WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY

A warm welcome to all new and returning students from the staff of Foreign Student and Scholar Services (FSSS).

We are here to serve you and encourage you to get involved in activities offered in conjunction with other campus departments, the International Student Association, the Missoula International Friendship Program and various community groups. It is important that you maintain your legal status while in the U.S. and ask that you seek our advice on matters pertaining to immigration rules and regulations.

(*)Statistical information on currently enrolled students can be found on page 5.

FSSS is located in Lommasson Center 219. You can call us at 243-2226 or send an e-mail at fsss@umontana.edu. For a more efficient delivery of services, we request that you comply with the following office schedule:

Monday-Friday
8:00 am – 1:00 pm – Appointments
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm – Walk-ins & appointments

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Fall 2011 trip to Glacier Park for new incoming foreign students at Lake McDonald Lodge.

Above: Leaders of the trip! Left to right - Ji Yang Lum, Kevin Nalty, Mary Nellis, Caitlin McVay. (Caitlin McVay)

Below: The whole group taken at Trail of the Cedars (Ji Yang Lum)
IMMIGRATION WORKSHOPS

The following repeat workshops will present information on how to apply for immigration benefits (e.g., Optional Practical Training, Curricular Practical, or Off-Campus Employment)

Tuesday, October 4: 11:00 – Noon
Wednesday, October 5: 2:00 – 3:00 pm
Thursday, October 6: 4:00 – 5:00 pm
Friday, October 7: Noon – 1:00 pm

Emma B. Conference Room
Lommasson Center 226

Student who plan to complete their studies by December 2011 and would like to engage in Optional Practical Training should submit their application to the Citizenship and Immigration Service by mid-October.

DV-2012 DIVERSITY VISA LOTTERY PROGRAM REGISTRATION BEGINS

The 2013 Diversity Immigrant Program (DV-2013) green card lottery begins on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at noon and ends at noon on November 5, 2011. The lottery will enable 50,000 randomly chosen people to obtain permanent residence in the United States. Persons seeking to enter the lottery program must register online through the designated website during the registration period above. Online registration and eligibility guidelines are at www.dvlottery.state.gov.

HOW TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS/ FUNDING FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE FOREIGN STUDENTS

Don’t miss one of our most popular workshops!! Many topics will be included that will help you learn all about how to make a successful scholarship application in the U.S.A.. This workshop will only be offered once this year.

Topics for both Undergraduate and Graduate Students:
▪ What do scholarship evaluators look for in an application?
▪ How to write a better scholarship application and make yourself stand out in a positive way.

Topics for Undergraduate Students:
▪ Which UM scholarships are foreign students eligible?
▪ How to research scholarship sources at UM and outside sources, including Web searches.
▪ Information for undergraduate students considering graduate school on ways to fund a graduate education.

For Graduate Students (and Undergraduates looking at graduate school in the future):
▪ Information on UM Graduate Scholarships
▪ Other funding ideas for Graduate students, including assistantships and grants

Useful examples will be given and there will be time for questions and answers.

Presenters: Scholarship staff of the UM Financial Aid Office; Mary Kamensky, Administrative Officer in the Graduate School; and Laure Pengelly Drake, Director of External Scholarships and Advising at the Davidson Honors College.

Please note that scholarships at UM and in the US are usually awarded for the following academic year, but the applications are usually due early the previous spring. UM’s General Scholarship Application (undergraduate) is due February 1, 2012, which suggests you start before fall semester ends to secure good letters of recommendation from UM professors, who are often not available over Winter Break.

Date and Time: Scheduled for October. Will be announced in upcoming weekly “Newsworthy Nuggets”

Sponsored by Financial Aid Office, Graduate School, Davidson Honors College, and Foreign Student & Scholar Services

International Education Week 2011

The week of November 14-18, 2011 marks the twelfth annual International Education Week sponsored by the U.S. Departments of Education and State. If you are interested in participating in any activities, please contact Brian Lofink at 406-243-2299

Sponsored by Financial Aid Office, Graduate School, Davidson Honors College, and Foreign Student & Scholar Services
GET READY FOR THE TWO SIDES OF WINTER!

Brrr… it’s going to get cold soon!! Winter in Montana lasts five months from approximately late October until mid-March. Are you ready? Do you have the right clothes? Do you know how to travel safely on snow and ice by bike or car? Want to learn to enjoy the unique outdoor opportunities winter provides in western Montana?

Join FSSS for a quick and fun mini-workshop to learn how to get ready for the joys and challenges of winter – this workshop has something for everyone!

- **WINTER RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES**: No matter you’re your experience level or ability, Missoula offers great winter recreation opportunities. Find out where to ski, snowshoe, iceskate, etc.

- **DRESSING FOR WINTER AND MORE**: Information on the types of clothing you need for winter and how to prepare physically and psychologically for the winter season.

