DHC News for the week of September 10, 2012

DHC News Items (scroll down to see full descriptions):

Events and Deadlines THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday (9/11)**
  - Fall Volunteer Fair—10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., UC Atrium
  - HSA Meeting and Elections—5:30 p.m., DHC 117
  - **NEW ITEM!** UM Rowing Club Meeting—7:00 p.m., DHC 117

- **Wednesday (9/12)**
  - Study in Central America this Summer!—information session September 12, 6:00 p.m., DHC 117

Upcoming and Ongoing Events

- **NEW ITEM!** New Course on the Financial Debacle—open to DHC students
- **NEW ITEM!** Ahmed Rashid seminar on “Pakistan on the Brink: An Update”—September 18, 3:40-5:00 p.m., GBB 123
- Join the Davidson Honors College Team for the Missoula Heart Walk and 5K Run—sign up today!
- Senior Project Proposals Due Soon
- DHC Graduation Checklist Due Soon
- Teach for America Applications Due Soon—September 14
- External Scholarship Program

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**Fall Volunteer Fair**
Tuesday, September 11, 2012
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
University Center Atrium

The Office for Civic Engagement organizes a Volunteer Fair every semester to help nonprofit organizations in Missoula promote their services and help students find the volunteer opportunities they have been searching for. The Volunteer Fair is an excellent opportunity for potential volunteers to find service opportunities and meet face-to-face with local organizations. **More than 20 local organizations will be on hand recruiting UM student volunteers** to engage in exciting and impactful volunteer service benefitting the community.

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**Honors Student Association Meeting and Elections**
Tuesday, September 11
5:30 pm.
DHC 117

Come and take part in the first HSA meeting of the year! **Honors Student Association holds** academic, social, and service events for honors students to get to know their professors, fellow students, and community better. Past events include: Undergraduate Research Night, Popcorn with Professors, International Service Experiences, Trick-or-Eat or Missoula Eats Canned Food Drive, Honors and Greek Life mixer, ice cream
socials, and BBQs. We would love to hear suggestions for improvement and for new events.

Come to the first HSA meeting of the year and help set the tone for the exciting semester ahead by running for an officer position or simply exercising your democratic right to vote. There are plenty of open leadership opportunities and thus great potential for new and old members alike to influence our student community in fresh ways. Don't be shy! Get involved with HSA!

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**UM Rowing Club Meeting**

Rowing and Fitness! All UM students are invited to attend an informational meeting about the UM Rowing Club. Both men and women are welcome; no experience is necessary. Come and find out about how you can get involved! The meeting is on **Tuesday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. in DHC 117**. The UM Rowing Club offers both competitive and recreational rowing. There is an undergraduate Crew Team that practices in our 4- and 8-person boats at Salmon Lake and competes in Regattas in the Pacific Northwest region. For further information, contact Rowing Club president Ryan Cote at ryan.cote@umontana.edu

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**Study in Central America this Summer!**

Davidson Honors College and EVST professor Dan Spencer will be offering a 3-credit, 2-week Honors Travel Seminar to Nicaragua, May 28-June 10, 2013. The primary focus of the course is examining Central American views on the Environment, Human Rights and efforts toward Sustainable Development within the context of the global economy in Latin America. You do not need to know Spanish to participate. Come to one of the following Informational Meetings to learn more about this unique travel-study opportunity: Tuesday, September 4, 6:00 p.m., DHC 117 or Wednesday, September 12, 5:00 p.m., DHC 118, or contact Prof. Spencer at daniel.spencer@umontana.edu or 243-6111. Open to both undergrads and graduate students.

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**New Course on the Financial Debacle**

**Open to DHC students**

Davidson Honors College students of all majors are invited to enroll in BMGT 491.02, *The Financial Debacle of the Last Decade: Winners and Losers* (1 cr.), MW 9:40-11:00 a.m., October 1-31 (2nd 5-week block) this autumn semester. (No permission required; register on CyberBear.) This combined undergraduate/graduate course, taught by former president of the University of Montana, George Dennison, and Mick Seidl, a businessman and former CEO, will explore the recent recession of 2007-09, the worst the U.S. has experienced since the Great Depression of the 1930s. The effects of the "Debacle" persist even today, with high unemployment, slow GNP growth, a struggling housing market, and a Washington political process in gridlock. The widely held assumption by Wall Street, commercial bankers, mortgage brokers, home builders and insurers, of ever-escalating real estate prices in the U.S., provides the formal explanation for the "Debacle." How and why did this gross assumption become a "religion" to so many in the financial markets? What incentives drove the creation of artificial securities loosely based on piles of doubtful mortgages? Who, if anyone, got
rich from the “Debacle”? What role did government play in the mess? Where did greed fit in—home buyers, home owners, speculators, financial institutions? Today, who bears the burden of the “Debacle,” long after the housing market crashed—the unemployed, the middle class, welfare recipients, college grads looking for jobs? What can we learn from the “Debacle” about efficient capital markets, the role of regulation in financial markets, the role of business in American society, and the relationship between the business community and the political process in American society? What can we say about the long-term prospects for the U.S.?

