When University of Montana President Royce Engstrom was inaugurated on a bright day in May, an old friend came to wish him well. University of South Dakota President James Abbott has known Engstrom for years and spoke of the path the two had traveled, often together, to get to where they are today; both presidents of strong academic institutions.

While President Engstrom can look back on his successes as a chemistry professor and former Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at both the University of South Dakota and UM, he made it clear on inauguration day that he is looking decidedly forward when it comes to student success.

To that end, President Engstrom unveiled the UM Global Leadership Initiative, one more step in a detailed strategic plan developed by his administration that he hopes will help prepare students for “a lifetime of productive civil discourse.”

This fall, faculty will select an initial cohort of 200 freshmen as Global Leadership Fellows. These students will participate in seminars, courses and out-of-classroom experiences crafted to help them become engaged, articulate global citizens.

The University is seeking private support for this initiative that will teach students “personal and social responsibility, promote integrated learning models and interdisciplinary approaches.”

UM’s Global Leadership Initiative has the potential to create an “an exhilarating campus atmosphere,” President Engstrom says.

Royce Engstrom graciously accepted the UM Presidential Medallion during inauguration ceremonies on May 2. He was flanked by Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer, Missoula Mayor John Engen, other university presidents and chancellors, UM trustees and faculty dressed in their finest academic regalia.

“The University is a place where we take young tender plants and grow them into flowers,” Governor Schweitzer said. “Royce, you are a leader of people who mold future leaders.”

Placing his hand on a Bible given to him in the third grade, UM’s 17th president pledged to serve the University, and he did it with an enthusiastic grin.

President Engstrom, who has been in office since last fall, thanked his wife of 30 years, Mary, for her continued support and his colleagues for the greetings they brought from as far away as South Dakota. Then he gave a nod to his parents who, he said, instilled in him a love of learning.

“I’m one of the lucky ones,” Engstrom said. “Growing up, my parents nurtured ideas.”

He told a packed University Theatre about taking trips to the library with his mother and building a “tippy” boat with his father and how these experiences shaped him into the student he would become.

Engstrom was born in Michigan and raised in Nebraska, where he attended college at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. He later received a Doctorate in Analytical Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

He began his teaching career at the University of South Dakota, where he rose to the position of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. In 2007, he took the same position at The University of Montana.

Known as an adventurer – Engstrom builds boats, plays the mandolin and flies the occasional plane – UM’s new president is embarking on his next adventure and hopes to bring the students of the University along with him.
**Oscar J. Craig Heritage Society Gift Planning Corner**

**Gift Annuities: True or False?**

How much do you know about charitable gift annuities? To test your knowledge, here are five true or false statements to consider:

1. Gift annuities pay higher rates than commercial annuities.
2. Gift annuity payments change depending upon economic conditions.
3. Gift annuity payments are always tax-free.
4. Gift annuity rates are lower for older recipients (annuitants).
5. Gift annuities do not produce a charitable income tax deduction.

All statements are false. We did this on purpose to demonstrate that much of the information people have about this planned giving device is incorrect. Here are the right answers:

1. Gift annuities make lower payments than commercial payments because part of the contribution is considered a charitable gift.
2. Payments are always the same.
3. Gift annuities funded with appreciated property provide only a partial tax-free payment. And whatever the funding source, all payments are taxable after the recipient reaches his or her age expectancy.
4. Because life expectancy decreases as a person ages, gift annuity rates are higher for older recipients. These rates are established when the annuity is obtained.
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**Davidson Honors College Celebrates Anniversaries with Plans for Growth**

Ian Davidson says that the contribution he and his wife, Nancy, made to build the Davidson Honors College building was the best thing they ever did.

Longtime supporters of UM, the couple’s gift 15 years ago has allowed the University to continue to recruit top students from around the country, Davidson says.

“We are very pleased to have our name associated with it and to have financially supported it,” Davidson said of the building next to Main Hall that was designed by his brother, an architect. “It’s a major asset to UM.”

The Davidson Honors College is celebrating a tridecia of anniversaries at homecoming this year: the UM Honors Program (the predecessor of the Honors College) is 30 years old, the Honors College is 20, and the building that houses the College, funded by the Davidsons, is 15.

