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DAVIDSON HONORS COLLEGE

Summer 2016 Newsletter

Greetings from the Davidson Honors College!

I am writing to you in high spirits after experiencing my first graduation weekend at the University of Montana. Our Davidson Honors College ceremony was a tremendous success, and it was nice to finish the academic year off by celebrating our wonderful students as they set off on their next great adventure.

In my opinion, the highlight of our event was a creative – and incredibly insightful - senior toast from Spencer Ruchti, who graduated this spring with a degree in Creative Writing and Literature. I was particularly proud to see so many parents, staff, faculty, alumni, and other DHC supporters on hand for Spencer's toast, very supportive remarks from UM President Engstrom, and a special ceremony honoring Tessa Richards, a graduating senior who has gone above and beyond the call of duty as a student ambassador for the DHC during her four years here.

As I reflect on my first year as Dean of the Davidson Honors College, it is clear that students are the heart and soul of the DHC; indeed, it is the opportunity to interact with some of the brightest students in the country that attracted me to this position, and it is the reason I tell everyone I meet that I have the best job on the UM campus. It is impossible for me to recount all of our successes from this past year, but I thought I might provide a few highlights here.

**The DHC attracts the best students in the country.* Last fall, we welcomed the largest entering class in recent memory: 204 students from throughout Montana and dozens of states across the country, and with an incredible variety of academic interests. Our new class of 26 Presidential Scholars was particularly impressive. As a group they arrived with an average high school GPA of 3.96 and an average ACT score in the 98th percentile nationally.

**Once part of the DHC, our students flourish.* Each of our students charts a unique course, and it is amazing to consider the varieties of excellence they achieve. This year alone, a seemingly endless list of accomplishments for DHC students included: Clare Vergobbi and Marian McIntosh winning prestigious Udall Scholarships, Cody Meixner and Elizabeth Story serving as ASUM President and Vice President, and scores of DHC graduates securing admission to the best graduate schools in the world. One of our brightest young scholars, Brendan Jordan, entertained major scholarship offers from Yale University and other top institutions before deciding to accept an incredible fellowship from New York University's PhD Program in Latin American History.

**Our undergraduate research program continues to excel.* In early April at the Western Regional Honors Conference in Riverside, California, DHC students Benjamin Mason and Ashley Alexander took home first and third place awards, respectively, for their research posters in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) category. A few weeks later, the DHC hosted the 15th Annual University of Montana Conference on Undergraduate Research (UMCUR). This year, there were over 130 student research and creative scholarship projects at UMCUR.



Award winning projects had titles ranging from “Reproductive Output of *Pinus albicaulis* (whitebark pine) at Alpine Treelines” (Jesse Bunker), to “Improvisation as a Tool for Choreography and Performance” (Emily Curtiss), and “You Better Wise Up, Janet Weiss: Reclaiming Queerness of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*” (Dac Cederberg).

**Our presence is increasingly global.* While much is always happening in the DHC, we are incredibly proud of our students taking classes, conducting research, volunteering, and working overseas. Among the many dozens of DHC students who traveled abroad this year (often with DHC financial support), a few examples might help illustrate our global presence: UM Global Grizzlies traveled to Uganda and engaged in humanitarian medical service, Rachel Dickson conducted field work in Argentina as a Goldwater Scholar, a large group of honors students took part in the DHC Wintersession Program in Ireland, and many other students studied abroad in Europe, Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

In addition to all the exciting news generated by our students this year, we are also making exciting enhancements to our DHC facilities. This summer, we will break ground on an impressive new patio that will provide indoor-outdoor study and event space for our students and the entire campus. Earlier this spring, we unveiled a completely renovated Garden Level of the DHC Building, complete with brand new office space for our DHC faculty, new classroom space, and dedicated student study rooms. We are also thrilled to welcome Education Abroad, Internship Services, UM Campus Compact, and other Academic Enrichment offices into our building. With these additions, we truly are a hub of academic excellence at the University of Montana!

