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TO: Board of Regents
FROM: Royce C. Engstrom, President *Royce C Engstrom*
RE: Campus Report for the September 2012 Board of Regents Meeting

- The University of Montana Foundation received 14,000 individual gifts amounting to \$19.1 million in fiscal year 2012 from alumni, friends, and foundations. This comes close to the \$20.2 million in gifts in 2011.
- University Dining Services Sustainable and the Farm to College program set annual records for purchases of locally raised or produced products, passing the \$1 million mark for local and sustainable purchases for the first time this fiscal year. As one of the national pioneers in the field of advocating and implementing the concept of “buying local,” FTC does business with an average of 75 local farmers, ranchers and food producers annually. In May 2013 the program will celebrate its 10th anniversary as part of University Dining Services.
- The National Association of College and University Food Services recently chose Dining Services Director **Mark LoParco** as its president-elect. The election was held in Boston on July 13 at the NACUFS National Conference. LaParco accepted the three-year commitment to hold the prestigious volunteer position.
- UM now has the state’s first nationally accredited Master of Public Health program. The Council on Education for Public Health notified UM administrators of the accreditation approval on July 6. MPH graduates serve as competent practitioners, researchers, and teachers who carry out broad health functions in local, state, national, and international settings.
- **Don Loranger**, Director of the Defense Critical Language and Culture Training Program at the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, was appointed to the National Security Education Board by President Barack Obama in July. The National Security Education Board oversees the National Security Education Program, which aims to enhance national security by increasing the United States’ capacity to deal effectively with foreign cultures and languages.
- The Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research at The University of Montana and the Governor-appointed Tourism Advisory Council recently won the J. Desmond Slattery Professional Marketing Award at the annual international conference of the Travel and Tourism Research Association. The award recognizes collaboration between the TAC and UM’s tourism institute in creating a user-friendly and publically available interactive website.

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