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A QUARTERLY UPDATE FOR
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THE UM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Alumni ACTIVITIES



Montana Alumni Reunion Celebration

Spring Commencement takes place on Saturday, May 16, 2015. The University of Montana Alumni Association will greet the occasion with a reunion for all Montana alums and will specially honor the classes of 1965 and prior. Join us for the celebration in Missoula!

Events begin on Thursday, May 14, with the President's Social at Brantly Hall, to be followed by a historic bus tour of Missoula on Friday morning, an all-alumni social and tour of the brand-new Montana Distillery on Friday evening, and a reunion dinner for our Montana Treasures – alumni celebrating their 50th or greater class anniversaries.

On Saturday morning, all alumni are invited to participate in the Commencement Ceremony and enjoy a luncheon on the field of Washington-Grizzly Stadium with **President Royce Engstrom** and University administrators.

To ensure an accurate count for meals and timely preparation of event materials, all attendees must **complete the registration form at www.grizalum.com by Friday, April 24**. For event details and information about costs and logistics, visit our website. Note that, after registration, several events are free. Should you have questions, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at **877-862-5867**, or email Angela Weisenburger at angela.weisenburger@umontana.edu.

Thursday, May 14

Noon-5 p.m. **Reunion Registration** – Presidents Room in Brantly Hall

4-6 p.m. **President's Social** – Brantly Hall

Friday, May 15

7:30 a.m. **Early Bird Campus Walk** – Departs from the DoubleTree Hotel lobby

8 a.m. **Hike to the "M"** – Departs from Brantly Hall

9 a.m.-4 p.m. **Reunion Registration Continues** – Presidents Room in Brantly Hall

9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. **Historic Missoula Bus Tour with Lunch at Caras Park** – Departs from the DoubleTree Hotel lobby

5:30-10 p.m. **Montana Treasures Dinner** – DoubleTree Hotel ballroom

5:30-8 p.m. **All-Alumni Social and Distillery Tour** – Montana Distillery, 631 Woody St., Missoula

Saturday, May 16

8:10 a.m. **All-Alumni Reunion at Commencement** – Bus departs from the DoubleTree Hotel lobby

8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast and Cap & Gown Fitting** – Washington-Grizzly Stadium

10 a.m. **Commencement Ceremony** – Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

11:30 a.m. **All-Alumni Reunion Luncheon** – Washington Grizzly Stadium

12:30 p.m. (approximately) – **Return bus ride to the DoubleTree parking lot** - please note there is only one trip to and from the stadium.



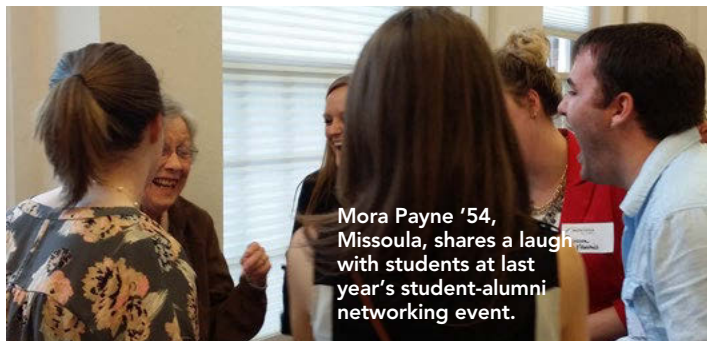
Give Local Missoula on May 5

University of Montana Alumni is participating again this year in Give Local Missoula (www.givelocalmissoula.org), a 24-hour online giving event that benefits Missoula nonprofit organizations on May 5. Last year, Give Local Missoula raised more than \$135,000 in a single day, some \$2,000 of which was donated to UMAA. We hope to double our gifts in 2015! Funds raised will help support student scholarships, events such as Homecoming, Alumni publications and awards, and opportunities for career mentoring, regional gatherings and international travel. The best thing about giving online on May 5 is that your donation will be matched by a percentage of the Give Local stretch pool. Please spread the word to all your Montana friends! For more information about the largest crowdfunding event in history, visit www.givelocalamerica.org.