As many of you know, this year has also delivered a great deal of change to our team at the Davidson Honors College. Andrea Vernon, Colleen Kane, and Laura Fellin from the Office for Civic Engagement will now report directly to the Director of Academic Enrichment, though I am happy to say that they will remain in their DHC offices, and that this change won't affect their support of honors students in any way. Also, Laure Pengelly Drake will continue to advise students and serve as Director of External Scholarships, but she will be based outside the Davidson Honors College. My hope is that this change will allow Laure to be even more accessible to the wider campus, while still allowing her a very close connection with DHC students who are seeking her expert advice on scholarship applications. Many thanks to Laure, Andrea, Colleen, and Laura for all their service to the Davidson Honors College, and here's to many more years of collaboration!

On the note of excitement about our future, it is my real pleasure to welcome Chelsea Spreeman to the DHC family. Chelsea is joining us from Wisconsin as our new DHC Development Officer, and she is already doing great work to connect with DHC students, alumni, and other supporters. We are lucky to have her on board.

As I sign off, I'll ask you to save a date. On Friday, September 30, we will host a DHC Celebration as part of UM Homecoming. 2016 is a very meaningful year for the Davidson Honors College: it is the 25th anniversary of the founding of the College and the 20th anniversary of our beautiful DHC Building. I hope you will plan on joining us to recognize this important occasion, and to celebrate all of our past, present, and future students. In the meantime, feel free to get in touch with me via email

(brock.tessman@umontana.edu) or phone

(406-243-2541). I'd love to hear from you.

Regards,



Brock F. Tessman
Dean





Dear DHC Students, Faculty, Alumni, Donors, and Friends,

I will be forever grateful to the Davidson Honors College for playing such a pivotal role in my education, both inside and outside of the classroom. Not only did the DHC provide a home for me on campus – introducing me to some of my closest friends and most supportive mentors – but also provided me with some of the most rewarding opportunities of my college career. The DHC Student-Faculty Summer Research Award was my first experience conducting independent research, which is crucial to my goals in pursuing my field of Psychology. Giving me the chance to do funded research the summer after my freshman year set me up to continue my study (on mental health care policy and homelessness) abroad in Ireland on the DHC's faculty led Wintersession trip. I had never been outside of the U.S. before – and I won't take up space to gush about the wonders of Ireland - but let's just say, I'll be back.

The DHC has also sent me around the U.S. to present at four honors research conferences in New Orleans, LA; Denver, CO; Chicago, IL; and Riverside, CA. It is a luxury to present research nationally as an undergrad – to do it more than once was a real gift. My research skills played a large part in landing me my first post-grad job, as Research Study Coordinator at Bozeman's Center for Mental Health Research and Recovery.

I have a lot to say about my research opportunities as an undergrad, but I would also like everyone to know about the very personal opportunities provided to me through the DHC outside of the lab. I would encourage every student to experience service-learning, especially in a community as rich in nonprofits as Missoula. My work at the Poverello Center made my research on homelessness so much more insightful; my placement at the YWCA in the Honors Nonprofit Admin course helped me connect with leaders in civil society development. The DHC makes a point to get its students to volunteer and engage with the community, and it is certainly because these experiences help students develop both intellectually and personally.



The Davidson Honors College is

more than just a pretty building. It is one of the only places that encouraged me to succeed beyond my classes, and cared about me as an individual. From the beginning of my college career, I was always encouraged to do more, find what sparks my curiosity, and get involved. I try to keep to that even now, as I begin to say my goodbyes to the wonderful DHC staff.

I am forever in their debt for their financial support, in scholarships, research grants, and travel funds. With them, I was able to devote so much more time to my work with Dr. Diana Lurie. Their Student-Faculty Research Award allowed me to work over summer, which gave us just enough data for a journal article. Their travel funds bought my ticket for my summer internship at the University of Toronto – Mississauga, where I studied the potential to asymmetrically cover nanoparticles under Dr. Ulrich Krull. I have

additionally been able to attend the Western Regional Honors Council conference with the DHC in Colorado, Nevada, and California. I really enjoy research, and with the help of the DHC, I have had many more opportunities to be involved in labs and practice the art of presentation.

