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

RE: Campus Report for the May 2016 BOR Meeting

UM has appointed **Thomas Crady** as the new Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs. Dr. Crady currently serves as vice president for enrollment management at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN. He will start his new duties at UM this summer. He will succeed Vice President for Student Affairs Teresa Branch, who will retire this spring after 13 years of service to UM. Crady has served as vice president for enrollment management at Gustavus Adolphus College since 2010. He was dean of the college at Dartmouth College from 2008 to 2009. He worked at Grinnell College in Iowa from 1982 to 2007, serving in roles such as vice president for student services, acting dean of admissions and financial aid, and associate dean of student affairs. He holds a Ph.D. in Education from Iowa State University.

UM has appointed **Beverly C. Edmond** to serve as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for the 2016-17 academic year. Dr. Edmond retired from Albany State University in Georgia in 2015. In her new role, she will succeed Provost Perry Brown, who will retire this June after 21 years at UM. Edmond launched her career in higher education at Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, where she served in several positions from 1994 to 2006. While at CAU, she chaired the Public Administration Department, as well as serving in the positions of associate provost and vice provost. She joined Alabama A&M University in Normal, Alabama, from 2006 to 2010, serving as provost and vice president for academic affairs, as well as interim president for one year. At Albany State in Albany, Georgia, she was provost and vice president for academic affairs during 2013-14 and served as special adviser to the president from 2014 to 2015. Prior to her career in higher education, Edmond held several administrative positions in the public sector. Edmond holds a doctorate in political science with a concentration in public administration from Georgia State University in Atlanta.

The Missoula branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will honor **President Royce Engstrom** for his efforts to improve sexual assault response and prevention on campus. The group will present Engstrom with an award during its luncheon, which will be held on Saturday, April 30. Gov. Steve Bullock also will be recognized for his work on gender-pay equality in Montana. On the national level, AAUW advocates for gender-pay equality, education for women and sexual assault prevention. Local branches, including Missoula's branch, support this work through state and federal legislation related to education and equality; by mentoring women in education and the workplace; by sponsoring community and campus action grants; and by offering scholarships and fellowships.

UM Assistant Professor **John McCutcheon**, Assistant Professor **Orion Berryman**, and Assistant Professor **Rob Smith** each received a CAREER Award from the National Science Foundation (NSF) this semester. McCutcheon is part of the Division of Biological Sciences, Berryman the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and Smith the Department of Computer Science. The CAREER Program, also known as the Faculty Early Career Development Program, is the NSF's most prestigious awards for junior faculty who are dedicated to integrating both research and education.

Three students from the **UM School of Business Administration** became finalists in an online international business simulation after battling nearly 850 students and demonstrating world-class managerial expertise. **Yibo Fan, Ji Qiu** and **Yutong Tian** won second place in the Capsim Spring 2016 Foundation Challenge, scoring 642 out of 1,000 possible points and 81 points above the third place winner. The team had 11 days to complete eight qualifying rounds and two days for the eight final rounds of the online simulation, competing with participants from 18 countries around the globe. Qiu and Tian are majoring in finance, and Fan is double majoring in accounting and finance with a minor in math. All three plan to graduate this spring. The team used Foundation business simulation in a class taught by management information systems **Professor Shawn Clouse** and decided to put their skills to work in the Capsim Challenge. Other participating countries in the Capsim Spring Challenge included Australia, Brazil, Denmark, Egypt, Israel, Russia, Thailand and the UAE. This marks the fifth time UM students have placed in the top of the competition. More than 600 business schools and corporations from around the country and abroad have participated in Capism's simulations.

UM faculty member **Amy Ratto Parks** recently won the 2016 Phi Beta Kappa Arts & Sciences Poetry Contest for her poem "Verb of Being". The Phi Beta Kappa Society, the nation's oldest academic honor society, asked for poems to reflect a favorite discipline in the liberal arts and sciences. Parks, UM's assistant director of composition in the English department, chose a middle school Latin lesson for the backdrop of her poem.

UM Biology **Professor Doug Emlen** was recently elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (AAAS). Emlen is one of 213 new members who constitute the Academy's 236th class, a group that includes some of the world's most accomplished scholars, scientists, writers and artists, as well as civic, business, and philanthropic leaders. Emlen is the only member of the academy ever elected from Montana. Emlen and researchers in his UM lab study the development and evolution of animal weapons. He often uses horned beetles as an animal model for his research. He teaches Behavior and Evolution, Insect Biology and several graduate courses. Founded in 1780, AAAS is one of the country's oldest learned societies and independent policy research centers, convening leaders from the academic, business and government sectors to respond to the challenges facing – and opportunities available to – the nation and the world.