- **WINTER TRANSPORTATION SAFETY**: Winter driving and biking hints. The rules of the road change during winter and you need to be prepared for your safety! Also learn some great ideas for bike and car safety and maintenance for rugged winter months.

**Date:** Friday, November 4th
**Time:** 4:00 – 5:30 PM
**Location:** International House, 659 South 5th Street East

INTERESTED IN GRADUATE SCHOOL?

Come to a special workshop tailored just for undergraduate foreign students to learn about graduate education in the U.S. and discover if this path is for you, and if so, how best to prepare for graduate school success. A unique opportunity to hear valuable insight from university administrators involved intimately in graduate education. Refreshments will be served. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to think ahead for your future – only offered once a year!

**Topics to be covered include:**
- Graduate Education in the United States: what it is, how it differs from graduate education in other countries, and how it can provide you new opportunities in your current field or in a new field
- Strategies for getting into a U.S. graduate program and timeline for the application process
- GRE, GMAT, and TOEFL exams
- How to find and select the best graduate program
- Challenges and rewards for international students in graduate education
- Funding Graduate Education
- Inspiration to “make it happen”
- Opportunity to ask questions

**Sponsored by the UM Graduate School and Foreign Student & Scholar Services**

**Date and Place:** Scheduled for November. Date will be announced in upcoming weekly “Newsworthy Nuggets.”

**Presenters:** Administrators and staff of the UM Graduate School.

CAREER SERVICES WORKSHOPS FALL 2011

Prepare for your career and job search by attending one of these free workshops. All workshops are held in Lommasson Center 154, from 3:30—4:30 pm on the dates shown (unless otherwise noted)

*Resume and Cover Letter Workshop, Tuesday, October 4*
Cook up a resume and cover letter that will effectively market your talents to employers. We will teach you how to communicate your skills to compete in today's labor market and help you create a plan for targeting your job search in challenging economic times.

*Interviewing Workshop, Tuesday, October 11*
When the menu is complete for your job search strategy there is one thing left to do: the finishing touches. Learn how to relax into an interview and put your best foot forward. Also hear how to present your achievements and accomplishments to employers through the effective use of a portfolio.

*Work Abroad Workshop, Wednesday, November 16*
Tempt your taste buds for working abroad during International Education Week and discover which ingredients you like best. Learn how to travel and see new places without dipping into your college funds. Also, a look at teaching abroad and starting an international career.
In an attempt to dispel the notion that there is no such thing as a FREE LUNCH, UM students are invited to attend the upcoming Career Leadership Luncheons. The “Ask-an-Alum” Career Leadership Luncheon is an initiative between the Center for Leadership Development and the Office of Career Services. This program is designed to give current University of Montana students the opportunity to hear how important it is to be involved on campus and how the skills and experiences gained from student employment positions, extracurricular activities, internships and volunteer opportunities are applicable to their professional lives after graduation.

Successful alumni and friends of the university are invited to be speakers on our special guest panel. They are invited to share their own career and leadership stories showing current students how their college and life experiences prepared them to lead successful professional lives after graduation.

The Center for Leadership Development, Office of Career Services and the Alumni Association are working together to achieve a successful program that will continue well into the future. Your participation is the key; we look forward to your involvement.

**Careers in Healthcare**
*Wednesday, October 5, 12:00 noon—1:00 pm*
University Center 330

**International Careers**
*Wednesday, November 16, 12:00 noon—1:00 pm*
University Center 330

For more information about the Ask-an-Alum Mentoring Program, the Ask-an-Alum Career Leadership Luncheons please contact Career Services at 406.243.6150 or email at askalum@umontana.edu

**OTHER EVENTS:**

**Health Professions Career Fair**
*Wednesday, October 19, 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm*
UC Ballroom

If you are a student majoring in pharmacy, physical therapy, nursing, respiratory care, surgical technician or other health-related majors, you are strongly encouraged to attend this career fair. Whether you are graduating this year or in three years, don't miss out on a great opportunity to hone your networking skills, learn how to research companies, and find out about what opportunities are available for you.
Gender:
Female: 70
Male: 106

Primary Function:
Teaching: 23
Research: 51
Teaching and Research: 19
Other*: 83

(*) Short term activities such as conferences and training sessions.

Immigration (Visa) Status:
J-1 Scholar: 62
J-1 Other*: 7
H-1B: 33
TN: 3
All Others: 71

(*) Scholars are physically present at UM but are on another organization’s Exchange Visitor Program.

