

2021 Mortar Board Outstanding Senior Recognition Ceremony

Associated Students of the University of Montana Groups

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1000 New Gardens	Bianca Jensen	Maggie Gammons and Vicki Watson

From Maggie Gammons -- Bianca has been a great president for 1000 New Gardens in a really challenging year. She brings a wealth of garden, plant, and food knowledge to the group, and creates a welcoming atmosphere for new club participants. She has a very gentle and humble leadership style that is perfect for encouraging other members' participation in workshops and meetings. 1000 New Gardens hopes to get back to installing gardens this spring under her leadership. 1000 New Gardens is so lucky to have her!

From Vicki Watson --While working part time & maintaining good grades, Bianca has given outstanding community service – growing food for the Food Bank at UM PEAS farm, cooking meals for vets at Valor House.

As president of 1000 New Gardens, Bianca provided safe, meaningful group activities during the pandemic. Before coming to UM, she worked in Hawaii on sustainable farms, beach restoration & reef protection, & spent a summer in Louisiana restoring wetlands & rebuilding houses destroyed by hurricane Katrina. While growing up in Seattle, she helped at foodbanks, free medical clinics & clothing drives.

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Backcountry Hunters and Anglers	Madeline Damon	Alexander L. Metcalf

UM's Student Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers is proud to name Madeline Damon as our Mortar Board award winner for 2021. As President of BHA, Madeline has expertly led the club's efforts to expand and deepen UM students' connections with fish and wildlife despite pandemic-related challenges. Madeline is an extraordinary student and leader, contributing to club endeavors while maintaining a near-perfect GPA in UM's #1 WBIO program and excelling in the Global Leadership Initiative. Congratulations, Madeline!

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Beta Alpha Psi	Katelyn Rae Smigaj	Tony Crawford

As the Treasurer of Beta Alpha Psi, Katelyn has been a dynamic, thoughtful leader. She has been an active participant on the Executive Board and played a strong role in leading the club to successfully achieve its goals. She has been inclusive and welcoming to all members in conversations, at volunteer events, and during professional development workshops. As an Accounting major, Katelyn has excelled as a scholar. She has continually displayed strong knowledge of tax, audit, and financial accounting. This recognition and honor is well-deserved.

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Dance Club	Ruby Roberts	Heidi Jones Eggert

Ruby embodies the Dance Club's mission: "to develop an inclusive space, share the uniting and healing aspects of movement, and to give back to the Missoula community." She's an excellent teacher: she listens to her students' needs and celebrates their strengths. She has a clear vision that dance should and can be for EVERYbody. In the words of dance pioneer Anna Halprin, "When enough people move together ... an amazing force takes over—a power that can renew, inspire, teach, create and heal."

Ruby is grounded, thoughtful, generous, and bold in her dancing and in her personal presence. When you see her on stage, it's hard to sit still: you want to move with her. Her commitment to her performance is stunning. Ruby is a beautiful dancer, an engaging teacher, and committed to a legacy of making dance a part of peoples' lives.

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Forum for Living With Appropriate Technology	Magalloway Gammons	Kalle Fox

Maggie has been an invaluable member of the FLAT community as both a resident and student member. She was crucial in planning and revitalizing the property's garden beds and strategic planning in 2020 and has continued to do so into 2021. We've been incredibly fortunate to have her knowledge and skills contribute to the FLAT these past two years, along with her compassion and kindness as a human being.

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Montana Information Systems Association	Angelika Mayen	Cameron Lawrence

Angelika is a model Management Information Systems student. As the prior treasurer of the MISA club, she was faced with a messy and unclear process for keeping track of our club's

budget, member dues, etc. She took it upon herself to clearly outline each and every process needed for the treasurer's role, and effectively streamline the workflow. Because of this great work, she was able to flawlessly pass the role off to our next treasurer without a hitch, and we will be able to do this again when new officers are elected. In addition, she serves as a wonderful mentor and guide for students struggling in challenging courses in the MIS degree. She mentors students with a great deal of kindness and grace, clearly explaining errors and solutions as they arise, while not passing judgement. The MIS student group is thrilled that Angelika served as a MISA officer, and her legacy in the student club will generously serve those who follow.