UM students **Ashley Alexander** and **Benjamin Mason** recently won awards in the STEM category for their poster presentations at the 2016 Western Regional Honors Council Conference held in Riverside, CA. Mason is a senior who aims to graduate in May with a major in microbiology and a minor in Spanish. His poster, "Molecular Basis of Serum Resistance in Bartonella Species," won first place in the STEM category. Mason conducted his research under the direction of UM biology **Professor Michael Minnick**. Alexander is a sophomore majoring in biology with a concentration in genetics and evolution. Her poster, "Better than Before and

Better Together: Fitness as a Function of Diversity in a Simple Microbial Community," won third place in the STEM category. Alexander's project was carried out in collaboration with UM postdoctoral scholar **Don-Dong Yang**. Their work was supported by a NASA Exobiology grant to UM Department of Biological Sciences Professor **Frank Rosenzweig**. Stanford genetics Professor Gavin Sherlock is a co-principal investigator on the project. The Western Regional Honors Council is a professional organization of faculty, administrators and students dedicated to the promotion and advancement of undergraduate honors education.

UM Climate Change Studies Coordinator **Nicky Phear** was recently named the 2016 recipient of the Clean Energy and Empowerment Education (C3E) Award from the U.S. Department of Energy. The national award recognizes Phear's leadership in education about clean energy and her mentorship of students in this field. C3E was launched in 2010 to promote women leaders in the clean energy fields. It is led by the U.S. Department of Energy in collaboration with the MIT Energy Initiative and the Stanford Precourt Institute for Energy. Each year awardees are selected in eight categories to recognize mid-career women who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and accomplishments in clean energy. In 2008, she helped develop one of the nation's first and only academic programs to focus on climate change. She now oversees the interdisciplinary Climate Change Studies minor at UM. Since 2006, she has led student educational experiences to enhance interaction and understanding of how climate change affects the natural environment. She developed the innovative Cycle the Rockies course for the Wild Rockies Field Institute, which teaches students about energy and climate change as they cycle across Montana. She also developed a similar Bhutan Ride for Climate, which fosters the exchange of ideas regarding climate change between Bhutanese and U.S. students as they bike across Bhutan. Phear also leads a student course in Vietnam, teaching six credits on climate change effects and adaptation and societal impacts in the Mekong Delta. In addition, she is an active member of the campus community, overseeing residence hall sustainability and organizing climate change discussions. She developed UM's EcoReps program, which places student sustainability advocates in the residence halls. Phear also is a founding member of the Climate Smart Missoula organization and a member of UM's inaugural Women's Leadership Initiative.

The **Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library** and the **Montana Museum of Art & Culture** will present "First Folio! The Book that Gave Us Shakespeare, on National Tour from the Folger Shakespeare Library" at the University of Montana Monday, May 9, through Tuesday, May 31. The Folger Shakespeare Library, in association with the Cincinnati Museum Center and the American Library Association, is touring the exhibition to all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico in 2016. UM was selected as the only location in Montana to feature the exhibit. The First Folio will be displayed at the Montana Museum of Art & Culture, which will offer free admission and extended hours for the exhibit. The First Folio is the first complete collected edition of William Shakespeare's plays, published in 1623, seven years after his death. Compiled by two of Shakespeare's fellow actors, it preserves 36 of Shakespeare's plays. Without it, we would not have 18 previously unpublished masterpieces, including "Macbeth," "Julius Caesar," "Twelfth Night," "The Tempest" and "Antony and Cleopatra." In conjunction with the exhibit, UM and the Missoula community will host a slate of events to celebrate all things Shakespeare. Campus and community partners and sponsors include Montana Public Radio, Missoula Children's Theatre, Children's Museum Missoula, Montana Association of Teachers of English Language Arts, Missoula Writing Collaborative, Humanities Montana, UM School of Theatre & Dance, the offices of the President and Integrated Communications at UM, Destination Missoula, the Missoula Tourism Business Improvement District, The Roxy Theater, spectrUM Discovery Area, SPARK! Arts Ignite Learning, Inspired Classroom, We Are Montana

in the Classroom, the University Center, the President's Lecture Series and the Missoulian. The tour is made possible in part by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and by the support of Google.org, Vinton and Sigrid Cerf, the British Council and other generous donors.

Two UM School of Music students and one Missoula Hellgate High School student recently won third place at the Music Teachers National Association's Young Artist String Chamber Music Competition in San Antonio. The Missoula Piano Trio consists of UM graduate student **Adam Sears** of Missoula on piano, UM senior **Sarah Harmsworth** of Bonner on violin, and Missoula Hellgate High School student David Harmsworth, Sarah's brother, on cello. In addition to countless hours of practicing their competition repertoire on their own and together, the trio spent more than 60 hours practicing with UM Music **Professor Steven Hesla**, their primary coach. After winning the regional competition, they went on to face five other finalists at the national competition.

