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## 43RD ANNUAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK SEMINAR

Higher education is a future-oriented business – educating and preparing the leaders of tomorrow. But what is the future for colleges and universities themselves? In an economy that increasingly rewards knowledge and expertise, the need to cultivate and grow a competitive, skilled and educated workforce is more vital than ever. Yet the way we do this and the way we pay for it has come under the microscope in recent years. This year's **Economic Outlook Seminar** examines the question of how Montana's higher education system returns value to all of us who live and work here.

The keynote – **The Future of Higher Education in Montana** – will be presented by **Robert Nystuen**, vice chair of the Montana University System Board of Regents. He is president at **Glacier Bank** in Kalispell and a resident of Lakeside. In 2015, he was appointed by Governor Steve Bullock to the board of regents, which is responsible for the Montana University System. His selection for the board of regents reflects the strong connection between Montana's higher education system and the business community, "a relationship that is increasingly vital in the modern economic landscape," according to Nystuen.

The **2018 Economic Outlook Seminar** will highlight the latest economic trends for local, state, and national economies, including health care, real estate and housing, agriculture, manufacturing, forest products and energy.

The Economic Outlook Seminar will be held at the **Doubletree on Tuesday**, **January 30**, **2018**. The seminar begins at 8 am and ends at 1 pm. MUS employees can register for \$25 per person.