Dean James McKusick intends to mark the anniversaries by enthusiastically moving forward with the creation of one-of-a-kind opportunities for honors students at UM that have made the program such a success.

McKusick is busy working to raise funds for top priorities of the College including Opportunity Funds that support original research by undergraduates, internships and expanded study abroad experiences. McKusick hopes to double the number of Presidential Scholarships the College can offer and construct a new International Patrick, which, when built, will celebrate the diversity of the campus and create an outdoor space where students can hang out and get to know each other. And that’s not all, he says.

McKusick wants to enhance the honors curriculum by adding more courses from different departments on campus to create more variety in course offerings. He also wants to focus on qualitative enhancement of current classes, making the classes that already exist even better for students.

“We want to bring in the top students from Montana and nationwide,” he says. To do that, the College needs to build on its history, its strong reputation and its longevity using this year’s significant milestones as a launching point for a future of outstanding scholarship in a dynamic environment.

“We’re really just scratching the surface,” he says.

To contribute to an Opportunity Fund, Presidential Scholarship, or the International Patrick, contact Vickie Mikelsons, director of development, at 406.243.5110 or mikelsonsVS@msou.mont.edu.

**Fund Established to Honor Professor James Jacobs**

Professor James Jacobs retired from the UM Department of Physics and Astronomy in May 2011 after being diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease) in the fall of 2006. Dr. Jacobs was an inspirational, award-winning experimental physicist who devoted himself to student learning and achievement for nearly two decades.

Dr. Jacobs worked tirelessly over the years to help develop and improve the department’s upper division physics and astronomy laboratory courses that provide memorable, hands-on learning for physics majors.

“In all my time at UM, Jim has set the standard of teaching excellence for the rest of us to live up to,” said Andrew Ware, chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy. “His enthusiastic and inspirational teaching of the calculus-based introductory physics sequence contributed to a large increase in the number of physics majors during his years at UM.”

The James Jacobs Memorial Advanced Laboratory Fund will honor his life’s work. A generous donor has pledged to match $10,000 in gifts to the fund. His colleagues and former students are counting on contributions from others to help with the additional $10,000 necessary to establish the endowment he envisioned.

“This generous gift brings a perfect ending to my career at UM,” said Professor Jacobs. “I’ve worked very hard over the years to help develop and improve the upper division laboratory courses, so it’s wonderful to know that there will be continued financial support to keep these courses up to date and relevant.

Please honor Dr. Jacobs and his dream by making a charitable contribution to The James Jacobs Memorial Advanced Laboratory Fund at www.SupportUM.org.
Erika Camp loved the Lady Griz basketball team. Her affection for UM, and then the team, developed soon after she moved to Montana from Florida in the early 1990s.

“My mom never missed a home game,” said Jennifer Camp. “Since 2000, when I started school at UM, she was just a huge fan.” Jennifer Camp’s sister, Christine, has been a manager for the Lady Griz for nine years. Besides being an avid Lady Griz fan, Erika was also a season ticket holder for Griz football and would often brave the rain and freezing temperatures just to cheer on the team. Erika and Christine even attended three national championship football Griz games.

“She just loved watching them play,” Jennifer said.

In June 2010, Jennifer, Christine and their brother Tommy lost their mother to cancer. Erika’s tragic passing has left an empty seat on the sidelines of Lady Griz basketball games, but somewhere in their grief their father Tom decided to honor Erika the best way possible. They created the Erika Camp Memorial Athletic Scholarship, specifically designed to help a member of the Lady Griz complete her degree.

The life of a student-athlete can be its own full-court press with practice and games combined with keeping grades up, and the Camps wanted to offer a little reprieve for one student each year while also preserving Erika’s memory.

Their generous contribution will likely go to help someone like former Lady Griz standout Sarah Ena.

“Sarah is a dynamic young lady, there’s really just no other word to describe her,” says Kent Haslam, associate athletic director for development at UM. Ena graduated with a 3.44 GPA last May, led Athletes in Action, was a regular volunteer at the Poverello Center and ranks 19th on the all-time scoring list for the Lady Griz. While at UM she received a host of scholarships that allowed her to play, compete and be a successful student.