During my last year, I have been pleased to see the welcoming of Brock Tessman as Dean of our Davidson Honors College. He's stepped into a big role, and though it can be a bumpy ride at first, I believe he will create an even better honors experience for students in years to come. I am so privileged to have been a part of the DHC, and I thank them for making my time at the University of Montana a wonderful and captivating experience.

Michelle Nemetchek Class of 2016

On a quiet Wednesday night

in April, the DHC hosted a literary reading in the lounge. Roughly thirty people gathered to listen to four graduating seniors and one junior read portions of their creative work. The work itself was extremely impressive, and ranged from spoken word poetry to novel excerpts. And the five readers presented eloquently. Thanks to Mercedes Becker for her poetry, Dac Cederberg for his short fiction, Rebecca Collins for her creative nonfiction, and Jesse Rowan and Spencer Ruchti for the portions of their novels that they read aloud. It was invigorating to hear the work that these students have poured their time and hearts into creating! We are hopeful that this is only the first of many such opportunities for DHC students to showcase their talents. From future literary readings to art shows to music and dance recitals, we intend to create space for our students to share their talents and passions with one another.



Erin Saldin



Gratitude

As most of you already know, this will be my last “Advisor’s Corner” article for the *DHC Newsletter*. My job as director of external scholarships and advising at the DHC ends June 30 due to budget cuts. This article will address just a few of the reasons my students have given me to be grateful over the last eleven years.

It has been wonderfully fulfilling to work with students who strive to be their best selves, to find the most challenging and rewarding academic paths for their interests and talents, to understand their talents and concerns so that they can make the most significant contribution to the world. As director of advising for the DHC, I had the opportunity to provide at least half of the advising, which meant that I gained a very useful bird’s-eye view of our campus curricula and our DHC students. I have gained inspiration, insight, and a great deal of vicarious pleasure from the dreams and the actual achievements and adventures of my advisees as we brainstormed courses and majors, research and senior projects, study abroad, service, and internships.

The external scholarship world has brought me into close, mutually supportive relationships with many students with particularly expansive dreams. They have won an impressive collection of scholarships for which they had to compete with the whole country: Mitchell, Marshall, Gates Cambridge, Jack Kent Cooke, UK Summer Fulbright, Goldwater, Udall (UM students have the highest number--40--of Udall Scholarships in the nation), Truman, Critical Language, Madison, Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX), the German exchange program DAAD, Pride, Freeman-Asia, Phi Kappa Phi, JoAnne Trow Alpha Lambda Delta, NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates and the Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Amgen, and Glamour’s Top Ten College Women. I also had the opportunity to assist with other scholarships such as Gilman, Fulbright, and Boren as well as graduate school, law, and medical school plans and applications.

The “Mind, Heart, and Spine” students, the “A Team,” inspired me with their incredibly open embrace of the widest range of viewpoints imaginable in middle-of-the-road America. They took on the challenge of accomplishing pragmatic goals in the public realm while maintaining their idealism; they wrestled long and hard with the ends-versus-means debate as framed by Reinhold Niebuhr in *Moral Man, Immoral Society*, among other readings. They coached each other to better presentation of their ideas, more effective responses to tough interviews, and more open-minded use of sources; we all achieved far more profound perspectives on leadership. Clearly, they will save the world together.





I had the thrill of watching six groups of UM students fall in love with Ireland and Northern Ireland and (often grudgingly!) admit that the challenge of learning the incredible complexities of Irish history for the Honors study abroad program made the experience of seeing the history-enriched and history-burdened island for themselves a far more powerful experience than they could have had without preparation. Many thanks to the many people who shared their expertise in history, theater, literature, language, religion, journalism, and social science to prepare my students for the deepest possible experience of Ireland.

As faculty advisor to several student groups, I have had the privilege of working with the generous souls who have devoted their precious time and energy to making the DHC and university experience as rich and enjoyable as possible and sharing that experience with the community. They have planned and hosted amazingly successful events throughout my eleven years with them. See the accompanying article by President Haley McMullan for this year's great HSA contributions.