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Montana Model United Nations	Taylor Wade Gregory	Peter Koehn

Taylor Gregory is an outstanding student and an accomplished leader. He is graduating Summa Cum Laude with a political science major, minors in European studies and migration studies, and a certificate in global leadership.

In political science, Taylor has concentrated on international relations and comparative politics. In 2019, he studied at Vesalius College in Belgium. Taylor has been a vital member of Montana Model UN. He was secretary-general of the fall conference for two years and participated in four teams representing UM at the National Model UN conference in New York.

In 2020-21, Taylor served as the president of UM's student government (ASUM). He was previously a senator. In these roles, he has been a strong, creative, and reliable leader and mentor for UM students and the UM community at large.

Taylor plans a career in education policy. After a gap year with Fulbright or AmeriCorps, Taylor will pursue a joint JD-MPA focusing on education law and policy. He hopes to focus on access to education and to find avenues to break down the barriers that inhibit education in the US and abroad.

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Mortar Board Honor Society	Kortney Sims	Chelsey Porter

Kortney was nominated by her peers and advisors to receive this award for demonstrating exemplary leadership, scholarship, and service while serving as the chapter's Senior Recognition Chair. Without Kortney's dedication, responsiveness, enthusiasm, and diligence, we would not have been able to pull this off! Thank you Kortney for organizing Mortar Board spotlights throughout the year and the President's Outstanding Senior Recognition Awards!

Kortney will be receiving a degree in Communicative Sciences and Disorders and Psychology with a minor in Gerontology. She has made the President's List over multiple semesters at UM. She also serves as the secretary for National Student Speech Language Hearing

Association (NSSLHA) and as an UM Advocate. It's been an absolute pleasure serving with you Kortney and we wish you the very best!

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National Student Speech, Language, Hearing Association	Paige Elizabeth Morkrid	Amy Glaspey

Paige is majoring in CSD and Psychology. She is the current president of the UM NSSLHA Student Group, and was Advocacy Chair last year. Paige is the recipient of the Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship and applied her funding to her work in the VOICES Lab where she participated in Chronic Cough studies. She worked as a lifeguard, instructor, and student manager for the Grizzly pool. Paige participated in the MOSSAIC Peer Mentoring program supporting people on campus with neurodiversity.

Paige plans to attend graduate school this Fall with her sights on U of M. She would like to be a medical speech-language pathologist, but looks forward to experiencing all aspects of intervention in the field. Paige hopes to practice in Montana or the Mountain West. She looks forward to working in the VOICES Lab this summer and increasing her SLP related experiences. Paige would like to thank her family, friends, faculty and staff of the SLHOS program, and NSSLHA members for supporting her.

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Society for Ecological Restoration Student Chapter	Rachel DeRaymond	Cara Nelson

Rachel became involved with UM's student chapter of the Society for Ecological Restoration and served multiple leadership roles. She started as vice president in the fall of 2019 and became president in the spring of 2020. During her time in this student club, she organized field trips to relevant sites including the Coeur d'Alene Nursery, a large regional USFS nursery in Idaho. In addition to serving as president of the SER student group, Rachel worked as a research assistant for the Restoration Ecology Lab. For the summers of 2019 and 2020, she worked as a field technician, monitoring vegetation on decommissioned forest service roads as part of the Southwest Crown of the Continent – Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program.

In addition to serving as a student leader and working in her field, Rachel was on Dean's List in the fall of 2019 and the spring of 2020 and received a Research and Creative Scholarship from the Associated Students of the University of Montana to complete her senior project. Her senior project, "Comparing the efficacy of riparian vegetation monitoring methods – qualitative, quantitative, and remote sensing", involved working in collaboration with Geum Environmental Consulting, a private firm based in Hamilton, MT. The field work for this project took place at Milltown State Park, the restored former site of the Milltown Dam, and part of the Clark Fork

River Superfund Complex. The results are being incorporated into considerations for monitoring this large restoration site.

