

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Montana State University and  
University of Hawaii  
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Intern Exchange

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The Big Sky Country & The Aloha State  
Dietetic Internship Exchange  
Experiences

ANN DITZLER, DIRECTOR UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII  
SUPERVISED PRACTICE PROGRAM  
COLEEN KAISER, DIRECTOR MONTANA DIETETIC INTERNSHIP



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Why Montana & Hawai'i?

**MONTANA**

Montana Native American Communities  
Montana's Food System, Rural Landscape,  
Health Care  
Dietetic Professional's Role  
3 week rotation

**HAWAII**

Hawaii's South Pacific, Asian and Filipino  
Communities  
Hawaii's Food Systems, City Landscape  
and Health Care  
3 week rotation

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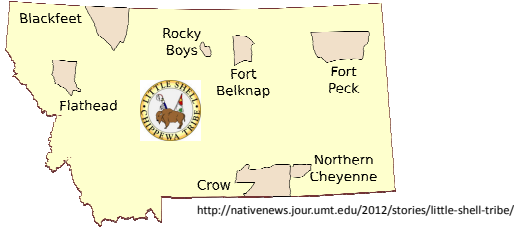
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### Montana Native American Reservations



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### Intern Exchange in Western Montana



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Rebecca Shern-Wade, MS, RD, LN  
Director Health, Nutrition & Sustainability  
for University of Montana Dining Services

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Ronan, MT Flathead Reservation



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Indian Health Service Preceptor:  
Brenda Bodnar, RD, CDE, LN

St. Ignatius, MT  
Mission Mountain Range



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Preceptor: Jennifer Montague, MS, RDN, LN  
Kalispell School District Food Service Director  
Christina's First Preceptor

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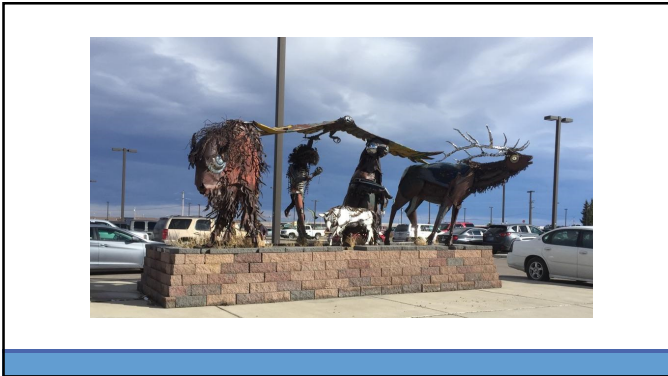
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**Blackfeet Community Hospital**  
"Oki Si Ksi Kai Ko Wa Na"  
Preceptors: Kirsten Krane, Public Health Nutritionist  
Destiny Anderson, RD, LN, CLC, Public Health Nutritionist



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Hawai'i Exchange Experience



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**Kokua Kalihi Valley (KKV) Health Center**



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### KKV Health Center Services



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### Ho'oulu 'Aina The Kalihi Valley Nature Preserve

#### Ho'oulu 'Aina Philosophy

- Children, families, and elders of all cultures join to restore this land to health and in return are healed. Working together brings us closer to each other, the land, our cultures, and health.



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### Ho'oulu 'Aina



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### Roots Café

KKV Garden Produce is served in Roots Café



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### Kalihi Palama Health Center

Groundbreaking for New Health Center



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### Kalihi Palama Health Center



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### Exchange Development Process

- ✓ Visited potential intern sites within the two programs & met with preceptors
- ✓ Coordinated rotations with preceptors willing to take extra interns
- ✓ Developed intern selection process
  - Host program reviewed applications and selected interns for the experience

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### Intern Accountability and Documentation

- 3 weeks of self-reflective journaling
- ACEND Competency completion
- Preceptor evaluations
- Exchange intern feedback to programs and preceptors
- Exchange experience presentation to fellow interns, preceptors, and faculty during the final week of the internship.

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### Mahalo Nui Loa



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