“It was a blessing itself to be able to come and play basketball at UM,” Ena says. “But you have to feed yourself and live somewhere. It was really awesome to have families give financially and support my time there.”

Griz fans contribute more than $4 million a year to support UM’s student athletes. Erika’s memorial scholarship will be used to support students like Ena and honor the amazing woman and Griz fan for whom the scholarship was named.

PHILANTHROPISTS FACILITATE LIFELONG LEARNING

A man known as “the quiet philanthropist” received thunderous applause when he visited UM in May. Bernard Osher, who started the foundation bearing his name, traveled to Missoula from San Francisco to receive an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at Commencement.

Before receiving the degree, Osher and his wife, Barbro, Chair of the Board of The Bernard Osher Foundation, attended a reception in their honor, where students thanked them for their generosity. One student, Grace Johnson, 26, of Missoula, will receive an Osher Reentry Scholarship this fall. The scholarship is for students who have a gap in their education of at least five years and want to finish their degree.

“This is an opportunity to help me start over and do what I should have done the first time around,” Johnson says. She plans to become a middle or high school science teacher, an in-demand specialty. “If I can inspire someone half as much as my teachers and drive that passion for learning the way they did, I will feel as if I’ve accomplished something.”

A number of Missoulians who take courses through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The University of Montana (affectionately known as MOLLI) also thanked the Oshers. The Bernard Osher Foundation provided a $1 million endowment to MOLLI in 2009. Now, more than 1,000 adults aged 50 and over are participating in MOLLI courses or activities each year.

“This is one of my favorite programs,” Bernard Osher said of the 117 lifelong learning institutes he has helped fund at colleges and universities across the country. “I’m in that age bracket, and, as a lifelong learner, I started taking piano lessons four years ago.”

Osher said Montana is special to him because it reminds him of his home state of Maine.

UM also presented an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to former TV news anchor Tom Brokaw, who is a supporter of the UM School of Journalism.

Bernard Osher and his wife, Barbro, speak with President Engstrom and his wife, Mary.
Each spring, members of The President’s Club and Heritage Society are invited to attend the annual Missoula Spring Celebration. On April 16, guests enjoyed brunch and good company. They also heard President Royce Engstrom discuss his vision for the University. Additional events for members were held in Billings, Great Falls, Helena, Bigfork and Seattle.

BUCKLEW PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARD

Robert “Ty” Robinson ’40, JD ’48, spoke at the annual UM Charter Day celebration after receiving the 2011 Neil Bucklew Presidential Service Award. The UM Foundation presents this annual award to recognize individuals who make extraordinary efforts to communicate the University’s strengths to their fellow Montanans and relay back to the University community the hopes and concerns of the state’s residents.

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UM Event in Newport Beach

President Royce Engstrom greets Kathryn Datsopoulos and her husband John Datsopoulos ’62, during the brunch. Right: UM student Sofia Cardozo entertains guests as part of a string trio.

UM Foundation Trustees Tony Wertz and Dick Ford gathered along with alumni and friends in Newport Beach, Calif. in March at a reception to introduce President Royce Engstrom and Mary Engstrom.

GET SET FOR FOOTBALL SEASON

Grizzly fans, hold onto your hats. The 2011 football season promises to be thrilling straight out of the chute with the Grizzlies taking on the University of Tennessee Sept. 3. The Griz most likely will play in front of the largest crowd in team history. The Volunteers’ Neyland Stadium has a capacity of 102,038.

Fifteen starters are returning—seven on offense and seven on defense, plus kicker/punter Brody McKnight. Quarterbacks Jordan Johnson, Nate Montana, Shay Smithwick-Hann and Gerald Kemp all made impressive showings in spring practice.

“Two back-to-back scrimmages with success with four players at quarterback is a real plus for us,” says UM head coach Robin Pflugrad.

Athletic Director Jim O’Day says every team on the schedule will be good and every game should be very competitive. Visit GoGriz.com for the schedule and to help support the team.

Erik Stoll, # 4, and Braydon Schilling, # 93, celebrate a Griz win!

Get Set For Football Season