UM student **Mackenzie Lombardi**, a communications and political science major, was recently named a Newman Civic Fellow. She is one of 10 students across Montana to earn the honor. Newman Civic Fellows are young leaders nominated by college and university presidents who are part of Campus Compact, a national coalition of more than 1,100 institutions committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education to improve community life and to educate students for civic and social responsibility. A Missoula native, Lombardi has set her sights on changing the nature of American political rhetoric. Using her communication skills, she has served as a student government campaign manager, interned with the Office of Montana Gov. Steve Bullock and served as an advocate with UM's Student Advocacy Resource Center. Lombardi has dedicated herself to public problem-solving and promoting equality. She holds herself to high standards of kindness and dedication when working with others and will set aside personal goals in pursuit of a common good. The Newman Civic Fellows Award is sponsored by the KPMG and Newman's Own foundations.

UM student **Lillian Alvernaz** is among a select group of students to earn the Udall Native American Congressional Internship this summer in Washington, D.C. Alvernaz and 11 other American Indian and Alaska Native college, graduate and law students, will be placed in U.S. Senate, U.S. House and federal agency offices to learn firsthand how the U.S. government works with Native nations. Alvernaz, a traditional Assiniboine/Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate from northeast Montana, is pursuing her master's degree in public administration, a certificate in American Indian law, as well as a Juris Doctor degree from the Alexander Blewett III School of Law at UM. She graduated with honors from UM in 2013 in Native American studies and social work and hopes to combat violence against Native women and children. The Udall Foundation placed Alvernaz with the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women, Tribal Division, for her summer internship.

UM Assistant Professor of composition **Emilie LeBel** recently became the first woman to win the Land's End Ensemble's Composer Competition. The Lands' End Ensemble, dedicated to excellence in performance and recording of new music, as well as to enriching collaborations with eminent composers and artists, holds an annual national composer competition in Canada. This year's competition was March 6 at the University of Calgary. LeBel responded to a call for piano trio works in 2015. She was among three finalists selected by a blind jury who were flown to Calgary, Alberta, to participate in the competition concert. Each finalist presented their piece during the concert, the jury deliberated, and the winner was announced. LeBel won with

her piece "Oranda." She will receive a \$1,500 commissioning prize after composing a new piece for a piano trio that will be premiered next season by the Land's End Ensemble.

Katie Riordan, a master's degree candidate in journalism at UM, received an Overseas Press Club (OPC) Foundation Scholar Award at the 2016 Annual Scholar Awards Luncheon held at the Yale Club in New York City. Riordan was among 15 aspiring foreign correspondents selected by a panel of leading journalists out of 175 applicants from 50 different colleges and universities. She is the first student from a college in Montana to win the award. Riordan's winning application told how, after deportation from Yemen, she headed to the Republic of Somaliland in the Horn of Africa and covered the effects of drought on nomadic tribes, among other environmental and political stories. Her interest lies in reporting on the impact of climate change and the growing number of climate refugees. Riordan earned an OPC Foundation fellowship with *The Wall Street Journal* in London. She also received the Flora Lewis Fellowship, named for the former Paris bureau chief of *The New York Times*, from Michelle LaRoche, editor of development at *The Wall Street Journal*. The OPC Foundation is the nation's largest and most visible scholarship program encouraging aspiring journalists to pursue careers as foreign correspondents.

UM marketing, communications and journalism students recently launched UM's first podcast, titled "32 Campus Drive." Named after the University's mailing address, the podcast can now be downloaded from iTunes by searching "32 Campus Drive" or on Soundcloud at <https://soundcloud.com/32campusdrive>. The students, who all work as part of the student-run marketing agency called BRNTLY, use their editorial judgment to select a theme and then find people with interesting stories around that theme. UM journalism students **Claire Burgeson**, a senior, and **Cheri Trusler**, who has since graduated, interview students, professors, alumni and people of interest in the Missoula community in an effort to dig deeper into the UM experience. Others involved in the project are UM communications senior **Emily Etchart** and UM marketing senior **Willa Fogarty**.

UM has been named **the No. 10 medium-sized university for producing Peace Corps volunteers**. Currently, 24 UM alumni serve with the Peace Corps worldwide. This year also marks the 12th time the University has placed in the top 25 on the medium-sized volunteer-producing colleges and universities list. UM is tied with the College of William and Mary for the No. 10 spot. Alumni from more than 3,000 colleges and universities nationwide have served in the Peace Corps since the agency's founding in 1961, including 847 from UM. In 2015, Montana ranked No. 3 among states with the highest number of Peace Corps volunteers per capita, with 4.5 volunteers per 100,000 residents. UM was the first public university in the country to partner with the Peace Corps to offer the Peace Corps Preparatory Program. Any UM student can earn a Peace Corps Preparatory Certificate by participating in the international development studies minor in UM's College of Humanities and Sciences. UM also offers two master's International Programs: a Master of Science in international conservation and development and a Master of Art in global youth development, which allows students to earn their graduate degrees while serving in the Peace Corps.