Major Field of Specialization:
Agriculture: 30
Area and Ethnic Studies: 2
Biological Sciences: 26
Business and Management: 7
Communications: 2
Computer Science: 1
Education: 35
Foreign Lang. & Lit.: 17
Health Sciences: 8
History: 1
Letters: 2
Mathematics: 2
Physical Sciences: 10
Psychology: 1
Public Ad. & Social Service: 2
Social Sciences: 2
Visual & Performing Arts: 16

Place of Origin (45):
Albania: 2
Argentina: 2
Australia: 4
Austria: 2
Barbados: 1
Belize: 1
Brazil: 3
Cameroon: 1
Canada: 14
Chile: 3
China: 20
Colombia: 1
Costa Rica: 1
Croatia: 1
Czech Republic: 2
Ethiopia: 3
Finland: 1
France: 6
Georgia: 2
Germany: 13
Ghana: 3
Hong Kong: 1
India: 11
Indonesia: 3
Ireland: 1
Italy: 3
Japan: 74
Kenya: 3
Korea, South: 14
Kuwait: 3
Kyrgyzstan: 1
Malaysia: 1
Mexico: 8
Moldova: 1
Morocco: 3
Myanmar: 1
Netherlands: 1
Nigeria: 4
Norway: 2
Oman: 1
Pakistan: 5
Philippines: 2
Poland: 1
Qatar: 1
Romania: 1
Russia: 7
Saudi Arabia: 68
Serbia & Mont.: 3
Slovakia: 2
South Africa: 2
Spain: 4
Sri Lanka: 2
Sweden: 1
Taiwan: 5
Tajikistan: 15
Trinidad/Tobago: 1
Turkey: 4
Ukraine: 1
United Kingdom: 6
Uruguay: 2
Uzbekistan: 2
Venezuela: 2
Vietnam: 5
Yemen: 3
Zambia: 1
Zimbabwe: 1

Academic Level:
Undergraduate

Graduate

Field of Study:
Area & Ethnic Studies: 2
Biological Sciences: 27
Business: 84
Communication Studies: 9
Computer Science: 9
Conservation & Nat. Res.: 18
Education: 12
Engineering: 1
English: 6
Foreign Languages & Lit.: 3
General: 44
Health Professions: 16
History: 2
Intensive English: 61
Journalism: 5
Law: 3
Liberal Arts: 12
Multi-Interdisciplinary: 6
Parks & Recreation: 6
Physical Sciences: 20
Psychology: 3
Social Sciences: 46
Visual & Performing Arts: 9
Vocational: 2

Visa Type:
Non-Immigrant: 376
F-1: 295
J-1: 71
Other: 10
Immigrant: 30

Place of Origin (citizenship) (70):

Fall 2011
Foreign Student Enrollment—406
Scholarship Reporting and Tax Requirements

Under the Internal Revenue Code, all amounts paid to non-resident aliens (F-1, J-1, M-1, or Q-1 visa holders) in the form of scholarships, fellowships, grants and other financial aid from U.S. sources are subject to federal reporting and may require income tax withholding.

Foreign students should keep receipts for all educational costs (tuition, fees, books, lab supplies, computer hardware/software, etc.) to report when filing their tax return each year. The Internal Revenue Service may refund a portion of the withholding based on the information provided on the return. Students need to be aware of the requirements, and budget for the required federal income taxes to be withheld when awarded a scholarship.

Currently Enrolled Student Scholarships
The University of Montana Scholarship Program draws together many endowed scholarships and donations into a single scholarship application form. Continuing UM students and former UM students can apply. A scholarship committee matches qualified applicants with the scholarship that best fits them. Applicants must have completed 12 or more college credits and a minimum 3.4 GPA. Check UM's Financial Aid Office in the Lommasson Center, for application information.

Departmental Scholarships
Many of UM's academic departments award scholarships to exceptionally talented students. You are encouraged to contact the department of interest in December to find out more about the scholarships and application process.

PEO International Peace Scholarship
PEO International Peace Scholarship, PEO Executive Office, Philanthropic Educational Organization 3700 Grand Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50312-2899 Telephone: 515-255-3153
Eligibility: Women only; full-time candidates for graduate degrees at U.S. universities; nationals of all countries except U.S. and Canada; admission to a U.S. university; intention to return to home country on completion of degree program. Applications can be used for tuition or other expenses.
Amount and number of grants: approximately 175, maximum amount of $10,000
Application deadline: December 15, 2011

American Association of University Women International Fellowships
AAUW Educational Foundation International Fellowships Department 60 301 ACT Drive PO Box 4030 Iowa City, Iowa 52243-4030 Telephone: 319-337-1716 www.aauw.org
Eligibility: Women only; candidates for graduate degrees; nationals of all countries except the U.S.; admission to an accredited U.S. educational institution; record of civic or community involvement concerning women; intent to return to their home country.
Amount of grants: 6 grants from $18,000-$30,000 Applications available August 1 through December 1, 2011 Application deadline: December 1, 2011

Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund
The Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund mmmf@worldbank.org Telephone: 202-473-5804
Eligibility: Women only; candidates for undergraduate and graduate degrees; nationals of developing countries on an eligibility list; enrollment in a US educational institution and residence in the US when the application is submitted; record of service to women and/or children in their countries; commitment to return to their countries within about two years of receiving a grant.
Applications available starting October 1, 2011
Amount and number of grants: 6 grants of $12,000

For Canadian or US Students Only
The John Gyles Education Fund
Awards are available to both male and female students for all areas of study, undergraduate or graduate. A minimum of 2.7 is required. Selected students will receive up to $3000. Application materials will be available in early November.
For an application send a stamped (U.S. postage is acceptable) self-addressed, standard size (No. 10) envelope to the following address:
The John Gyles Education Award P.O. Box 4808, 712 Riverside Drive, Fredericton, New Brunswick CANADA E3B 5G4 Telephone: 506-459-7460

Sources of Funding available for U.S. Study
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LOANS

International Student Loans
To be eligible for an international student loan, international students must be enrolled as graduate or undergraduate students at least half-time, and have a qualified U.S. co-signer (U.S. citizen or permanent resident who has resided in the U.S. for the previous two years and who meets certain credit requirements). For more information or to apply online, please visit: www.InternationalStudentLoan.com.

Leo S. Rowe PAN AMERICAN FUND

Leo S. Rowe Pan American Fund grants student loans of up to $15,000 to citizens of Latin American and Caribbean countries, to help them finance their higher education studies and research in the United States, with the understanding that, upon completing those studies, they will be in a position to give their respective countries the benefit of their training.

Leo S. Rowe Pan American Fund
Organization of American States
Department of Human Development
1889 F Street NW
Washington DC 20006
Telephone: 202-458-3000

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ADDRESSES IN CYBERBEAR

Under the SEVIS regulations, as an F-1 or J-1 student you are required to keep your addresses current with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Whenever you move in the United States, you have 10 days to update your address with DHS.

It is important that the three (3) different addresses that you maintain in Cyberbear are ACCURATE!

Permanent Address – ALWAYS A FOREIGN ADDRESS
– This is your address in your HOME COUNTRY. It may be your parents, a relative or some other address that the University would be able to contact about you when necessary. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES is this a United States address if you are an F-1 or J-1 student.

Mailing Address – Where you RECEIVE mail in the US or a foreign address -- This address is where you are RECEIVING mail. It may be a physical street address or it may be a Post Office Box Number (PO Box 123). This can be the same as your local address.

Local (SEVIS) Address – ALWAYS A U.S. ADDRESS --
This address must be a PHYSICAL ADDRESS of where you are living in the UNITED STATES. You may not list a PO Box address here.

If you do not see a Local (sevis) address listed in Cyberbear after the 3rd week of school, please contact our office. You may call 243-2226 or email us at fsss@umontana.edu

To be sure that your address change is processed properly, FSSS has an orange form that you can fill out with any address changes. Stop by the office to pick up a copy. You may also download a copy from our website and send it to us. You must still make any changes in Cyberbear.

CHRISTMAS HOME-STAYS WITH CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

Here’s a unique opportunity to experience the USA and live with a host family during part of Winter Break! This is a program for individuals or families.

Christmas International House (CIH) is a nonprofit organization that places international students (families also welcome!) in American homes with host families throughout various communities in the US during two weeks of the Christmas holidays. The program this year offers home-stays or group-stay programs, coupled with fun group excursions and events, in many different states in the U.S. See the website for all locations! Each host community also offers group sight-seeing and lots of fun events for the participants. The cost of room and board and most sight-seeing/special events is provided free of charge to the international student! Students pay only a registration fee of $100 ($125 for couples or families) and are responsible for transportation to and from the host city. Higher fee applies after November 1. You may have some minor program expenses as well, such as entrance fees to some tourist attractions. The program is open to single students as well married students or students with families (see details on website). Applications are available online or in FSSS now and are accepted by CIH starting October 1, 2011. Apply soon to receive your choice of host site! This will also assure that you have enough time to make travel reservations. The general program dates are December 17, 2011 to January 2, 2012, but some sites have slightly different dates. To find out more about the program, check the website at www.christmasih.org or contact Mona Mondava in FSSS, who will be happy to tell you more and assist you with selecting a location that meets your interests.
IMPORTANT IMMIGRATION NOTICES

It is important that you maintain your legal status and possess valid documents at all times. Extension of stay should be sought within 30 days prior to end date as noted on Forms I-20 or DS-2019. Students should also comply with the full course of study requirement (12 credits at the undergraduate level and 9 credits for graduate studies). To drop below the required credit load, students need to seek prior approval from FSSS. A change of address must be recorded in CyberBear and reported to FSSS within 10 days of such change. Finally, do not engage in unauthorized employment.

If you plan to leave Missoula,(including travel within the U.S. and Montana), please carry your valid passport and immigration documents (forms I-20 or DS-2019 and I-94) with you. Forms I-20 or DS-2019 need to be endorsed by FSSS staff prior to travel to another country, including Canada.

