Annual Awards for Excellence to honor 40 MSU students and their mentors

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Forty of Montana State University's top seniors and their faculty and staff mentors will be recognized, Tuesday, Feb. 17, at the 35th annual Awards for Excellence banquet held on the MSU campus.

The MSU Alumni Association and the Bozeman Chamber of Commerce will co-host the banquet. Honored students were nominated by faculty in their college or department. Qualified seniors must have at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, as well as demonstrated campus leadership and community service.

The award-winning students each selected a mentor who will be honored with them at the event.

The 2015 Excellence award winners and their mentors, listed by their college, name, major, hometown and mentor, are:

**College of Agriculture**
Russell Callahan, environmental sciences, Floyd, Va., Tony Hartshorn
Elena Combs, animal science, Missoula, Rebecca Mattix
Susan Massar, plant science/crop science, Circle, Nora Smith
Katie Noland, environmental science, Great Falls, Stephanie Ewing

**College of Arts and Architecture**
Chelsea Bourque, music education, Kennewick, Wash., Julie Glassower
Abigail Flanagan, art, Farmington, Maine, Melissa Ragin
Kelly Olinger, environmental design, North Oaks, Minn., Rozanna Karczewski

**Jake Jabs College of Business and Entrepreneurship**
Zahir Afridi, business accounting, Bala, Bihar, Pakistan, Christie Johnson
Caroline Beesau, business marketing, Seoul, South Korea, Mike Gold
Erica Dunn, business, Sandpoint, Idaho, Maggie Hammett
Sydney Tobiason, business accounting, Missoula, Steven Ault

**College of Education, Health and Human Development**
Benjamin Butts, technology education, Kalispell, Lila Haagby
Jacy Hathaway, elementary education, Big Timber, Lori Brockway
Katelyn Shea, food and nutrition, Libby, Melody Anacker
Kendra Smith, elementary education, Lewistown, Ann Ellsworth
Callin Spencer, sustainable food and bioenergy systems, Willow Creek, Selena Ahmed

**College of Engineering**
Michael Bent, mechanical engineering technology, Gardiner, Keith Fisher
Yarmin Chaudhry, civil engineering, Missoula, Ilse-Mari Lee
Nathan Fritz, mechanical engineering, Billings, David Miller
Varsha Rao, chemical engineering and biological engineering, Hamilton, Joseph Seymour
Jake Boske, civil engineering, Missoula, Renee Hecox
Griffin Ruel, chemical engineering, Sherwood, Ore., Ilse-Mari Lee
Kendra Schaff, industrial engineering, Billings, William Schaff
Logan Waibel, computer science and political science, Kalispell, Hunter Lloyd
Monica Whitley, computer engineering, Littleton, Colo., Brock LaMeres

**Honors College**
Anne Liotta, microbiology, Anchorage, Alaska, Anna Greenberg
Amber Stenson, finance and economics, Coeur d'Alene, Ilse-Mari Lee

**College of Letters and Science**
Joshua Carter, microbiology and immunology, Watertown, S.D., Blake Wiedenheft
Carol Chown, English, Soldotna, Alaska, Allison Wynhoff
Emma Hannigan, chemistry-biochemistry option, Sammamish, Wash., Mary Cloninger
Samantha Kohl, history, Ocala, Fla., Robert Rydell
Shannon Lineberry, anthropology and sociology, Great Falls, Shardai Urdaahl
Erik Lucas, biotechnology and organismal biology, Detroit, Jodi Hedges
Cody Minor, chemistry, microbiology and mathematics, Butte, Neb., Ron June
Joseph Schumacher, political science, Bozeman, Brenda York
Sydney Sherick, modern languages and psychology, Le Claire, Iowa, Ilse-Mari Lee
Alexandra Van Hoomissen, mathematics, teaching option, Palmer, Alaska, Kim Noydby

**College of Nursing**
Mary Christensen, nursing, Great Falls, Lauren Jackson
Jessie Hardin, nursing, Great Falls, Michele Suy
Kayla Lemire, nursing, Missoula, Teresa Henry

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