

## RMC GEOLOGY STUDENTS SELECTED FOR MONTANA SPACE GRANT CONSORTIUM AWARDS

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BILLINGS - Two Rocky Mountain College geology students, Brad Gwaltney, of Wood River, Ill., and Anne Ayre, of Shepherd, Mont., have been selected for the Montana Space Grant Consortium (MSGC) Awards for Research in Engineering and Science (ARES) for the Fall semester of the 2011-2012 academic year.

This honor reflects their past achievements as well as their present and future commitment to NASA's mission. Each award consists of a stipend of \$750.

Gwaltney is working with Dr. Tom Kalakay on a field-based project to determine the geometry and movement history of a large fault zone near Gardiner, Montana.

"So far, Brad's work has involved a lot of field mapping," said Kalakay. "Brad plans to travel to the University of Houston for further lab work to determine the age of the fault. It's a lot of work, but we're hoping it pays off by helping him get into a top notch graduate program."

Ayre is supervised by Dr. Derek Sjostrom, RMC Assistant Professor of Geology. Her MSGC funding will support her ongoing work on the depositional setting of dinosaur eggs found in China.

"The results from Annie's research will be a critical addition to the overall goal of the project to better understand the preservation of dinosaur eggs," said Sjostrom. "She is doing a fantastic job and is very deserving of this award."

These awards require a presentation of their research. Both are presenting at nationally held professional meetings and the MSGC Student Research Symposium held in Bozeman on Friday April 2, 2012.

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