TRADITIONAL AMERICAN DINNER HOSTED BY ALTRUSA CLUB

As in years past, the Altrusa Club of Missoula, a service organization, will host a dinner for new foreign students who commenced their studies at UM during the 2011 calendar year. The event will take place in an off-campus location on Tuesday, November 8, 6:30—8:30 pm. Expect to receive an invitation at the end of October. Please respond to FSSS by the date indicated on the invitation.

NOVEMBER 6 CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS

At midnight, Saturday, November 6, we return to Mountain Standard Time. This means that before you go to bed, you set your clock back one hour.

Tobacco Free UM

The University of Montana is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for its employees, students and visitors. In light of the U.S. Surgeon General's findings that exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke and use of tobacco are significant health hazards, UM will be a tobacco-free environment effective Fall 2011.

Health Enhancement in Curry Health Center (CHC), offers Quit Smoking / Chew events including personalized help with quitting tobacco. Their office is in CHC Room # 112 or call, 243-2809.

GRIZZLY PERSONAL SAFETY: CAMPUS ESCORT SERVICE

On your own? Don’t walk alone! UM has a great FREE service available for students who would prefer to not walk alone on campus at night. This night-time service is available seven days a week when school is in session. If you are requesting this service, a pair of students will be dispatched immediately to your location and will personally walk you safely to your destination. Do not feel uncomfortable asking for them to walk with you, whether you are male or female. They do not wear anything to make them appear different than anyone just walking with you. Call the service at (406) 243-2777 to have them walk you to your next location anytime you might be nervous about walking alone.

Remember, this night-time service is available seven days a week when school is in session, it is free and they do not expect tips.

BE VIGILANT

In the event you receive a telephone or internet solicitation offer asking for credit card, bank account or immigration status information you should be very suspicious of such offers.

The best advice is to simply hang up. Please report such incidents to FSSS so we can contact the proper authorities and alert other students if such occurrences prove to be potential scams.
This section provides a snapshot of UM’s campus resources for all students. These resources are here for you! Take advantage of them.

Early Alert
The Early Alert system, in which professors identify students who are struggling in 100 and 200 level courses. It is important that all students in 100 and 200 level courses check Cyberbear to see if they have “deficient” grades posted for any of their current courses. These grades will be labeled as “DEF.” If a student has a “DEF” grade in a course, it is recommended that they contact their instructor immediately to get assistance to bring up their grade(s) by the end of the semester.

Ask-an-Advisor
Direct your questions to an advisor at the Undergraduate Advising Center (rooster@mso.umt.edu). They have info on policies, deadlines, general education requirements and much more. If they don’t know the answer, they will refer you to the appropriate person.

Disability Services for Students (DS)
DS is also located in LC 154. It offers academic advising, classroom accommodations, and testing accommodations (extended time, alternate test formats, and private testing environments) for students with disabilities.

TUTORING SERVICES
Study Jam
A free-to-students tutoring service called Study Jam operates Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, 6:30-9:00 pm in the UC Commons. The program sponsors group study tables staffed by professional tutors in various subject areas, including Statistics, Spanish, Chemistry, Econ, Anatomy and Physiology, Accounting and Physics. Individual students and study groups can gather and obtain help as needed. If you have additional questions, contact Sharon O’Hare, Executive Director, Office for Student Success, at sohare@mso.umt.edu.

The Writing Center
The Writing Center invites international students to take advantage of its FREE tutoring services! International students are encouraged to make an appointment in LA 144 or to drop in during the Writing Center's Mansfield Library tutoring hours.

The Writing Center offers FREE one-to-one tutoring to UM students seeking to become more effective writers. We help students as they plan, execute, revise, and edit pieces of writing for any course in any discipline.

By-appointment 30 minute tutoring is available:
  Where: Liberal Arts 144
  When: Mon. – Fri. 9:30 am – 5 pm
  When: Tues & Thurs 6 – 9 pm
Drop-in tutoring is available:
  Where: Mansfield Library

To make an appointment, go to the web-based scheduler at: www.umt.edu/writingcenter

Have questions?
Contact: (406) 243-2266 / growl@mso.umt.edu .

*This service is not for English students only. Papers for any discipline can benefit from the Writing Center.

The Math PiLOT
Math PiLOT is part of the Office for Student Success. Its goal is to improve student performance in 100-level mathematics at The University. Math PiLOT offers math placement advising for the struggling math student. For more information about services, or to obtain a schedule of math tutoring hours, contact Sharon O’Hare at (406)243-5672 or sohare@mso.umt.edu.

