**DHC News for the week of September 3, 2012**

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

**Events and Deadlines THIS WEEK**

- **Tuesday (9/4)**
  - NEW ITEM! Study in Central America this Summer!—information session September 4, 6:00 p.m., DHC 117

- **Wednesday (9/5)**
  - President’s Lecture Series: Andrew Nikiforuk on “Empire of the Beetle: How Human Folly and a Tiny Bug Are Killing North America’s Great Forests”—3:10-4:30 p.m., GBB 123 and 8:00 p.m., UC Ballroom

- **Thursday (9/6)**
  - The Davidson Honors College First Year Convocation—7:00 p.m., UC Theater

**Upcoming and Ongoing Events**

- Fall Volunteer Fair—September 11, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., UC Atrium
- NEW ITEM! HSA Meeting and Elections—September 11, 5:30 p.m., DHC 117
- Join the Davidson Honors College Team for the Missoula Heart Walk and 5K Run—sign up today!
- Senior Project Proposals Due Soon
- NEW ITEM! DHC Graduation Checklist Due Soon
- NEW ITEM! Teach for American Applications Due Soon—September 14
- External Scholarship Program

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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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**President’s Lecture Series: Andrew Nikiforuk seminar on “Empire of the Beetle: How Human Folly and a Tiny Bug Are Killing North America’s Great Forests”**

Wednesday, September 5, 2012

3:10-4:30 P.M.

Gallagher Business Building 123

You are cordially invited to attend a seminar with Andrew Nikiforuk on “Empire of the Beetle: How Human Folly and a Tiny Bug Are Killing North America’s Great Forests.”
Since obtaining a Master’s degree in journalism from the University of Western Ontario in 1981, he has worked as freelance writer and investigative journalist in Canada. He is particularly well-known for his work on environmental issues. His articles have appeared in The Walrus, Maclean’s, Canadian Business, Report on Business, Chatelaine, Georgia Straight, and Harrowsmith. For his book Tar Sands, which became a best-seller in Canada, he received the Rachel Carson Environment Book Award, and for Saboteurs the Governor General’s Literary Award for Non-Fiction.

In addition, that evening at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Nikiforuk will give a lecture in the University Center Ballroom: “The Energy of Slaves: Oil and the New Servitude.”

The Davidson Honors College First Year Convocation 2012
You are invited to attend grand welcoming celebration for incoming DHC students. All first-year DHC students are required to attend. All DHC students are welcome! Free and open to the public. HONORS CONVOCATION PROGRAM:

Thursday, September 6, 2012
7:00 p.m.
University Center Theater

Opening Remarks ...........................................James McKusick
Dean, Davidson Honors College

Welcome .........................................................Royce Engstrom
President, The University of Montana

Recognition of Faculty Awardees...............James McKusick

Greetings to First-Year Students.........................Paige Ely
President, Honors Student Association

Keynote Speaker .........................Sarah Harlan-Haughey
UM and DHC alumna, graduating class of 2005
Honors Preceptor of English, University of Maine
“Honors and the Balanced Life”

Closing Remarks .............................................James McKusick

Dessert reception in the DHC Lounge

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.

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!

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.

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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**Teach For America Applications Due Soon**

See Laure Pengelly Drake in DHC 102 for assistance.

Of the **16 million children growing up in poverty**, only **1 in 13** will ever graduate from college. **Zip should not be destiny. Teach For America** is growing the movement of leaders who work to ensure that kids growing up in poverty get an excellent education.

- We recruit a diverse group of leaders with a record of achievement who work to expand educational opportunity, starting by teaching for two years in a low-income community.
- We provide intensive training, support and career development that helps these leaders increase their impact and deepen their understanding of what it takes to close the achievement gap.
- We are a growing movement of leaders, now 33,000 strong, working at every level of education, policy and other professions, to ensure that all children can receive an excellent education.

**Application requirements** are simply a Resume and **500-word Letter of Intent**. (No letters of recommendation required.) **Early application deadline is Friday, September 14, 2012.**

- Click here to view the application: [www.teachforamerica.org/application](http://www.teachforamerica.org/application)
- See the impact you can have here: [http://www.youtube.com/user/teachforamerica](http://www.youtube.com/user/teachforamerica)
- Like us on Facebook: [http://www.facebook.com/teachforamerica](http://www.facebook.com/teachforamerica)

**Teach For America is your opportunity to have a direct impact on the lives of hundreds of students and families within our country.** If you’re interested in gaining more information about TFA, please help us by taking one minute to fill out this survey for a chance to win an iPad, courtesy of Teach For America! **iPad/TFA survey here:**
The Basics of Teach For America:
- Teach For America Corps Members are full-time teachers in a classroom
- All academic majors and backgrounds accepted (background in education/teacher certification is not required)
- Salary ranging from $25,500-$51,000 a year with health insurance and retirement benefits
- Americorps Education award of $11,100
- Loan forbearance and paid interest for two years
- Regional placement is not random; applicants preference location in our 46 regions
- All grade levels (preK-12) and subjects including ELL, Special Education, and the arts
- Option to receive your certification and/or Masters in Teaching
- Graduate school and employer partnerships for alum to continue their societal impact

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)