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MISSOULA –

High school students from 17 Montana and Idaho schools will attend the Montana Model United Nations Conference on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 19-20, at The University of Montana.

At the conference, 350 students will represent 96 of the United Nations' 193 member states, debating and writing resolutions addressing important international issues.

Students will participate on one of five UN committees: the Security Council, General Assembly Plenary, General Assembly First Committee (security issues), General Assembly Second Committee (economic and financial) and General Assembly Third Committee (social, cultural and humanitarian). Each committee is staffed by a team of UM students from Associate Professor Karen Adams' Model United Nations class, a service-learning course offered by the Department of Political Science.

Events begin at 8:30 a.m. Monday with opening ceremonies in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre. The keynote address titled "Doing Good Better" will be delivered by Kimberly Maynard. Maynard has worked on rebuilding war-torn societies and providing international disaster relief for 25 years in crises-affected areas such as Afghanistan, Bosnia, Indonesia and Rwanda and has worked with the United Nations, the American Red Cross and the World Bank. All events are free and open to the public.

Students will work on the third floor of the University Center. They will meet in committees from late Monday morning through Tuesday afternoon. At 7:30 p.m. Monday, country teams will meet with other high school groups from their regions to learn about the politics, economics, history and culture of the region during Region Night. Students from the region will present and MMUN staff who have studied and traveled in the region will lead discussions. An ice cream social will follow.

Closing ceremonies will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Dennison Theatre. Secretaries General Madeline Bermes and Madison Brooke will announce awards for delegates, schools and conference staff. Five high school seniors will be awarded scholarships to attend UM.

The Montana Model United Nations Conference is funded by school and delegate fees, as well as contributions from the UM Office of the President, Office of the Provost, Division of Student Affairs, College of Arts and Sciences and Department of Political Science.

For more information, including participating high schools, visit MMUN online at <http://www.cas.umt.edu/mun> or call Adams at 406-214-5451.

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