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**TO:** Board of Regents

**FROM:** Royce C. Engstrom, President

**RE:** Campus Report for the May 2012 Board of Regents Meeting

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- More than 3,700 graduates and degree candidates will participate in UM's 115th Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 12, in Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Outgoing Commissioner and UM alumna **Sheila Stearns** will deliver this year's Commencement address, and Missoula native and UM alumnus **Warren Wilcox** will receive an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.
- Seven UM students and recent graduates received Fulbright U.S. Student Scholarships for the 2012-13 academic year. UM's 2012-13 Fulbright Scholars are:
  - **Peter Bordokoff**, Geography, Georgia.
  - **Michelle Brown**, Teaching English as a Foreign Language, Vietnam.
  - **Lindsay Combs**, Teaching English as a Foreign Language, Germany.
  - **Eleanor Lahr**, Ecology, Norway.
  - **Melissa Sheedy**, Teaching English as a Foreign Language, Germany.
  - **Jessica Stamler**, Teaching English as a Foreign Language, Spain.
  - **Kristen Zadick**, Teaching English as a Foreign Language, Mexico.
- Journalism senior and *Montana Kaimin* editor **Jayne Fraser** has been selected as one of three Hearst Journalism Fellows, an opportunity that will have her working two nine-month stints at Hearst newspapers beginning in September.
- Internal Auditor **Kathy Burgmeier** received the 2012 J.B. Speer Award for Distinguished Administrative Service at UM's annual Employee Recognition Day Ceremony (reported in accordance with BOR Policy 322.2). Other award winners are listed online at <http://www.umt.edu/president/fsawards/>.
- Russian and Economics Senior **Travis Vincent** will travel to Washington, D.C., this summer as the recipient of the 2012 J. Stanley Kimmitt Public Service Internship. He will serve as a summer intern for U.S. Sen. Jon Tester and will enroll in The Washington Center internship program.
- Pharmacy student **Stacey Pascoe** won first place in the National Patient Counseling Competition of the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists.
- Assistant Professor **Mike Rosulek** recently received the Faculty Early Career Development award, the National Science Foundation's most prestigious award for junior faculty. Rosulek will receive \$492,588 over five years to support his research in secure multi-party computation, a branch of cryptography.
- Environmental Studies Junior **Zachary Brown** has been awarded a \$30,000 Truman Scholarship and—for the second time—a \$5,000 Udall Scholarship. Brown is UM's 12th Truman Scholar and 35th Udall Scholar. He also is a Presidential Leadership Scholar in the Davidson Honors College. Junior Environmental Studies student **David Schaad** won a \$350 Udall Honorable Mention award.
- Spring 2011 graduate **Andy Ambelang** placed second in the multimedia news category of the national Hearst Journalism Awards with his multimedia story "Prize and Poison" about oil drilling on the Fort Peck Reservation. Ambelang will receive \$2,000 for his second-place entry, and the School of Journalism will receive a matching grant.
- Campus Compact awarded Education Junior **Maureen Karlin** the Newman Civic Fellows award, which honors inspiring college-student leaders who have demonstrated an investment in finding

solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country. Karlin received the award for her work coordinating the America Reads America Counts K-12 tutoring program in Missoula.

- The Davidson Honors College announced this year's recipients of the Paul Lauren Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor Award, recognizing faculty members who excel in guiding undergraduate students in their research projects. The 2012 recipients are:
  - **Daisy Rooks**, Sociology Assistant Professor
  - **Edward Rosenberg**, Chemistry Professor
  - **Scott Samuels**, Professor of Biological Sciences
  - **Tobin Shearer**, History Assistant Professor
- **Catherine Berg, Nick Engelfried, Talasi Brooks, and Hilary Eisen** have been named UM's 2012-13 Wyss Scholars for Conservation in the American West. Funded through the Wyss Foundation, the Wyss Scholars Program provides financial support to UM students who are committed to careers in Western land conservation through a federal or state land management agency or at a nonprofit in the region.
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano appointed President **Royce C. Engstrom** to the new Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council, composed of prominent university presidents and academic leaders and charged with advising the secretary and senior leadership at the department on several key issues.
- **Melissa Mylchreest**, a second-year Masters of Fine Art student in the Creative Writing Program, has won the 2012 Merriam-Frontier Award, established by English Professor Emeritus H.G. Merriam to recognize distinguished achievement in writing.
- **Michele Keener**, a Master of Accountancy student in the School of Business Administration, received the 2011-12 John L. Carey Scholarship, awarded by the American Institute of CPAs. Keener also received the \$5,000 scholarship for the 2010-11 academic year.
- The Montana Environmental Information Center honored Research Professor **Jack Stanford** and Research Assistant Professor **Bonnie Ellis** of the Flathead Lake Biological Station with its 2012 Conservationist of the Year award.
- The Corporation for National and Community Service honored UM with a place on the 2012 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal government recognition that a university or college can receive for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Last year, 2,068 UM students volunteered 169,190 hours of service to the local community.
- The UM Conference on Undergraduate Research took place April 13, with more than 120 projects presented, including more than 70 research posters. History Assistant Professor Tobin Shearer gave the conference keynote address, "Prayer, Guns, and Civil Rights: How to Craft New Research Questions."
- The College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences received a \$32,250 grant from the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors to host the seventh National Smokeless and Spit Tobacco Summit next August.
- UM captured nine awards during recent marketing competitions—five awards in the 2012 Communication Awards program of the regional Council for Advancement and Support of Education, and four awards in the national 27th Annual Educational Advertising Awards contest.
- For the third consecutive year, the Princeton Review named UM as one of the nation's most environmentally responsible "green colleges."
- ASUM awarded the Off-Campus Renter Center with funding for a new Neighborhood Ambassador program to encourage relationships between student renters and University District homeowners. Information about the program is available at [http://life.umt.edu/asum/asum\\_agencies/Off\\_Campus\\_Renter\\_Center/](http://life.umt.edu/asum/asum_agencies/Off_Campus_Renter_Center/).
- For the 13th consecutive semester, UM student-athletes maintained an average cumulative GPA above 3.0. The results appear in the Autumn Semester 2011 Term Report for Athletic Academic Services.
- Washington Post popular culture critic **Hank Stuever** will be the School of Journalism's 2012 T. Anthony Pollner Professor. Stuever will teach a course on pop culture coverage and will mentor students working at the *Montana Kaimin*.