I have had the privilege of teaching many courses with students ranging from freshmen to seniors; the experience has provided great fulfillment along with the occasional frustration over the national crisis of the disappearance of the objective case! The Jesuits gave me my basic model for education. I am convinced that insisting on high standards while providing all the assistance necessary to reach them—a vocational approach—is the best possible tribute to the value of our students as human beings and as learners.



I am delighted to be able to report officially that many parts of my current job will continue elsewhere on campus after my work at the Honors College ends on June 30.

I will become a member of the Writing Center team, working out of the Writing Center, as a writing coach for all students. I will have a special mission to assist graduate students and will continue to serve as UM's coordinator of external scholarships. I will also work as an advisor for the College of Humanities and Sciences. This new position will allow me to continue serving Honors College students and to extend those services to a broader student population.

Thanks to all of my students for your astonishingly powerful, generous, determined, and imaginative support. Come visit me in my Writing Center office (LA 144) so that we can look for additional fulfilling opportunities for you.

Laure Pengelly Drake

The Introduction to Honors seminar gave me an opportunity to engage incoming freshmen on the topics of democracy and the individual and community, to nudge them into the intellectual life of the university, to teach and coach writing, and to encourage them to figure out who and how they want to be in the world.





Honors Student Association

The Honors Student Association (HSA) in the DHC is a student group that hosts academic, social, and community service events. This year, HSA has a core group of around 15 students planning and hosting events that seek to foster community among students and connect them to the campus and Missoula community at-large.

We kicked off the fall 2015 semester by electing officers for the new year. Our 2015-2016 officers are as follows: Haley McMullan, president; Tessa Richards, vice president; Kurt Swimley, treasurer; Emily Hurst, communications coordinator; Cassie Sevigny, secretary; Hope Frier, media mogul; and Sarah Gaulke, poster child.

In October we hosted our main service event for the fall, Trick or Treat So Missoula Eats, in partnership with the Missoula Food Bank. This year, over 120 students showed up in creative costume to trick or treat for canned goods within the University District. We collected over 2,000 pounds of food, which directly benefited the food bank. We celebrated with a pizza party afterwards, where upwards of forty pizzas were consumed by our hardworking volunteers.

As a follow-up to Trick or Treat So Missoula Eats, we held a competition between Intro to Honors classes to see who could collect the most food for the Can the Cats food drive in November. John Lund's class celebrated their victory with homemade brookies (brownie cookies) and bragging rights for the rest of the semester! The Intro to Honors competition collected over 350 additional pounds of canned food.

We finished off the semester with our annual holiday party where we all took a break from studying for finals and decorated cookies while watching *Elf*.

Our main service event for the Spring semester was Valentines for Peace, an event that seeks to change the culture of Valentines Day. On the week of February 14th, as we focus on the loved ones in our lives, Valentines for Peace asks us also to shift our focus outward on issues such as poverty, oppression, and violence that are affecting our fellow citizens in Missoula and the world.



This year HSA partnered with the local Food Bank to educate and fundraise for hunger issues. We showed the movie *A Place at the Table*, a documentary that educates on hunger issues in the United States, sold fair trade chocolate to benefit the food bank, and made valentines for food bank recipients.

Finally, this past month we hosted Undergraduate Research Night. URN showcased talks from professors and students engaged in research in different fields to help honors students develop their own ideas for their senior research projects. This year, URN featured Laurie Walker from social work, Jen Fowler--assistant director for the Montana Space Grant Consortium, Cohen Ambrose of drama department, and Maggie Boyd, an undergraduate doing research in physics and biology.

We are winding the semester down by planning a party for our beloved advisor, Laure, who will be stepping down as the HSA faculty advisor and leaving the DHC after years of dedicated service to the group and the DHC. We hope to end the semester with a joyous celebration of her service and another year of HSA successes.

