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**DATE:** May 19, 2011  
**TO:** Board of Regents  
**FROM:** Royce C. Engstrom, President *Royce C Engstrom*  
**RE:** Campus Report for the May 2011 Board of Regents' Meeting

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- The University of Montana hosted Inauguration ceremonies for its 17th president, Royce C. Engstrom, on Monday, May 2. The theme for the Inauguration was "Building a University for a Global Century."
- More than 3,000 graduates and degree candidates participated in the 114th Commencement ceremonies at The University of Montana on Saturday, May 14.
- Enrollment at The University of Montana reached 15,106 spring semester, 484 above last year and a record enrollment for spring semester. UM first topped the 15,000 mark with its highest fall semester enrollment in the University's history last year.
- Environmental Studies sophomore **Zachary Brown** won a Udall Scholarship and Wildland Restoration and Environmental Studies junior **Matthew Dunkle** received an Honorable Mention from the Udall Foundation. UM students have received a total of 34 Udall awards since 1997.
- Accounting student **Daniel Knudsen** has been selected as one of 12 students to serve as a Udall Foundation 2011 Native American Congressional Intern this summer. The highly regarded internship program provides American Indians and Alaska Natives with an insider's view of the federal government. Knudsen will intern in Washington, D.C., for Sen. Mark Udall.
- Philosophy and Pre-Law sophomore **Emily Cross** has received the 2011 J. Stanley Kimmitt Public Service Internship. Cross will serve as a summer intern for Sen. Max Baucus and will also enroll in The Washington Center internship program.
- Broadcast Journalism junior **Annemiek Wilson** has been honored by Campus Compact as a Newman Civic Fellow.
- Senior **Matthew Coomer** and graduate student **Katharine Werner** received two out of only four summer 2011 scholarships from IE3 Global Internships. Coomer will head to the Elephant Nature Foundation in Thailand, where he will produce multimedia work to promote the foundation's conservation work. Werner will intern with a nonprofit serving rural Maharashtra, India, promoting social justice and equal opportunity for the socioeconomic development of women and children.
- Two Journalism seniors placed in the top 10 in the profile writing competition of the Hearst Journalism Awards, putting the School of Journalism in eighth place nationally in the print division of the yearlong competition. **Justin Franz** won fourth place for his article, "The War Within," which ran in the *Montana Kaimin* Nov. 10, and **Steve Miller** won seventh place for his story published in the *Kaimin* on Oct. 29.
- Five students receiving doctoral degrees in Clinical Psychology this semester have received internships in the first phase of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers' matching process. The students and their postdoctoral internship sites are: **Geniel Hernandez Armstrong**, University of Utah, Salt Lake City; **Annesa M. Flentje**, University of California, San Francisco; **Mallory Casey McBride**, Youth Opportunity Center, Muncie, Ind.; **Casey N. Ruggiero**, Hennipen County Medical Center, Minneapolis; **William H. Shunkamolah**, Indian Health Care Resource Center, Vanita, Okla.

- The College of Arts and Sciences has awarded Helen and Winston Cox Educational Excellence Awards to **Duncan Campbell**, Associate Professor of Psychology, and **Nathaniel Levtow**, Associate Professor of Liberal Studies, for their teaching excellence and dedication to students. The awards were presented at the Commencement ceremonies.
- COT Radiologic Science student **Holly Mckinney** will participate in the American Society of Radiologic Technologists 2011 Student Initiative Program in June. Mckinney will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to the ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual Governance and House of Delegates meeting in Albuquerque.
- The Montana Museum of Art and Culture has received a national award to participate in the 2011 Conservation Assessment Program. CAP is supported through a cooperative agreement between Heritage Preservation, a nonprofit dedicated to preserving the cultural heritage of the United States, and the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.
- University Dining Services recently named **Patrick Browne** as its new executive chef. Browne graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in New York and has 20 years of experience in the culinary industry.
- UM Foundation Vice President for Development **Ric Thomas** received the CASE VIII Distinguished Service Award in February. The award is given annually to a leader by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education for outstanding service.
- Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center International Legal Reform Initiative Director **James Park Taylor** received a grant award from the Council of International Exchange of Scholars and the U.S. Department of State under the Fulbright Specialist Program. Taylor will spend three weeks as a visiting scholar in the Faculty of Law at the University of Pecs at the invitation of the Hungarian-American Commission for Educational Exchange and will be eligible to accept additional short-term assignments at other international sites over the next five years as a Fulbright Specialist.
- Professor **Amanda L. Golbeck** has been named a Fellow of the American Statistical Association, the first from UM to earn the honor, and one of only four people in Montana to have received the award.
- Freelance journalist and UM graduate **Karen Coates** will be the Fall 2011 T. Anthony Pollner Distinguished Professor at the School of Journalism.
- The University of Montana has made the "Princeton Review's Guide to 311 Green Colleges: Edition 2011," the second consecutive year UM has made the national ranking.
- UM ranks ninth in the 2011 rankings of Peace Corps Master's International programs. Thirteen students from UM currently are earning their Master's degrees while serving in the Peace Corps.
- A recent Campus Compact survey found that Montana college students averaged 7.5 hours of volunteer service each week—more than twice the national student average—totaling more than 2,470,000 hours in the 2009-2010 academic year.