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Greetings from the University of Montana Economics Department! As a UM Econ alum, you know that economists are generally dour and pragmatic. But on this occasion, we can’t contain our excitement: we’re turning 100! And we want you to celebrate with us.

To commemorate the occasion, we are hosting a series of Centennial events over Homecoming Weekend (October 13 - 15). In addition, we are very excited to bring 2015 Nobel Laureate Sir Angus Deaton to campus as a Presidential Lecturer on September 7. Updates about our Centennial Celebration will be available online: http://hs.umt.edu/econ/100/.

In light of these events, we hope to reconnect with our alumni and highlight their many accomplishments. Also, we are kicking off a fundraising drive for student-faculty research. This fund will be used to promote opportunities for students to work on research projects with faculty.

Here is what we are asking of you:

- Please plan to visit for Angus Deaton’s Presidential Lecture on Thursday, September 7. He will present an afternoon lecture on global poverty and an evening talk on rising mortality in the US. I can promise you those won’t be as dismal as they sound.

- Visit us over Homecoming weekend! We will have a variety of events, including a tailgate at the Homecoming football game. For those of you with fond memories of fall semester hallway bowling, we will host an actual bowling event at Westside Lanes on Friday, October 13. We’ll keep you posted on some other events we’re working on.

- Send us an update on your life after graduation and your contact information, so that we can keep you updated on Departmental happenings and include you in the Centennial Edition of the famous Economics Department Newsletter. Please email those updates to stacia.graham@mso.umt.edu.

- Please consider contributing to our student-faculty research fund. We are very proud of the growth in student-faculty collaboration. Students who take advantage of these opportunities universally cite the experience as a highlight of their learning at UM. From the faculty perspective, it is the best way we have to identify our strongest and most creative students. Visit our website to help out (http://hs.umt.edu/econ/)

We hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

Jeff Bookwalter