Halley McMullan



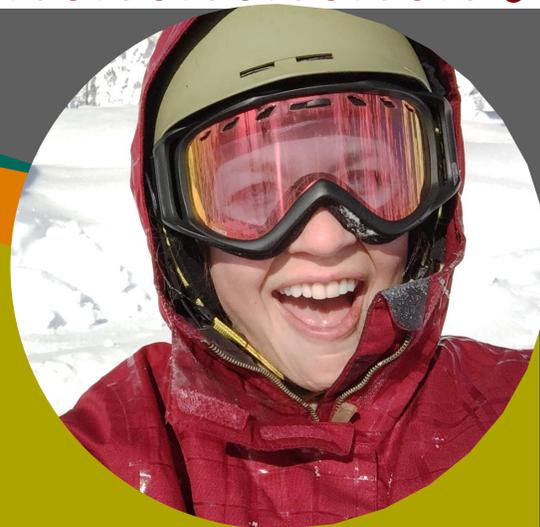
This spring I joined the Davidson Honors College as the Development Director, a role that connects donors of all levels to programs and projects that influence the opportunities for students at the DHC. During my short time on campus I have been fortunate to meet many alumni and friends of the College and am continuously struck by how impactful UM and the DHC has been on your personal lives and careers. Your fondness for the Davidson Honors College and the relationships developed here between student scholars and students and faculty, are truly inspiring.

Although the Davidson Honors College and University of Montana continue to face budget constraints the DHC will be moving forward with some incredible new initiatives that add to the comprehensive education of our students. Among other efforts, it is a priority that we create a strong mentorship network for our current students that will connect them with alumni in their field and support them as they apply for internships and make graduate school and career decisions. We will also increase active recruitment of high-achieving and diverse high school students and we aim to bolster the scholarships we are able to offer them, both to attend UM and also to participate in internships, study abroad programs, and research.

I'd like to thank you all for your generous support of the DHC as advocates, donors, and volunteers. I look forward to getting to know and working with you. Please feel free to contact me anytime to share your ideas and experiences as students and alumni of the DHC or to offer advice on how we can better connect and involve alums with the DHC. I encourage you to join our newly created LinkedIn group to network with other DHC alums and please mark your calendars to join us for our 25th Anniversary Celebration during UM Homecoming September 30th this year.

Go Griz!

Chelsea Spreeman



This has been a year of change at the Davidson Honors College. Our new dean, Brock Tessman, came on board with a vision and big ideas to take DHC forward for the faculty, students, staff, and donors who care deeply about its future as a center of excellence on campus.

We are in good hands.

We continued to provide support, and find opportunities for our students. But we also began a conversation with colleagues and friends of the DHC throughout campus and the community about exciting new ideas -- with the new dean's vision in mind -- regarding curriculum, programming, and just about everything we do. We work with students, faculty, and staff from every academic unit and every administrative support unit on campus -- so the opportunities are endless.

It was a big deal to welcome our colleagues from areas of academic enrichment to our beautiful garden level. I told the Davidsons last week that in the 21 years I've been working in the DHC I had not been up and down the stairs as much as I had these past six months during the renovation. The new patio will allow us to open those big glass doors in the lounge and gather in an outside place that we can call our own.

Our students have been studying and learning, traveling the world, engaging in undergraduate research, working as interns and leaders, and serving communities here and beyond with an enthusiasm that makes me understand every day that what we do here is important. I tell prospective students and advisees all the time that what they do outside the classroom matters, and that the opportunities the DHC is able to offer are possible mainly because of the private support we receive from our friends and donors.

I've had the privilege of working for all of the DHC deans, including:

- John Madden, who helped secure funds and provided the "honors vision" for our building adjacent to the oval and at the heart of campus;
- Jerry Fetz, who worked with colleagues from across campus to expand the curriculum and academic programs we offer and continued to secure the funding needed to support all of those academic enrichment opportunities;
- Interim dean Betsy Bach, who held things steady over a two-year period while we searched for a new dean;
- James McKusick, whose attention to administrative detail and enthusiasm for the success of students, faculty and staff was impressive; and
- Interim dean Liz Putnam, who has been a long-time colleague and supporter of DHC and who oversaw the final planning for the garden-level renovation.

I do hope you can visit us at Homecoming this fall, meet our new dean, and join the conversation about next steps for the DHC.