Math@Mansfield Tutoring Center
Mansfield Library, Monday—Thursday, 11 am — 3 pm, 6:30—9 pm, and Sunday, 6:30—9 pm
For Sections M060, 090, 095, 105, 115 & 136

Math Learning Center
Math Building basement, Monday—Thursday, 10 am—4 pm
For Sections M095, 121, 122, 151, 162, 171 & 172

Career Services
Career Services located in Lommasson Center 154 gives students at all levels an advantage in the fast track professional world. Students can prepare for post-graduation by utilizing Career Services to help build a resume with summer jobs and volunteer work while exploring career opportunities. They even house a library of information on potential careers and best fit university majors.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
CAPS is located in the West Entrance of the Curry Health Center (CHC). Full time students receive three free visits based scheduler at: www.umt.edu/writingcenter

Individual Counseling and Psychotherapy
Topical Group Therapy/Workshops
Crisis Walk-in Service
Test Anxiety Workshops (call 243-4711 for dates and times)
Psychiatric Consultation
After hours urgent care (provided by the CHC Medical Clinic Staff)
Brief In-patient Respite Care
Bereavement counseling
Networked with Self Over Substances to provide substance abuse counseling

Group counseling on pre-determined topics is also available for free. Topics are listed on the CAPS website.

Mansfield Library Research Clinic
Educates students on library databases, resources and services all students need at some point during their time at UM.
Speakers’ Bureau Continues to Reach Out

The Speakers’ Bureau would like to extend a sincere and warm THANK YOU to all students who gave time and energy to meet with classes and civic groups in the Missoula community last semester and through the summer. We applaud the following students for volunteering:

Guedem Dara (Chad), Noela Kinda (Burkina Faso), and Hanan Omar (Saudi Arabia) for participating in Girl Scout World Thinking Day in February 2011.

Rebecca Bran (Australia), Noela Kinda (Burkina Faso), Grecia Pacheco (Venezuela), Salome Tsaqareishvili (Georgia), and Dania Alrehily (Saudi Arabia) spoke about being a woman in their country of origin, for the Youth Leadership Program (LEAD) for Missoula high school girls.

Mohamed Elashheb, scholar from Libya gave a talk about the current situation in his home country to Big Sky High School students (March 2011)

Students/Scholars who gave talks and served as resources to a Comparative Politics Class during Spring Semester 2011:
Megan Thompson (UK), Milena Oganesyan (Georgia), Shakib Rajaieean (Afghanistan), Margarety Gorlo (Ukraine), Grecia Pacheco (Venezuela), Agnes Shaffauser (France), and Ellina Sattarova (Russia).

Thanks to Rakesh Kumar and Baby Pallavi (India) for presenting to at the Families First Children’s Museum summer camp in July.

Thanks to Diana Lekalkuli (Kenya) and other international students who helped with the Altrusa Fry bread Booth at the Western Montana State Fair in August. This booth helps to raise money for scholarships for international students.

The following students participated as interview partners for Professor Udo Fluck’s MGMT 480 class in spring 2010:

Fuad Bukhari (Saudi Arabia), Ji Ding (China), Rana Alrohaily (Saudi Arabia), Tosca Dingjan (Netherlands), Jihoo Park (South Korea), Shalinee Sharma (Thailand), Aldo Pineda (Mexico), Clara Wallace (Ireland), Hayato Uesugi (Japan), Christine Ryan (Ireland), Jiak Zhou (Tibet/China), Yushi Ito (Japan), Leonardo Esteves (Brazil), Riccardo Ton (Italy), Elena Nikolaeva (Russia), Mao Wang (China), Tim Verweij (Netherlands), Antti Hurme (Finland), Eilidh Syme (Scotland), DaMi Kim (South Korea), Fernanda Menezes Lima (Brazil), Nozomi Kuroda (Japan), Abdul Aljama (Saudi Arabia), Amino Egawa (Japan), Soukaina Boulaï (Morocco), Sagheer Mohammad ( Kuwait), Heyes Yehyes (Ethiopia), Margarita Gorlo (Ukraine), Nicolas Marin (Spain), Jonathan Deville (France), Turk Helal (Saudi Arabia), Floyd Khumalo (South Africa), Mortada Aldan (Saudi Arabia), James Langford (Australia), Qin Jie (China), Julia Gundacker (Austria), Philip Phung (Vietnam), Jasmina Popovicova (Czech Republic), Jing Hua (China), Lejla Hazanovic (Bosnia)

Also thanks to the many students who spoke to prospective students who inquired about the University of Montana! We appreciate your time and effort.

FSSS coordinates the Speakers’ Bureau Program, through which foreign students are able to interact with the larger Missoula area community. Foreign students are invited to give talks about their home countries on a variety of topics. The audiences often include local high school classes, community organizations, and even individuals requiring translation assistance. Most students are happy to share what they love most about their homelands and the audience groups are always very excited to meet students and learn about other countries around the world. If you are interested in the Speakers’ Bureau, please contact Mary Nellis at 243-6040.