Alumni happenings

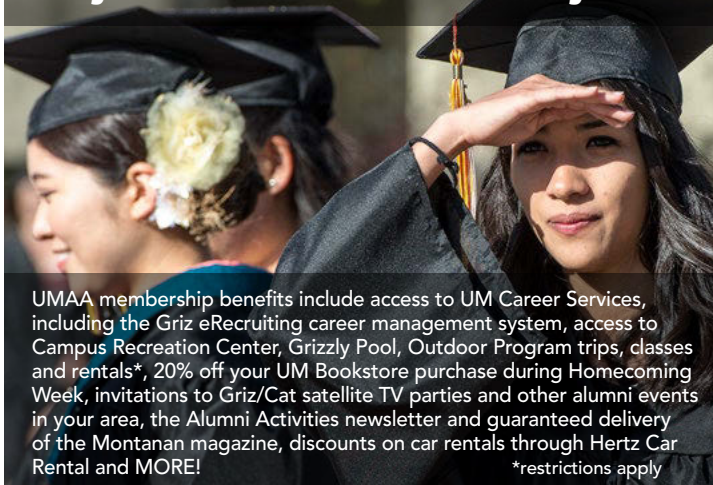
Student Alumni Networking Roundtable



Mora Payne '54, Missoula, shares a laugh with students at last year's student-alumni networking event.

The University of Montana Student Alumni Association will host its second annual Networking Roundtable on Thursday, April 23, in Brantly Hall. SAA's mission is to encourage the participation of undergraduate students in the Alumni Association by offering beneficial volunteer opportunities, developing partnerships between students and alumni, and fostering a life-long connection to the University of Montana among past, present and future students.

Give the gift of maroon and silver to your newest alum for only \$20



UMAA membership benefits include access to UM Career Services, including the Griz eRecruiting career management system, access to Campus Recreation Center, Grizzly Pool, Outdoor Program trips, classes and rentals*, 20% off your UM Bookstore purchase during Homecoming Week, invitations to Griz/Cat satellite TV parties and other alumni events in your area, the Alumni Activities newsletter and guaranteed delivery of the Montanan magazine, discounts on car rentals through Hertz Car Rental and MORE!

*restrictions apply

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Oval Tree Project underway

Crews are working at the University of Montana this spring to install an irrigation system and prepare ground for the Oval Tree Project. Thanks to the support of many alumni and friends of UM, campus will be restored to its original beauty with a stately canopy of trees lining the historic Oval.

A portion of the trees will be planted this spring and is scheduled to be completed before Commencement. The remainder will be planted in the fall, but exact timing depends on weather to determine the best planting season.

Kevin Krebsbach with Campus Facilities Services is overseeing the work on the Oval. For more information, visit www.grizalum.com.

Aber Day Reunion Concert Aug 22 in Philipsburg

UMAA is a sponsor of the Aber Day Reunion Concert, scheduled for Aug. 22 in Philipsburg. The concert features Aber Day favorite Mission Mountain Wood Band, as well as Wylie and the Wild West, and Shane Clouse and Stomping Ground. The event is the sixth annual concert put on by the Philipsburg Rotary Club. All proceeds will support Rotary projects, including the Philipsburg Library and a mountain bike skills park. Missoula Liquid Assets Corp., founder of the original Aber Day kegger in the 1970s, also is a sponsor of the event. Tickets will go on sale May 1 at www.grizalum.com. Watch the UMAA website for additional information soon.

House of Delegates seeks new members for 2015

The Alumni Association currently is accepting nominations and applications for the Class of 2015 House of Delegates.

The House of Delegates is a group of UM alumni who volunteer their time to promote UM and assist the Alumni Association in its outreach programs. Last year, UMAA delegates helped launch regional groups in southern California and Seattle, participated in the SAA Networking Social, volunteered for Boots to Beaches, and attended college fairs throughout the country to assist Enrollment Services in recruiting efforts.

Are you passionate about the University of Montana and looking for ways to get involved? Select the "About Us" tab on www.grizalum.com for more information and to fill out the nomination/application form.



