



## Parent/Family Association

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### WHAT IS IT?

The PFA is a group consisting of all parents and families of current students. The organization is governed by a Board made up entirely of parent volunteers. The Board determines the allocation of funds and the goals and priorities for the group. A list of current board members, meeting minutes and agendas, as well as the constitution and by-laws is online at [www.montana.edu/pfa](http://www.montana.edu/pfa).

### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PFA?

- To inform the families of enrolled students about MSU's mission, programs and services.
- To serve as a liaison and develop a good rapport between parents/families and the university community.
- To invite families to become better acquainted with MSU.
- To help publicize and stimulate enthusiasm for MSU.
- To encourage qualified students to attend MSU.
- To support career development opportunities for MSU graduates.
- To support legislation for the growth and improvement of higher education in Montana and at MSU.
- To support services for students as they make the transition from home to MSU.

### PHONATHON – Goal \$65,000

This phonathon is the primary fundraiser for the PFA. All donations are used to support the above listed purposes, as well as to support the success of our students. The Board distributes the monies based on current priorities and goals. Over the past several years, student scholarships and support of student organizations have been the primary targets.

### WHAT DOES THE PFA DO FOR YOU?

In 2007, the PFA created the *Parent and Family Web destination*, [www.montana.edu/parents](http://www.montana.edu/parents) as a way to assist parents in finding the information they need, when it's needed. The site brings together resources from all over campus into one easy place. The PFA is also proud to announce the inaugural issue of the *Parent and Family Newsletter*. Beginning February 2008, this comprehensive monthly document will contain important deadlines, campus activities, feature stories, program information and more. It will combine resources already available around campus into one document, delivered directly to you, so that you have access to information in a timely manner. To subscribe, visit [www.montana.edu/parents](http://www.montana.edu/parents) and input your email address, or call the office 406.994.4571. PFA Board members and donors who contribute over \$100.00 will have the option of receiving the monthly newsletter hardcopy through the postal service.

In addition, the PFA hosts the annual *Parent/Family Weekend*. This is a terrific time to reconnect with your student, meet people around campus and explore the campus and community. Please plan to attend the next event, October 17-19, 2008. Information will be available online beginning in June at [www.montana.edu/pfa](http://www.montana.edu/pfa).

**CONTACT:** the PFA hub on campus is located in the Office of Communications and Public Affairs. Staff is available anytime you have a question, concern, idea or just need someone to hear you and help you find a solution or resource. Please contact Jodie DeLay, PFA Campus Coordinator, with any questions, comments, ideas or concerns – or to volunteer to serve on the Board. Parents like you are responsible for recent improved communications and are key to continuing to develop and enhance the connection between MSU and families of our students. Please consider getting involved.

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[jdelay@montana.edu](mailto:jdelay@montana.edu) . Families are ALWAYS welcome.

# THANK YOU for contributing to the success of our students. Your donation makes a difference!

- ❖ *My family consists of seven kids, in which I am the third oldest. My goal is to graduate with my teaching major and start teaching without spending more than five years in college. Thank you for this scholarship. It will help me enormously and will ease some of the stress that comes with financing college. ~ Zach*
- ❖ *I would like to thank each and every one of you for your wonderful gift and dedication to helping students just like me succeed. It is a wonderful thing which all of you do and I am extremely honored to be receiving your scholarship. ~ Ashley*
- ❖ *I will be one of the only people in my family to complete a four year college degree, which is something very important to my parents. My parents have always wanted me to go to college, but haven't always had the money to support me. At the same time, they have given me all the support they can in many other ways. This is one of the many reasons why my parents and I appreciate this scholarship so much. ~ Jeffrey*
- ❖ *On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Museum of the Rockies, Inc., I want to thank you for your contribution in support of Jack Horner and his paleontology student fund. Your gift will be helping to sustain Jack Horner's research and ensuring the education of the next generation of bright young scientists. ~ Dean Shelley McKamey*
- ❖ *I am writing to express my sincere thanks for being named a recipient of the Parent/Family Association Scholarship. I am a fifth-year student in Computer Engineering and Physics (double major) and, as such, it is difficult for me to continue to receive scholarships. Therefore, please accept my deep appreciation for this generous scholarship. I hope that one day I can pay forward your generosity to another student in my situation, perhaps even through your generous fund. ~ Pat*
- ❖ *As you know, a third of all incoming first-year students choose University Studies as a portal of entry to MSU, and explore a variety of intellectual interests before declaring a major. These students do not have access to departmental scholarship funds, so this donation is very much appreciated. ~ Dr. Greg Young, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education*
- ❖ *Thank you for your generous donation to the MSU Leadership Institute this academic year. Your grant was used to help bring Paul Rusesabagina, who is the real-life hero of Hotel Rwanda, to campus to speak about his experience in Rwanda during the genocide. He spoke to over 1400 students, faculty, staff and community members in the SUB Ballrooms, and inspired us all with his courage. ~ Carmen McSpadden, Director of the MSU Leadership Institute*
- ❖ *Thank you for taking such good care of our students. This weekend helped reinforce to us how much all the faculty and staff are committed to helping our son have a great career at MSU. We leave here knowing that we made the right choice and that he is in great hands! Thank you so much! ~ parent following Parent/Family Weekend*