Karen Kaley

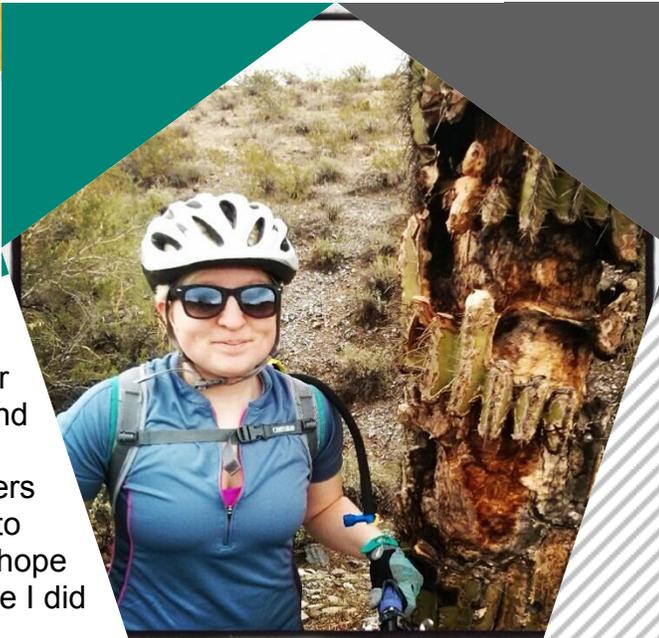


There are so many moments in my time at UM that stand out. From the day I was dropped off at the doors of Aber Hall with all my worldly possessions to the day I accepted the position as Administrative Associate in the DHC, there have been hundreds of points in time that have molded how much I love UM. This year however, was the first time that I had the privilege of seeing a class that I welcomed into the DHC as Freshmen, graduate. That day was full of moments that I will never forget.

I look forward to every opportunity I get to work with all of our talented students. Each semester I learn things from them and sometimes just stand in awe when they succeed beyond anything that I thought possible. The best days of my summers are our Orientation Days. This is when I get my first chance to help our newest students start their journey at the DHC and hope that I have a small part in them falling in love with UM just like I did all those years ago.

Looking ahead to this next school year will be bittersweet. Although I am excited about welcoming our incoming class, I am saddened to know the class of 2016 will no longer be dropping by the office or saying "Hi!" as they rush to their next class.

Here's to another great year at the Davidson Honors College!



Marissa Lehner

UMCUR Awards for

"Best Project" in their Category

These awards recognize UM students for their outstanding presentations at the annual UM Conference on Undergraduate Research.

Sydney Stivers subject area: Social Sciences, faculty mentor: Jody Pavilack, History, "The Human Cost of Failed Diplomacy: The Political Motivations Behind the 1994 United States-led Invasion of Haiti"

Jesse Bunker subject area: Physical Sciences, faculty mentor: Andrew Wilcox, Geosciences, "Reproductive Output of *Pinus albicaulis* (whitebark pine) at Alpine Treeline"

Emily Curtiss subject area: Visual and Performing Arts, faculty mentor: Heidi Jones-Eggert, Theatre & Dance, "Improvisation as a Tool for Choreography and Performance"

Spencer Ruchti subject area: Visual and Performing Arts, faculty mentor: Erin Saldin, English and DHC, "The Mass of Men Lead Lives of Quiet Desperation: A Study of Unconventional Point of View and Narrative Structures in Contemporary Fiction"

Edmond Brewer subject area: Life Sciences, faculty mentor: Sarah Certel, Biological Sciences, "The OABIR receptor is required in peripheral neurons to interpret environmental information"

Ashley Alexander subject area: Life Sciences, faculty mentor: Frank Rosenzweig, Biological Sciences, "Fitness as a Function of Diversity in a Simple Microbial Community"

Shiva-Nandan Arens subject area: Physical Sciences, faculty mentor: Marc Hendrix, Geosciences, "Petrology of the Libby Formation and comparison to the Garnet Range and Pilcher Formations of the Belt Supergroup: The case for Stratigraphic equivalency"

Dac Cederberg subject area: Humanities, faculty mentor: Katie Kane, English, "You Better Wise Up, Janet Weiss: Reclaiming the Queerness of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*"

Hope Radford subject area: Humanities, faculty mentor: Steve Siebert, Resource Conservation, "Globalization and Small Farmers in Latin America: Effects and Adaptations"

Jessica Stevens subject area: Social Sciences, faculty mentor: Derek Kellenberg, Economics, "Is Montana's "24/7 Sobriety Program" Deterring Drunk Drivers?"



