

Congratulations to the 2013 MSUB Leadership Recognition Winners!

- Ashlee Twiford – Outstanding Residential Leader Award
- Mollie Carty – Outstanding Student Volunteer Award
- Jamie Schoonover & Patricia Hampton – Outstanding Organization Service Project Award { DVAAS
- Patricia Hampton – Special Interest { MSUB Dance Club



& Nominees!

- Ashlee Twiford – Emerging Student Leader Award
- Sally Weinand – Peer Educator Award
- Mary Owen – Athletic Leadership Award
- Patricia Hampton – Outstanding Member Of An Organization Award
- Mattie Beadling – Outstanding President Of The Year Award
- Nikki Linn - Outstanding President Of The Year Award
- Patricia Hampton – Outstanding Organization Overall { MSUB Dance Club

Prof. Tom Rust will present this year's Last Lecture
Life Lessons from History: Things To Do, Not Do, And Remember After You Graduate
 April 24, 6:00 in the Science Auditorium

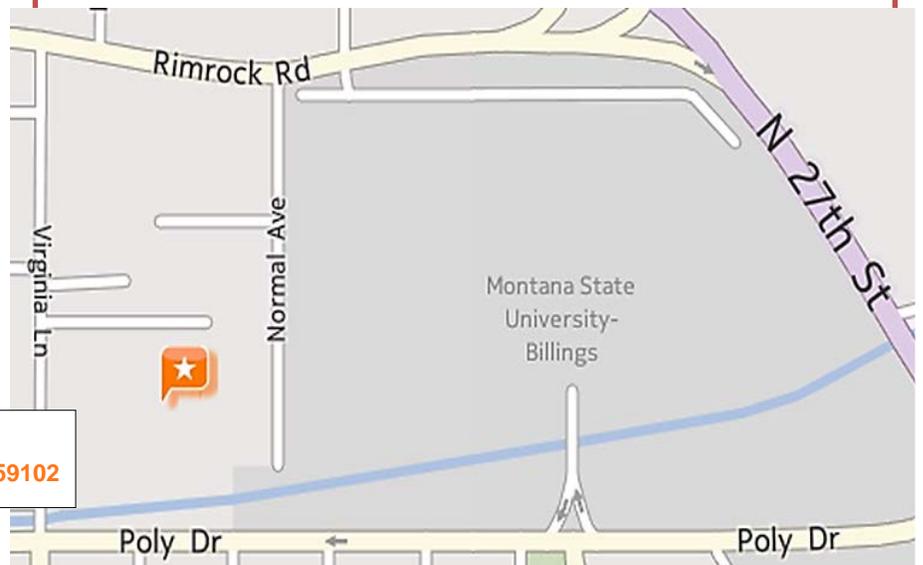
YOU ARE INVITED!!

Honors Students: Join Us
 For A Celebration to Honor
 UHP's 2013 Graduates &
 Scholarship Awardees
 Friday, April 26, 2013, 4 – 6pm
 The Chancellor's House

Please RSVP by 12:00 Wednesday, April 24
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Dear Fellow Honors Programmers,

Although the weather is doing its best to disguise the fact that we are nearly at the end of the spring semester, we, with finals immediately ahead, know that we are. In that rush, rush spirit; here are some of the doings and things ahead for us:

- Recruiting Students by Departments – In order to try to develop departmental cohorts of Honors students, we will be asking departments to identify their strongest students so that we can try to recruit them for the UHP. If we can get departmental nominees no later than the first week or two of the fall semester, we can get them started in the program at that point. With departmental concentrations of honors students, we should be able to offer more “honors” course options and, thus, to take another step toward developing a more robust curriculum, including more departmentally based options.
- Professor Rust Lecture, Thursday (April 24, in the Science Auditorium) – “Life Lessons from History: Things to Do, Not Do, and Remember after You Graduate.” As former director of the University Honors Program, Professor Rust wants to speak about the hopes that you will carry with after you graduate. Professor Rust has the reputation of one of the most dynamic and thoughtful lecturers on campus, and I hope that, as an audience, we provide atmosphere that other professors want to share their perspectives in a **last lecture**.
- Capstone Course – The Honors Council has approved the concept of a capstone, i.e. a course built around a problem in Billings or a Billings organization. We will offer it next spring, ideally the Hunger course that Kurt Kochner designed. In a nutshell, the goal of the course is to provide UHP graduates real world problem-solving skills by giving them an actual unsolved problem and to strengthen critical thinking skills by working on problems which don’t have textbook answers.
- End-of-Year Graduation, Scholarship, & Program Celebration – We want to celebrate the achievements of this UHP year, especially those of our graduates and scholarship holders. We will hope that you will be able to join us to celebrate, congratulate, and—of course—to eat!
- Auditors – I have noticed a phenomenon that I first attributed to luck, but now I think is something to cultivate, that is, what happens in Honors classes that mix UHP students and auditors. In last year’s Honors Writing 201 with Valerie Hemingway and this year’s with Tim Cahill, unusual bonds have developed, in each case with the auditors wanting to throw a party for the students. This year’s gathering will likely be at Tim Cahill’s cabin in the mountains outside Livingston (how many opportunities are there to be invited a nationally known writer’s place?). More about my thoughts about the auditor phenomenon another time.

I hope to see you all at Professor Rust’s lecture and the end-of-the-year celebration. As my brief note about auditors suggests though, my thoughts are also already toward next year, to how we become a more vital and successful program.

All good wishes for the busy rush to the end of the semester,
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