DHC students can register for the course on CyberBear (no permission required). For a sample course syllabus, contact Andi Armstrong in the DHC.

President's Lecture Series: Ahmed Rashid seminar, “Pakistan on the Brink: An Update”
Tuesday, 18 September 2012
3:40-5:00 P.M.
Gallagher Business Building 123

In addition to the seminar, Ahmed Rashid will present a lecture that evening at 8:00 P.M. in the University Center Ballroom: “The Consequences of American Foreign Policy in Afghanistan and Pakistan.”

Join the UM Davidson Honors College Team for the Missoula Heart Walk and 5K Run
Saturday, September 29, 2012
11:00 a.m. (walk start time)
9:15 a.m. (run start time)
Meet on the Oval in front of DHC at 10:15 a.m.
Subway sandwiches provided
We had a lot of fun last year, and the Missoula Heart Walk/Run is a good way to meet other Honors students, faculty, and staff. Join our team and help us take steps to build healthier lives free from cardiovascular disease and raise funds for life-saving research and education. See Team Captain Andi at the front desk of the DHC right away, or email her at andrea.armstrong@mso.umt.edu, for more information on how to sign up. There is no fee to participate in the Heart Walk, although contributions are encouraged.

The course for the 5K run will begin and finish on the UM Oval, offering views of campus and the Clark Fork River in between. The top finishers in each of seven age divisions, as well as the overall men's and women’s winners, will receive prizes in the timed event. The race fee is $20, and participants can register at http://www.missoulaheartwalk.org.

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**Senior Project Proposals Due Soon**

Students who are planning to graduate this year should submit a senior project research and presentation proposal by September 15. (Monday, September 17, is fine.) If you have not already done so, please meet with James McKusick, Laure Pengelly Drake, or Erin Brown Saldin as soon as possible to discuss the project requirements and your plans. Hardcopies of the required form are available in the DHC office, and you can find it online: http://www.dhc.umt.edu/current_students/student_forms.cfm#honorsresearch. Students who are planning to graduate in 2013-2014 should confer during this academic year, the earlier the better.

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**DHC Graduation Checklist Due Soon**

Seniors who intend to graduate Spring 2013, Summer 2013, or Autumn 2013 should come to the DHC office to pick up a DHC 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 Autumn 2012, by October 4 for Spring 2013, by February 7 for Summer 2013, and by April 7 for Autumn 2013. 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 online. For further information: http://www.umt.edu/registrar/Forms1.aspx

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**External Scholarship Program**

Students who have demonstrated unusual ability, achievement, drive, leadership skill and experience, manifested concern for others, and/or commitment to their fields of study should contact Laure Pengelly Drake, Director of External Scholarships and Advising (see end of document for contact information) as soon as possible for scholarship advising and coaching. Come in for assistance on any scholarships or other applications as well. This is just a partial listing, and Laure assist with many scholarship competitions of potential interest to UM undergraduates.
The **Goldwater Scholarship** provides $7500 for students committed to careers in math, science, or engineering. Students with one or two years of college remaining may apply. **UM deadline: October 29**

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: November 28**

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](http://www.truman.gov)). **UM deadline: November 1**

**Graduate Scholarships and Fellowships**

Consult with Laure Pengelly Drake 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 Marshall, and the Mitchell. Students who are qualified for graduate study at top American universities should consider applying for the following programs:

- **The Carnegie Junior Fellows Program** provides one-year research assistantships in Washington, DC, for students who desire careers in international affairs. **UM deadline: November 28**

- **The Gates Cambridge Scholarship**, for study at Cambridge University, requires leadership potential, social commitment, and intellectual ability ([www.gatesscholar.org](http://www.gatesscholar.org)). **UM deadline: as early as possible in September**

- **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](http://www.marshallscholarship.org)). **UM deadline: as early as possible in September**

- **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](http://www.us-irelandalliance.org)). **UM deadline: as early as possible in September**

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Check the DHC scholarship website:  
[http://www.dhc.umt.edu/scholarships/default.cfm](http://www.dhc.umt.edu/scholarships/default.cfm)