FSSS
MEET YOUR 2011-12 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LEADERS

At The University of Montana we have a very active International Student Association (ISA) (http://www.umt.edu/asum/isa), as well as a number of specific nationality/cultural associations, collectively called the United Nations Council. They all welcome your participation and input. There are still some positions and regions that are vacant, please consider participating. You may contact your leaders by using their UM e-mail address: firstname.lastname@umontana.edu

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Muslim Student Association: Sharifkhudzha Amirov
Persian Student Association: Jahongir Aminjonov
Saudi Student Association: Turki Ismail
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Taiwanese Student Association: Gordon Chow

MISSOULA INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM (MIFP)
The MIFP executive board is committed to helping UM foreign students have a positive experience during their study sojourn. This year’s board consists of the following individuals:

President: Laela Shimer
Treasurer: David Strobel
Recording Secretary: Charlotte Kasl
Corresponding Secretary: Chris Kilzer
Board Members: Carrie Gajdosik Adair Kanter, Martin Twer, Dave Herries
Lifetime Members: Joycée Dozier, Nancy Gibson
Ex-Officio Members: Effie Koehn and Mona Mondava

MIFP is a non-profit volunteer community hospitality organization which works closely with FSSS to facilitate friendship opportunities between students and members of the community. For Fall Semester 2011 MIFP arranged new friendship matches between 54 community friends and their families and 58 new students. Orientation for interested students was held on August 24 and on September 7 and 8, for new community participants.

On September 13, the students and their respective community friends were able to meet for the first time at a Meet and Greet function on campus. On Wednesday, October 12, President Royce Engstrom and Dr. Mary Engstrom will host a reception on campus to honor Community Friends of Spring and Fall Semesters 2011. Later this semester, on Sunday, December 4, MIFP will host the annual Holiday Party for all foreign students and scholars and community friends. All UM international students and scholars are invited to the December event.
UM GLOBAL PARTNERS

This fall, 46 outstanding UM students are generously volunteering their time as Global Partners to 46 new foreign students who signed up for a Partner. Each Global Partner has made a two-month commitment to help a foreign student adjust to both the university system and the Missoula community. After attending a training session, the Global Partners met the foreign students at an I-House pizza party on August 28. The event was a huge success with over 90 people attending! The Global Partners act not only as guides for foreign students; they also offer each student an opportunity to experience the best of American culture. At the same time, the Global Partners play a crucial role in helping assuage the loneliness and culture shock that are a natural part of studying abroad.

Global Partners and foreign students are reached via both email and regular announcements, so keep an eye out for upcoming programs and events!!

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE NEWS

659 South 5th St. East  Missoula, Montana 59801  Phone: (406)543-8805

What and where is the International House? The International House is the activity and meeting center for UM international students, scholars and friends, as well as any UM group with an international or intercultural focus! You are invited to stop by and visit during open hours. You can study, use the student computer & internet, watch TV/Video/International DVDs, cook a meal in the kitchen, do laundry, play table tennis or meet friends. Regular open hours are maintained each day and current hours are posted on the Newsworthy Nuggets and at the house. The International House is located on the edge of campus, one block east of the Curry Health Center and across from the Adams Center park lot, at 659 South 5th Street East. Phone: (406) 543-5580. The International House is accessible for people with mobility impairments.

Host your Event there for Free! Reserve the house free of charge for events and gatherings - small or large - such as meetings, parties, cooking, etc. for you, your friends, or your campus group with an inter-cultural focus! There is no charge to use the house for an event. The International House is there for YOU – so take advantage of it and come visit or plan an event there! But please remember that the I-House is smoke-free and alcohol-free. To reserve the house, just call the International House managers. You can reach them at (406) 543-8805 – if you don’t reach them, leave a message and they will call you back.

I-House Managers: The International House has three Resident Student Managers under the supervision of FSSS. We welcome as the Fall 2011 I-House Managers the following students: Erin McConnaha and Randy Umetsu from the U.S. and Guedem Dara from Chad (returning from last year). They are looking forward to welcoming you to the International House!

I-House Social and Cultural Events: The managers will be providing some fun special events at the I-House this fall, so keep watching the Newsworthy Nuggets for more information, and also for current Open Hours. If you would like to host a cultural event at the I-House to share some aspect of your country or culture with the UM international community, please let the managers know your idea and they would be happy to assist you.

What’s New at the International House: Please be aware that the street running along the side of the International House (Maurice Avenue) was converted into a two-way street this summer, so be careful as you exit the alley or enter the street to look to both your left and right!
GET READY FOR INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL in MARCH 2012

The biggest UM international event of the year is coming! The 21st annual UM International Culture and Food Festival – presented to the community by the International Student Association and all the international students, scholars, and their American friends – will be held this academic year on Sunday, March 25, 2012. Don’t miss this opportunity to be part of the excitement. We will need you to start thinking and planning for it Fall Semester though, as it takes many months to prepare.