Dr Seuss Day

In March, volunteers from Mortar Board, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Service Saturdays helped celebrate Dr. Seuss Day with the Missoula Public Library! The event promotes literacy and helps foster a love of reading in kids of all ages through the amazing work of Dr. Seuss. Over one hundred kids turned out to celebrate books and creativity. This year, the event featured themed crafts, games, a photo booth, and a reading corner. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this event a success and for sharing your love of books!



Service Saturdays



Do you want to volunteer but you're not sure how much time you can dedicate? Service Saturday's can help! The Office for Civic Engagement organizes 2 to 3 Saturday volunteer opportunities each month. This is a great way to meet people, connect with your community, and make a difference. Past Service Saturday's have included serving meals at the Poverello Center, socializing cats at Animeals, organizing and cleaning at the YWCA, raking leaves for the Missoula Aging Services, cleaning the Clark Fork river, and much more! If you would like more information e-mail Service.Saturdays@mso.umt.edu.

Alternative Spring

This year a group of 12 students participated in the Alternative Winter Break program, travelling to Hollywood, CA to work with nonprofit organizations addressing issues of hunger and homelessness. The experience challenged the group both academically and personally. According to one participant: "Through long days of volunteering, listening to stories from troubled pasts, and walking down streets full of the rich and very poor, our minds were constantly tested to think differently"

If you are interested in this type of experience, please contact us for information about our next Alternative Break experience!



DHC Scholarship Recipients

New Buttrey Scholarships

The Buttrey Family Trust Fund offers scholarships to outstanding juniors who demonstrate both academic excellence and financial need.

Micaela Baker, major: Communicative Sciences and Disorders

Sarah Bortis, major: Theater Design

Madison Flaget, major: Media Arts

Alexandra Hull, major: Business Finance

Michael Williams, major: Computer Sciences

Undergraduate Research Scholarships

Awarded to students for research and creative scholarship in any discipline.

Jeremy Brooks, major: Wildlife Biology, with Lisa Eby, Wildlife Biology, "How Stream Confluences Influence Macroinvertebrate Taxonomic and Functional Diversity"

Mary Burns, major: Elementary Education, with Jingjing Sun, Curriculum & Instruction "Emerging Leaders in the Classroom: Characteristics and Teacher Scaffolding"

Bethany Crouse, major: Biochemistry, with Scott Samuels, Department of Biological Sciences "Glycerol Utilization in the Lyme Disease spirochete"

Sarah Hamburg, major: Spanish with Maria Bustos Fernandez, Modern and Classical Languages "Is Teaching English Abroad a Neo-Imperialistic Practice?"

Reid Hensen, major: Psychology, with Libby Metcalf, Society and Conservation "Freshman Wilderness Experience: Do outdoor orientation programs foster resilience?"

Melinda Horne, major: Wilderness Studies, with Payton Gardner, Geoscience "Detecting Regional Groundwater Discharge to the Clark Fork River"

Lexi Klawitter, major: Human Biological Sciences with Brock Tessman, DHC "The Missoula Monologues"

Nicolos Matallana, major: Ecological Restoration with Ragan Callaway, College of Humanities and Sciences "Effects of Resource Fluctuations on the Growth of Native and Exotic Species"

Haley McMullan, major: Social Work with Laure Pengelly Drake, DHC "Therapist, Heal Thyself? A Study of Self-Care Practice Among Therapeutic Service Providers"

Clare Vergobbi, major: Ecological Restoration, with Diana Six, Ecosystem and Conservation Sciences "Optimization of ISSR Markers in White bark Pine Genetic Analysis"

Watkins Scholarships

The Watkins Scholarship Program offers research awards to students who are seniors in the College of Humanities and Sciences or whose faculty mentor is in the College of Humanities and Sciences.

