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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **BRAIN AWARENESS WEEK MARCH 14-20**

#### **MISSOULA –**

There are more connections in the brain than stars in the universe, and Brain Awareness Week and University of Montana volunteers are offering local junior high students a better understanding of how their minds work.

Brain Awareness Week is Monday, March 14, through Sunday, March 20. The week was implemented to spark interest and raise public awareness of brain research under way within local communities. UM is recognizing Brain Awareness Week by sending four teams of graduate and undergraduate students to junior high science and health classes to teach students more about research and the brain. The teams are from UM's National Institutes of Health Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience.

UM researchers received a grant from NIH, a Congress-funded program, to investigate brain damage that leads to disability and mental illness. Answers would help scientists develop more effective treatments.

To learn more about Brain Awareness Week visit <http://www.sfn.org>. To learn more about the University of Montana's Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience visit <http://www.umt.edu/csfn>.

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