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Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society	Jonathan Karlen	Paul Lukacs

Jonathan Karlen demonstrated an incredible commitment to the Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society. He started as the Education Coordinator for TWS and expanded education programs throughout elementary schools and after-school programs in Missoula. The following year, Jonathan was elected President of TWS. As President, Jonathan continued to encourage education programs, expanded the fundraising capacity of the group, led the group to state and national conferences, and mentored other students to become future leaders of the organization. Jonathan engaged as a leader across campus. He participated in LeadershipU, a seven-week program aimed at helping develop future leaders. Jonathan served on the search committee for the Dean of the W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation as well as the Dean's Student Advisory Council for the Davidson Honors College. He was also one of the first students to enroll in the Wildlife Biology/Master's in Public Administration 4+1 program. Jonathan's leadership and academics will propel him to a successful future.

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Student Subunit of The American Fisheries Society	Mary Margaret Wallace	Lisa Eby

Maggie has gotten a wide range of experiences and been a student leader and mentor in the Wildlife Biology program and the American Fisheries Society student subunit. Maggie was a member of the student subunit for several years and ultimately served as president during the 2019-2020 academic year. She was active in organizing professional speakers and events for the group. In the spring when COVID hit, she quickly worked to continue to meetings and provide online professional talks, reached out to MSU to invite them to UM's meetings, and increased the group's social media presence and communication in the spring 2020 to help students stay connected as everyone was feeling more isolated. The group's response was impressive thanks to Maggie's hard work and creativity.

During her time at UM, she has succeeded at many jobs from a lab technician, to a field fisheries intern, to working within the hatchery environment to build a strong resume and professional network. In addition to gaining a variety of experience through different jobs, she completed an extensive independent study research project. She presented this work as a poster at the MT American Fisheries Society professional meeting in Feb 2020. Finally, she excelled as an Learning Assistant her senior year, helping students navigate challenging Fish Biology labs and encouraging them to get involved in student groups, summer fisheries jobs, and local

research. Not only has Maggie been an excellent student, but a wonderful student leader, researcher, and mentor. We are excited to see what Maggie will do next with her talents!

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UM American Marketing Association	Lauren Dawn Sullivan	Justin Angle

Lauren Sullivan is being nominated to Mortar Board by the UM Chapter of the American Marketing Association. She has served as the organization's president since May, 2020. Her time as president has been incredibly challenging because most of that time AMA was not able to have face-to-face meetings nor member recruitment. Despite the hardships that COVID-19 presented, Lauren has led the Executive Board of approximately eight members as AMA continues to grow. She has presided over weekly Zoom meetings with a variety of speakers, including the Managing Director of Marketing and Advertising at Alaska Airlines. I am amazed at how calmly Lauren can respond to problems, such as the time a speaker cancelled at the last minute because of weather. She was able to find a substitute speaker at a moment's notice and did not have to cancel the AMA Chapter meeting.

In addition, Lauren is an exemplary student. She easily has made the top grade of the classes she has taken from me which include Integrated Marketing Communications and Consumer Behavior. She is usually fairly quiet in class, but when she does contribute to class discussion, she has something meaningful to say. Lauren has devoted some time considering her future. She hopes to attend graduate school to acquire a degree in sports management and she has an internship this summer working in the area of sports marketing. Thus, Lauren is a perfect candidate for Mortar Board. She is intelligent, a natural leader, organized, hard-working and dedicated to her chosen career. She responds calmly in emergency situations and is diligent in going above and beyond in her classes and for AMA. - Carol Bruneau, Assistant professor of Marketing, AMA Faculty Advisor

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UM ... Arts!	Claire McKenzie Ramsey	Alessia Carpoca

Claire is the kind of student who will send you an email or drop by to ask if she could help paint scenery or build a prop—not because she's worried about making a good impression, but because she genuinely wants to learn and improve. Theatre and Dance would like to offer our congratulations on her well-deserved success and our best wishes for her next adventure! Claire has been involved in multiple aspects of our performances, showing equal talent in scenic design and painting, props, crafts, and costuming while also performing in multiple shows and completing a BFA in Design & Technology. Outside UM, Claire worked as a scenic intern for Fourth Monkey Actor Training Company in London, England, in 2019.