

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 33rd 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 Gosswiller
 Abigail Flanagan, art, Farmington, Maine, Melissa Ragain
 Kelly Olinger, environmental design, North Oaks, Minn., Zuzanna Karczewska

Jake Jabs College of Business and Entrepreneurship

Zakir Afridi, business accounting, Bara, Khyber Pakistan, Christie Johnson
 Caroline Benson, business marketing, Seoul, South Korea, Mike Gold
 Erica Dunn, business, Sandpoint, Idaho, Maggie Hammett
 Sydnee Tobiason, business accounting, Missoula, Steven Ault

College of Education, Health and Human Development

Benjamin Butts, technology education, Kalispell, Lidia Haughey
 Jacy Hathaway, elementary education, Big Timber, Lori Brockway
 Katelyn Shea, food and nutrition, Libby, Melody Anacker
 Kendra Smith, elementary education, Lewistown, Ann Ellsworth
 Caitlin Spencer, sustainable food and bioenergy systems, Willow Creek, Selena Ahmed

College of Engineering

Michael Bent, mechanical engineering technology, Gardiner, Keith Fisher
 Yasmin Chaudhry, civil engineering, Missoula, Ilse-Mari Lee
 Nathan Fritz, mechanical engineering, Billings, David Miller
 Varsha Rao, chemical engineering and biological engineering, Hamilton, Joseph Seymour
 Jacob Roske, civil engineering, Missoula, Renee Hecox
 Griffin Ruehl, chemical engineering, Sherwood, Ore., Ilse-Mari Lee
 Kendra Schaff, industrial engineering, Billings, William Schell
 Logan Warberg, computer science and political science, Kalispell, Hunter Lloyd
 Monica Whitaker, computer engineering, Littleton, Colo., Brock LaMeres

Honors College

Anne Liotta, microbiology, Anchorage, Alaska, Anna Greenberg
 Amber Stenson, finance and economics, Conrad, Ilse-Mari Lee


College of Letters and Science


Joshua Carter, microbiology and immunology, Watertown, S.D., Blake Wiedenheft
 Carol Clonan, 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 Urdahl
 Erin Lucas, biotechnology and organismal biology, Detroit, Jodi Hedges
 Cody Minor, chemistry, microbiology and mathematics, Beatrice, 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 Nordby


College of Nursing


Mary Christiaens, nursing, Great Falls, Lauri Jackson
 Jessie Hardin, nursing, Great Falls, Michele Sare
 Kayla Lemire, nursing, Missoula, Teresa Henry


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