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

RE: Campus Report for the January 2016 BOR Meeting

The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, a leader in advancing education and entrepreneurship, recently awarded UM's **Blackstone LaunchPad** a \$25,000 grant to further understand women's participation in pre-entrepreneurial stages. Blackstone LaunchPad aims to help UM students and alumni jump-start their own businesses by nurturing young entrepreneurs and providing them the skills and network necessary to succeed. They will use the one-year grant to better understand why female students may choose not to engage and to foster better participation by women in entrepreneurial programs. Research shows that women are less likely to become entrepreneurs, and the disparities between men's and women's entrepreneurial inclinations appear at the earliest stages of the process. UM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research and the Blackstone LaunchPad will administer the grant and conduct the research. BBER and Blackstone LaunchPad have designed a one-year research plan to better understand why female students may choose not to engage in entrepreneurship and to pilot and test various activities and initiatives to increase female participation.

UM senior **Kolby KickingWoman** recently tied for 17th place in the Feature Writing competition of the prominent Hearst Journalism Awards. The Hearst Journalism Awards are the most prestigious student journalism awards nationally. The story KickingWoman wrote was for the spring 2015 Native News project, a class that sends teams of journalism students – a writer paired with a photographer – out to each of Montana's American Indian reservations. Reporting from the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, KickingWoman and his partner, photographer Celia Talbot Tobin, told the stories of tribal members navigating questions of sexual and gender identity.

Two teams from the Alexander Blewett III School of Law finished first and second at the National Moot Court northwest regional competition held at UM Nov. 20-21. The winning team was made up of **Jason Collins, Hannah Seifert, and Adam Wade**. The team of **Carrie Gibadlo, Paige Griffith, and Tyler Stockton** finished second. Gibadlo, Stockton, and Griffith won the best brief award, and Wade was awarded the best oralist. The competition involved 12 teams from six law schools in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. The team of Seifert, Wade and Collins will advance to the final rounds in New York City in February. The National Moot Court competition is the oldest and largest competition for law students, with teams from more than 120 schools participating every year in 15 regions. UM has one of the more successful records in

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the competition, advancing to the national finals 13 of the past 18 years and winning the award for the region's best brief eight times during that period. The school is among the handful whose teams have won the national championship more than once.

UM communicative sciences and disorders graduate student **Mina May** was recently selected to participate in the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's competitive Minority Student Leadership Program (MSLP). She also earned a national award from the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association. MSLP is a leadership development program established for undergraduate seniors, master's degree students and doctoral candidates who are enrolled in communication sciences and disorders programs or are pursuing a research doctorate degree. More than 150 students applied for the 40 available program positions. The purpose of MSLP is to recruit and retain racial and ethnic minorities that have been historically under-represented in the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology; provide focused educational programming and activities to build and enhance leadership skills; provide an understanding of how the association works; and to provide an opportunity for program participants to interact with leaders in the professions of audiology, speech-language pathology, and speech, language and hearing sciences.

University of Montana Alexander Blewett III School of Law students **Nick VandenBos** and **Lindsay Thane** took first place in the American Bar Association-sponsored Law School Regional Negotiation Competition held Nov. 7 in Calgary, Alberta. The University of Calgary Faculty of Law hosted this year's regional event. The UM team competed against 20 other law schools from throughout the Northwest and western Canada, and this year additional competitors from Wyoming and California. This marks the fifth year in a row the UM team advanced to the final round. VandenBos and Thane advanced to their second final-round appearance in two years. No other UM law school duo ever has appeared twice in consecutive years in the regional competition. The team brought home back-to-back first-place finishes. Thane and VandenBos also will be the first UM team to consecutively appear at the national competition. Additionally, they set the team record for becoming the only members to compete in two and three, respectively, consecutive final-round appearances with invitations to the national competition. The Thane/VandenBos entry into the final round marks the 19th time UM negotiation teams have advanced to compete among the remaining four regional finalists. First-year UM law students Marianne Peters of Dillon and Asa Hohman of Missoula simultaneously advanced to the final round, finishing with a tie for third place. Thane and VandenBos will take a short break before preparing for the February 2016 national competition in San Diego. The national competition will bring together the top teams from the U.S. and Canada.

UM Associate Professor **Adrea Lawrence** has been appointed to the editorial board of a prominent national education publication, *History of Education Quarterly*. She will hold this position for a three-year term beginning January 2016. *History of Education Quarterly* is the premier scholarly journal focused on the history of education in the U.S. It serves as the primary publication of the History of Education Society, an international scholar society that aims to promote and improve the teaching of the history of education in colleges and universities, encourage scholarly research in the history of education, and facilitate the publication and dissemination of the results of that research. In her role as a board member for *History of Education Quarterly*, Lawrence will be part of a key team responsible for determining the latest pertinent trends and topics in the field of education history. She also will be responsible for reviewing and selecting various manuscripts and articles presented to the publication. Lawrence has been involved with the History of Education Society since 2005. In that time, her

contributions have included presenting at multiple conferences, offering commentaries and being part of a special issue on the history of American Indian education, which came out in fall 2014.

UM Professor **Doug Emlen** was named the 2015 Montana Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Emlen was one of 35 educators selected nationwide from nearly 400 top professors nominated. Emlen teaches Behavior and Evolution, Insect Biology and a number of graduate courses at UM. Emlen co-wrote "Evolution: Making Sense of Life," a genetics and evolution textbook, in 2013. His 2014 book, "Animal Weapons: The Evolution of Battle," recently won the 2015 Phi Beta Kappa Award in Science. Emlen's many awards, honors and grants include UM's Distinguished Teaching Award in 2014, the E.O. Wilson Prize from the American Society of Naturalists in 2013, a Presidential Early Career Award in 2002 and the Young Investigator Prize in 1997. CASE and the Carnegie Foundation have been partners in offering the U.S. Professors of the Year awards program since 1981.

Associate Director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, **Deena Mansour**, traveled to Malaysia in November to serve as a youth mentor at the White House Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative Summit (YSEALI). Launched in 2013, the initiative is President Barack Obama's signature program to strengthen leadership development in Southeast Asia. Through a variety of programs, including educational and cultural exchanges based at UM, YSEALI embraces the power of individual citizens to find creative solutions to challenges they face in their home communities. YSEALI focuses on topics important to youth in both Montana and Asia, including civic engagement, environment and natural resources management, and entrepreneurship and economic development. UM's Mansfield Center is the only organization in the country that hosts both components of YSEALI exchanges: academic exchanges for Fellows ages 18 to 24 and professional exchanges for Fellows ages 25 to 35. Mansour has played a critical role in building the Mansfield Center's partnership with YSEALI, and she credits UM faculty members for helping bolster its impact.

UM Department of Anthropology Collections Curator **C. Riley Auge** recently earned an award for her 2013 dissertation. Auge, who earned her doctorate in anthropology from UM, will receive the 2016 Kathleen Kirk Gilmore Dissertation Award from the Society for Historical Archaeology on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016, in Washington D.C., during the society's annual conference. Auge's dissertation titled "Silent Sentinels: Archaeology, Magic and the Gendered Control of Domestic Boundaries in New England, 1620-1725" involved delving into the historic archaeological record of myth, ritual and religion. The award panel selected Auge's dissertation as an outstanding contribution to historical archaeology. Auge will receive \$1,000 and a consideration for publication with the SHA. Auge presently is writing an archaeological field handbook of magic and ritual.