Caroline Allen, major: Linguistics, with Mizuki Miyashita Linguistics "Iggy Azalea's Dialectal Disguise: A pursuit of Power through Speech and Privilege"

Claire Michelson, major: Psychology, with Christine Fiore, Psychology "Intricacies of Sexual Violence Amongst High School Students"

Tanner Traxler, major: Wildlife Biology, with Lisa Eby, Wildlife Biology "Juvenile Walleye (*Sander vitreus*) in the Missouri River Upstream of Canyon Ferry Reservoir to Toston Dam"

Zhibing Zhou, major: Biochemistry, with Scott Samuels, Division of Biological Science "The Role of R NaseY In rpoS Transcript Processing in *Borrelia burgdorferi*"



DHC Study Abroad Scholarship Recipients

DHC Study Abroad Scholarships

These scholarships offer funding to students who intend to participate in a study abroad program.

Jessica Bailey

Major: Health and Human Performance
Country of travel: Tanzania

Natasha Colson-Sullivan

Major: Economics
Country of travel: Spain

Sarah Hamburg

Major: Spanish
Country of travel: Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica

Rebecca Keith

Major: Journalism
Country of travel: Germany

Nicole Musci

Major: Creative Writing
Country of travel: Poland

Colette Poetzel

Major: History
Country of travel: Austria

Corlin Reed

Major: English/Teaching
Country of travel: Chile

McKenna Sampson

Major: Accounting
Country of travel: France

Zhibing Zhou

Major: Biochemistry
Country of travel: China



Voilet M. Boileau Memorial

Study Abroad Scholarships

These scholarships offer funding to students who intend to participate in a study abroad program.

MaKenzie Thompson

Major: French

Country of travel: France

Dailey Study Abroad Scholarships

These scholarships provide support for a full-year study abroad program in a country where English is not commonly spoken.

Micaela Baker

Major: Communicative Science and Disorders

Country of travel: France

Isaac LaRowe

Major: International Business & Marketing

Country of travel: Japan





Congratulations University Scholars!

Fall 2015

Brigit Baglien
 Jordan Carper
 Sheridan Cook
 Jonathan Nelson
 Christine Schoen
 Benjamin Woolley

Taymee Brandon
 Emily Burkholder
 Johnathan Bush
 Shannon Buswell
 Dac Cederburg
 Rebecca Collins
 Taylor Craig

Alexandra Green
 Lillian Harrison
 Logan Hegedus
 Greta Hoffman
 Connor Hogan
 Andrea Johnson
 Johannah Kohorst

Jennifer Miller
 Michelle Nemetcek
 Jude Nickison
 Bryanna Ogger
 Mary O'Malley
 Gilia Patterson
 Jennifer Pepprock
 Erin Powers
 Hope Radford

McKinley Sangwin
 Hannah Schultz
 Cody Sevier
 Sarah Shapiro
 Caelan Simeone
 Meg Smith
 Jessica Stevens
 Sydney Stivers
 Elizabeth Story

Spring 2016

Ian Anderson
 Shiva-Nandan
 Arens
 Katie Atherly
 MaryAnn Beach
 Mercedes Becker
 Mariah Bell
 Rebecca Berland
 Byron Boots

Emily Curtiss
 Joseph Desch
 Matthew Freeman
 Sophia Friedl
 Peregrine Frissell
 Jordan Frotz
 Marissa Ginnett
 Kayla Gonzales
 Darien Gostas

Mikaela Koski
 Miriam Krainacker
 Shelby Lambdin
 Benjamin Mason
 Emily McKay
 Brianna McLean
 Cecily Meade
 Cody Meixner

Julia Read
 Kaitlyn Reintsma
 Tessa Richards
 Stefan Riemens
 Samantha Riff
 Claire Robertson
 Spencer Ruchti

Lindsey Trent
 Victoria Vandelinde
 Nicholas Voss
 Joel Weltzien
 Charlotte Westwater
 Philip Williams
 Rennie Winkelman

