $5,000 for first place, $2,000 for second place, and $1,000 for third place. Students can receive more information and request an application packet at this website: http://www.cancermonthly.com/scholarship.asp. Contact me for assistance with applications: Laure Pengelly Drake, DHC 102, 243-6140

2012-2013 Scholarship Season
Students who have demonstrated unusual ability, achievement, drive, leadership skill and experience, manifested concern for others, and commitment to their fields of study should contact the Director of External Scholarships and Advising (see end of document for contact information) as soon as possible for scholarship advising and coaching.

---Scholarships

---Undergraduate scholarships

--The Amgen Scholars Program is an undergraduate research program in science and biotechnology. Sophomores, juniors, and non-graduating seniors may apply. Application deadline is February 1, but you should start researching host universities as early as possible (www.amgenscholars.com).

--The Udall Scholarship provides $5000 for students committed to careers related to the environment AND to Native American students committed to careers in tribal public policy OR Native American health care. Students with one or two years of college remaining may apply. UM currently leads the nation in Udall Scholarships. UM deadline: Wednesday, November 30.

---Graduate Scholarships

See the Director of External Scholarships and Advising now if you are interested in preparing for applications next year or later. Among the most prestigious scholarships available to our students in most fields are the Gates Cambridge, the Rhodes, the Marshall, and the Mitchell. Students who are qualified for graduate study at top American universities should consider applying.

--The Gates Cambridge, for study at Cambridge University, requires leadership potential, social commitment, and intellectual ability (www.gatesscholar.org).

--The Rhodes Scholarship, for study at Oxford University, requires evidence of physical vigor in addition to a “blend of character and intellect” (www.rhodesscholar.org).

--The Marshall Scholarship, for graduate study at any British university in most fields, supports students who will “strengthen the enduring
relationship between the British and American peoples, their governments and their institutions” (www.marshallscholarship.org).
--The Mitchell Scholarship, for graduate study in Ireland, honors “Senator Mitchell’s commitment to public service and community, integrity, leadership, justice and fairness” (www.us-irelandalliance.org).

--The Truman Scholarship requires application a year early; candidates apply as juniors. You must demonstrate outstanding potential for public service and be committed to making a difference through careers in government, the nonprofit or advocacy sectors, education, or elsewhere in the field. You will write a brief policy proposal as part of your application (www.truman.gov). UM deadline: Friday, November 18.

--The James Madison Fellowship Program provides graduate funding for those who want to teach American history or government or social studies and “master the content of American constitutional history” (www.jamesmadison.com). The program is lobbying for Montana applicants. Apply for assistance by the first week of February.

--Important information
--This service is available for all UM students and alumni.
--It is never too early to get started.
--Look for other scholarships besides those advertised and come in for help.
--Some scholarships are open to non-citizens.

--Coaching Benefits
--Get help figuring out what possibilities suit you best.
--Learn application protocol.
--Develop effective resumes for scholarship and other applications.
--Write compelling personal statements.
--Learn editing and interview techniques.

--Requirements
--academic excellence (the GPA minimum varies, but most require 3.5 or 3.7), --
--service
--leadership and commitment
--other requirements vary: research skill and experience, physical vigor, financial need, language skills, etc.

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