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Annual Report to Donors

Dear Friends,

Like the view from the top of Mount Sentinel, your impact on The University of Montana is expansive. Your support inspires students and faculty to dream big – knowing they will have the resources to explore, learn and innovate. Thank you for your generosity.

Alumni and friends generously contributed \$19 million toward the success of UM from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. This annual report illustrates the source of those gifts. We also include the performance of the long-term investment portfolio and other financial information online at

SupportUM.org/2012.

As you review our recent efforts, please feel free to reach out to us and let us know how you would like to become more involved.

Warmest Regards,

Royce Engstrom President

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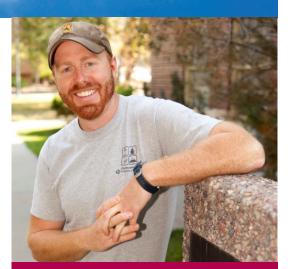
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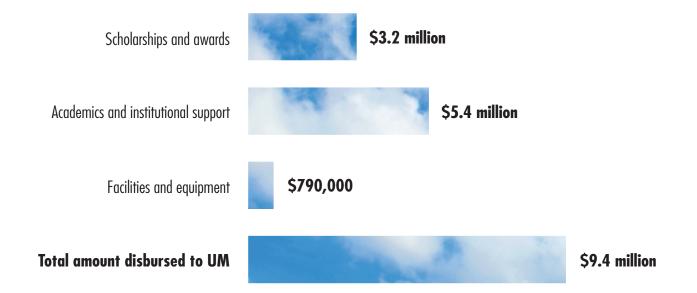
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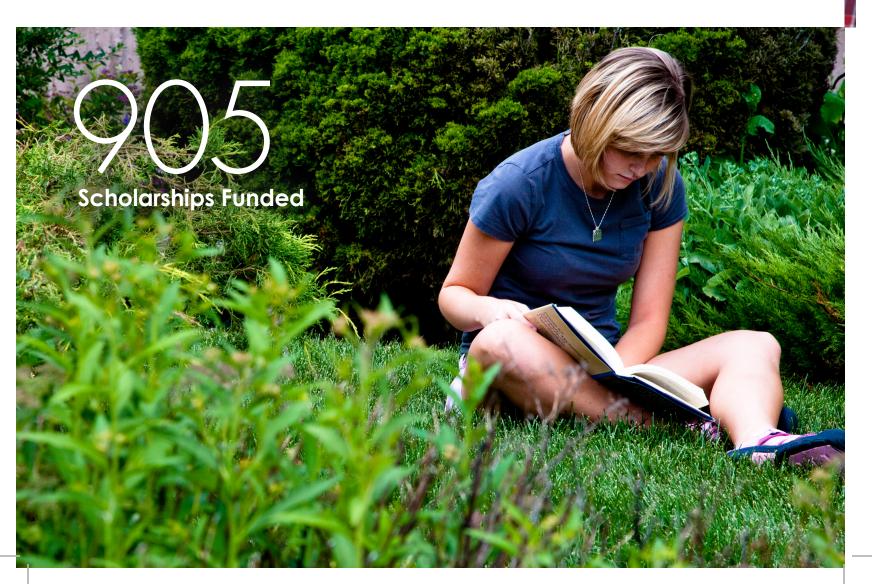
For graduate student Ted Adams, receiving the Systems for **Environmental Management** Scholarship has been an honor and a blessing.

"I am a wildland firefighter and already had a permanent position when I decided to enter graduate school," Adams says. "My intent was to pursue graduate school while still maintaining a position in wildland fire, and many other schools were not willing to allow me the flexibility."

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN 2011-12







IN-STATE VS. OUT-OF-STATE GIVING

IN-STATE OUT-OF-STATE 39%

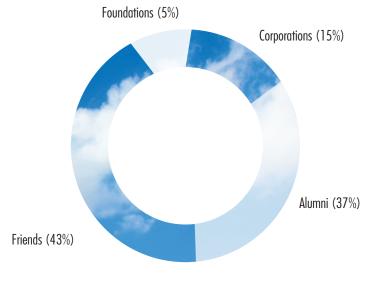
OUT-OF-STATE 5,395 donors gave \$7,693,030

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8,471 donors gave \$11,298,588

TOTAL GIVING: \$18,991,618

GIFTS BY SOURCE



TOTAL ENDOWMENT: \$140,577,026

A GIFT THAT KEEPS GROWING

Class of 2012 Gives Solar Greenhouse to UM









Upper right: Becca Milsap pounds a plaque into the wall of her brainchild, a solar greenhouse for Dining Services. Below, from left to right: lan Finch, Tara Udall and Shandell VanDonsel, the 2013 Senior Class Gift committee chair, joined Larry Neskey in dedicating the greenhouse.

or its Senior Class Gift, the Class of 2012 chose to help fund and construct a passive solar greenhouse in partnership with UM's Farm to College Program. The greenhouse will allow Dining Services staff to grow fresh vegetables and fruits for Dining Services and will give students hands-on opportunities to study botany, ecology, and sustainability.

For the Senior Class Gift Campaign, graduating seniors brainstorm ideas for a project that can be a lasting gift to the University. Past classes have installed bike racks, renovated landscaping, and installed a campus map at the M on Mount Sentinel. Becca Milsap, chair of the 2012 Senior Class Gift Campaign, was inspired by those ideas. "I loved that past classes have done projects that are sustainable and we really wanted to do something along the same lines," says Milsap. "One day I was browsing The University of Montana website, and I saw an article about the Dining Services garden and I wondered about a greenhouse."

Milsap submitted the greenhouse idea for consideration and voting by her peers. Students enthusiastically supported the idea. The Class of 2012 was able to double the funds they raised by partnering with the Farm to College Program. With their combined \$5,000 in funds, they were able to construct a greenhouse that ideally suits the sustainable ideals of the project. Head Gardener Larry Neskey, Farm to College Program Coordinator Ian Finch, and the 2012 Senior Class Gift

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- Becca Milsap, chair, 2012 Senior Class Gift Campaign

Committee worked with Missoula-based Redfield Construction to erect a greenhouse made of recovered beetle-killed lumber.

Tara Udall, associate director of annual giving and manager of the Senior Class Gift Campaign, praises the level of cooperation. "This was the first time we had a campus partner, which let us really elevate the kind of gift we were able to provide. We learned a lot from the Farm to College Program and Dining Services, with their willingness to contribute and help the Foundation," says Udall.

Milsap reflects on the greater meaning behind the Senior Class Gift Campaign. "You come in thinking, 'we'll have to beg people to give money.' But my classmates understood philanthropy and the importance of giving back, and they were happy to give," says Milsap. "This place is an important part of our lives we'll never forget. And as we worked, it became something more than a project. This is something we can turn to and say we made a lasting impression on the University."