Last week, we all faced the news that Russia had launched a full-scale attack on Ukraine. This conflict, combined with other social anxieties like COVID-19, racial tensions, hyper-political polarization, climate change, etc. can obscure our attention to school, our relationships, and even taking care of ourselves. As such, I would like to share two events with you to provide support during these difficult times.

The first event is being held tomorrow, March 2 from 12-1PM in the Montana Media Lab in Don Anderson Hall (School of Journalism, 1st floor). This space is
available for any UM students, faculty, or staff that wish to connect for discussion and support.

The second event will be held Thursday, **March 3 from 4-5 PM** in the International Center, Room 113. **This event is specifically for individuals who identify as current international students, faculty, or staff** who wish to engage in a smaller setting for discussion and support.

Finally, if you would like to meet 1 on 1 with an ISS staff member, please do not hesitate to email iss@umontana.edu. Alternatively, counseling services at Curry Health Center are available to all currently enrolled students; you can call **406-243-4712** to set up an appointment.

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**UM Global Engagement Office**

**Represented at AIEA Conference**

Donna Anderson (Senior International Officer & Executive Director of the Global Engagement Office) attended the Association of International Educators Administrators (AIEA) Conference in New Orleans, held February 20–23, 2022.

Deena Mansour (Executive Director of the Mansfield Center) and Donna Anderson presented a session with colleagues from Boise State Univ. and Bielefeld Univ. in Germany entitled "Leveraging Technology as a Tool for Innovating and Expanding Campus Internationalization" where they highlighted UM’s UMOVE/COIL initiative and the Mansfield Center’s virtual exchange collaboration through the Steven’s Initiative. Donna also presented a session with colleagues from Univ. of Washington Tacoma, Virginia Tech, and Univ. of British Columbia called "Keeping our Promise: Employment-Based Experiential Learning Opportunities for International Students" where Donna highlighted UM’s ElevateU initiative.

If you’re interested in hearing more, feel free to reach out to Donna Anderson at donna.anderson@mso.umt.edu

Follow this link to find out more about AIEA

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Read these stories here
Montana World Affairs Council

March 2 - 11AM – Roundtable Discussion with Ambassador Ted Osius to Vietnam
March 2 - 12:00PM – Putin’s Wars: What is next for Russia’s Neighbors?
March 2 - 12:30PM – Business Luncheon with Consul General Oliver Schramm of Germany in Helena

Find for information about the events listed above HERE.
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Featured Partner University:

University of Guanajuato

The University of Guanajuato (UG), is intertwined throughout the city of Guanajuato, with buildings spread throughout town. UG, considered one of Mexico’s finest schools for music, theater, mine engineering, industrial relations and law, enrolls over 21,000 students at its Guanajuato campus.

The Spanish colonial city of Guanajuato, a UNESCO World Heritage city, is the capital of Guanajuato state in central Mexico. It is spread over steep hillsides at the junction of three ravines at an elevation of 6,726 ft above sea level. This location gives Guanajuato a spring-like climate year-round. Guanajuato was founded in 1554 and the city still retains its narrow, winding, steep cobblestone streets, sometimes pieced out by stone steps, and the ground underneath is still honeycombed with silver mine shafts. The town became one of the three greatest silver-mining centers of the 16th century. Its celebrated Veta Madre (Mother Lode) was described as the richest in the world. The fabulous wealth was most manifest in the elaborate and richly endowed churches, notably La Valenciana, San Francisco (1671), and San Diego (1663). Guanajuato was the first major city to fall to the independence leader Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla in 1810. Today, Guanajuato is a vibrant and charming student city, home to several museums (including Museo y Casa de Diego Rivera), theaters, and the internationally-renowned Cervantes Art Festival held annually in September.

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