House of Delegates Class of 2014

Save on student loans with Credible

UMAA recently announced a partnership with Credible, an innovative company that helps graduates save money on their student loans by simplifying the refinancing process. The average graduate who refinances with Credible saves more than \$11,000. For more information about this benefit to alums, visit www.grizalum.com and scroll through the list of services and benefits on our Membership page.



UMAA: around the world in 60 days



On Feb. 12, the University of Montana honored the following recipients with Charter Day awards. Front row (l to r): **Karen Ruth Adams**, Tom Boone Town and Gown Award; **Stephen Kalm**, Robert T. Pantzer Presidential Humanitarian Award; **Deborah Doyle McWhinney**, Neil S. Bucklew Presidential Service Award; **Mike Hopkins**, ASUM Student Service Award. Back row (l to r): **Don C. Cowles III**, Montana Alumni Award; **Ronald H. Wakimoto**, George M. Dennison Presidential Faculty Award for Distinguished Accomplishment; **Wilena Old Person**, Outstanding Volunteer Award; **Sean F. Clouse**, John Ruffatto Memorial Award; **Cary Shimek**, George M. Dennison Presidential Staff Award for Distinguished Accomplishment. Not pictured: **Nancy Noel Marra**, Outstanding Service to the External Community Award. For more information about Charter Day events and awards, visit www.grizalum.org/events/charterday



Despite rain during the annual gathering in Palm Desert on March 1, spirits were high as alumni and friends of UM reunited over brunch at the Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort.

More than 250 alumni and friends explored the Seattle Aquarium together on March 12.



Emily Graslie '11 closed out the Community Lecture Series on March 24 with a record-setting crowd of 300. Emily shared her life-changing experience as an intern at the Philip L. Wright Zoological Museum on campus: when she was only a couple months away from graduating with her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, she walked into the tiny room filled with specimens that serve the campus, our region and the country. CLS attendees got to share in the wonder of seeing Montana's zoological specimens during the series' final reception.

Each lecture in the "Birds: Inside and Out" series is broadcast on Mondays at 8:30 p.m. and repeated on Fridays at 7 p.m. on MCAT channel 189 and streamed on www.mcat.org through May 8. For more information and to order a DVD of the full series, visit www.grizalum.com.



Nearly 150 alumni and friends attended UM Professor **Mehrdad Kia's** lecture, "America, Islam, and the Prospects for War and Peace in the Middle East and North America" at Helena College on March 26.

Cuban Discovery group



UM alums on the Cuban Discovery people-to-people educational exchange led by GOnext travel on March 31.

Spokane

Alumni met up with President Royce Engstrom, UM personnel and Montana head coaches Bob Stitt, **Travis DeCuire** and **Robin Selvig** during the April 15 gathering in Spokane, Wash.

2015 Alumni EVENTS

APR	23 23-May 9	Student Alumni Networking Roundtable Alumni travel: Pathway through Panama
MAY	2-11 5 7 8-9 14-16	Alumni travel: Isles & Empires of the Adriatic Griz Gradfest, 4-6 p.m., Library Mall Alumni gathering in Dallas, Iron Cactus UMAA Board of Directors Spring meeting, Dallas, Texas All-Alumni Reunion at Commencement
JUN	6-17	Alumni travel: Countryside & Coastlines of the British Isles
JUL	23 30	Alumni gathering at Flathead Lake, Flathead Lake Lodge 11th annual UM Night with the Missoula Osprey
AUG	22	Aber Day Reunion Concert, Philipsburg
SEP	20-26 27-28	Homecoming Week 2015 UMAA Board of Directors meeting, Missoula



SAVE THE DATES!

HOMECOMING September 20-26

Come home for a week of exciting events, from kicking off Homecoming to painting the Hello Walk, honoring UM's Distinguished Alumni to celebrating at the Parade, and tailgating with fellow alums to cheering on the Griz at the Homecoming Football Game.

BRAWL OF THE WILD November 21

Bozeman will host the 115th annual Griz/Cat football game, and alums around the world will gather in their home cities to cheer on the Griz!

GET CONNECTED...STAY CONNECTED

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