This is one of the biggest public annual events at UM, attracting 4,000 people to a day-long festival featuring over 90 different offerings ranging from food booths, stage performances, exhibits, and cultural demonstrations, to events for children. We need all international students and scholars to contribute your unique talents and ideas to the festival to make it the best one ever.

- Do you or you and friends have a performance talent (song, dance, music instrument, act, skit, etc.)? We want you in the INTERNATIONAL CULTURE SHOW! Solo or group performances welcome, traditional or modern. Performances are short – 5-10 minutes – so even if you know one dance, song, skit – come join the show!
- Do you like to cook and want to share your country’s cuisine with others? Interested in earning some money for your group? We want you in the FOOD BAZAAR! Spaces fill up fast here.
- Do you like children? Or know fun ways to show aspects of your culture? Have a special game, story, puppet show, art or craft, song or dance to share with kids? We want your activity in the CHILDREN’S WORLD!
- Do you like to share pictures, stories, objects from your country with the folks of Missoula and meet people interested in your country? We want you to do a booth in the INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL PAVILION.

Like to get involved in planning, organizing, and behind-the-scenes kind of stuff? We want you as an ORGANIZER or VOLUNTEER! Other talents like help with publicity and marketing, photography, videography, etc. are also needed and appreciated.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL CONTACT INFORMATION:
Mona Mondava from FSSS will guide the festival as the International Festival Director, working closely with student festival coordinators and ISA officers. She would be happy to visit with you on how you can participate. Mona can be reached at 243-6059 or mona.mondava@umontana.edu, or during her Office hours at FSSS. Please stop by and share any ideas you have!

- Mary Nellis from FSSS will be overseeing Children’s World. Contact Mary at 243-6040 or mary.nellis@umontana.edu.
- Five FSSS student/staff coordinators will facilitate production of the events: Madison Donahue is the Food Coordinator, Kevin Nalty is the Culture Show Coordinator, and Christy Ashbury is the Cultural Pavilion Coordinator. The Children’s World coordinator and an assistant Food Coordinator will soon join the team. Festival coordinators can be contacted through FSSS.
- Look for updated information on the festival in future editions of FSSS’ weekly electronic newsletter, Newsworthy Nuggets. Remember to check your UM email account weekly to read the Newsworthy Nuggets.

INFORMATION SESSIONS:
One-hour information sessions will be offered in October and November to tell you more about the I-Festival, and how you can participate and contribute. Please check the Newsworthy Nuggets for upcoming dates. Plan to come to a session and learn more. Especially new students and scholars who will be here Spring 2012 should plan to attend to find out what it’s all about and how to get involved!

You may also sign up to participate by contacting Mona Mondava at the above contact info. Food Booth Reservations will be accepted starting October 17 – don’t miss out!
Due to popular demand, FSSS has put together a trip to Yellowstone National Park! Come see the world-famous Yellowstone National Park - the original American national park and an icon of the entire National Park System. Yellowstone National Park is an American gem with millions of park visitors from all over the world each year. Yellowstone’s massive park boundaries extend through three states, including Montana, and contain some of the most concentrated geothermal activity in the world. The park has 60% of the world’s geysers as well as many amazingly beautiful hot springs and mud pots, rivers, lakes, canyons, waterfalls, and abundant wildlife, including the American bison.

Our bus tour will take you through the central tour loop of the park, visiting most of the park’s famous highlights. Our visit will include: walking tours along several popular and fascinating “Geyser Basins” (areas of concentrated geothermal activity) including free time at the most famous feature of the park, the “Old Faithful” Geyser; viewing the spectacular Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River; driving through Hayden Valley where you are almost guaranteed to see Bison and other wildlife; and walking along a geyser trail on the shores of Yellowstone Lake, and visit to Mammoth Hot Springs. We will spend approximately 10 hours in the park. Food will be a picnic lunch in Yellowstone and a stop for dinner at an inexpensive restaurant in the evening. More trip details will be provided at sign-up time.

This trip is open to Foreign Student and Scholars. Family members, friends, and ELI students may add on after October 3 if space permits. Sign-up is first come, first serve starting Friday, September 23, at Foreign Student and Scholar Services, Lommasson Center 219. Cost of trip is $80 and includes bus transportation, guides, and park entrance fee, but does not include food. Trip fee due at sign-up. Departure will be very early on Saturday, October 8 at 4:30 am – due to the four+ hour drive to Yellowstone, and return will be around midnight – 1:00 am (round trip is over 750 miles). Lewis and Clark pick-ups will be scheduled.

We thank the Missoula International Friendship Program for a generous donation to make this trip possible.
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

**Watch for these in the “Newsworthy Nuggets”**

- Scholarships Workshop
- Graduate School Workshop

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