

Montana Forever

The whole is greater
than the sum of its parts.

Aristotle

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“...the art of
life lies in living
harmoniously
together”

(Max Husmann)



The founder of Montana, Max Husmann, was ambitious. He believed in the power of education to make a positive impact on society. He would create a forward-looking school where young people learnt to think clearly. They would grow to appreciate the mix of cultures that is our global community. The world could be a more peaceful place.



So the Spirit of Montana came into life. Since 1926, it has been sustained by the joy of learning, the celebration of tolerance and integrity, and the warmth of lasting friendships that reach out across the globe.

As the school's current caretakers, it is our responsibility to ensure that Husmann's aspiration lives on. It is a forever value that is as relevant today as in 1926. The actions we take now shape the school's life in the present and will determine its role as a contributor to the education of future generations.

You who grew up breathing the Spirit of Montana with the clean air of the Zugerberg, learning to grow into clear thinking global citizens, and who look back on your school years with a smile, are the forever ambassadors for Montana and its crucial supporters.

Your future, our future.

Our core values are forever but the world is changing rapidly and schools are part of that change. Like our students growing up on the Zugerberg, Montana is developing and looking to the future.

The educational ethos and practice embraced by Montana since its earliest days have been progressive in the best possible sense of the word. Sound principles based on the science and the philosophy of learning were built into the structure of the school from its beginnings. The very special environment created on the Zugerberg would become a home from home for its future students and their inspiration.



One of those students was you.

Today, we understand just how well-grounded Montana's foundations were. The three pillars that our school was built upon – treating human beings as Individuals, embracing Integration, celebrating International harmony – are enduring principles that structure our future.

Vision 2026

In 2026, Institut Montana will be 100 years old, a milestone to celebrate. It is also a catalyst to plan for the next stage on our journey. Education, always in a state of flux as society changes, faces big challenges.

The world for which we are educating today's young people will look very different by the time they graduate.

We can not predict where technology will take employment prospects, but we can prepare students for a changing world.

They will be clear thinkers, problem solvers and able to apply their thinking skills across a wide range of applications. They will celebrate artistic endeavour. They will have a sound grounding in scientific method and use of technology. They will understand and appreciate cultural complexity. They will be equipped with a moral compass to act as a guide through the ethical questions of tomorrow. They will be generous of spirit.

This is the vision. There are practical steps that need to be put into place on the journey towards its achievement.



Giving – Why?

Looking to the future we have an abundance of initiatives that fit within the guiding framework of our Vision 2026. We are asking you to help lay the paving stones for the road that will lead to 2026 and beyond by contributing to our development fund.

We have a wonderful site on the Zugerberg and an on-going mission to maintain the beautiful buildings that are our home. Our fee structure covers regular operating and upkeep expenses but our aspirations and our ambitions are bolder.

We are looking at exciting developments that will integrate the opportunities our infrastructure provides with our vision for dynamic educational provision for the 21st century and to consolidate our cohesive community.



Already, as Alumni of Montana, you are supporting our school. Simply by being who you are, forever members of the Montana community and ambassadors for a Montana education. And yet your financial contribution in addition to this enduring support is a highly valued resource.

It will make a difference to the timetable for the achievement of our goals, as well as to the options available in terms of how we reach them. It is your stake in the forever community that is Montana, and a symbol of your membership of such an extraordinary school.

It will help us all keep the Spirit of Montana burning brightly.



Plans, Projects, Passion

Giving is a personal thing. Accordingly, we have defined our projects carefully with a series of specific goals that donations will be put towards. There are little steps that can be accomplished with the smallest of gifts and larger initiatives that an injection of substantial funding would push towards a rapid completion.

We have two principle projects for which planning is underway and each of these can be broken down into discrete units the accomplishment of which paves the way for the next stage.

Our Chalet has a fascinating history and it has contributed to the life of the school as a boarding house of which many of you, no doubt, have happy memories.

The Swiss Chalet

As a 21st Century school, Montana takes the vitality of its student community very seriously. We understand the benefits of collaboration and the exhilaration of good minds coming together to share their learning. Our senior students have a voice that their Montana education teaches them to use wisely and well.

The Chalet will be the hub, a place of intellectual and social coming together, inspiring and fun.



Campus Enhancement

With the Grosses Haus, a gracious building in a privileged position overlooking Lake Zug, Institut Montana has an architectural gem. The years have weathered this jewel, so we have developed plans that go beyond simply maintenance. We want to make the Grosses Haus shine again.

The space in front of its façade offers enormous potential. It is a vast area that should be attractive, provide a focus to congregate and pass time in the healthy air, and it should announce a welcome to the wonders of life on the Zugerberg. This is a long-term project, that will be accomplished in a series of steps.

More detailed information about each of these initiatives can be found in their respective brochures.

Other ways to give

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”
(Winston Churchill)

Montana Forever will be boosted by the projects outlined in this brochure, but they are not the only way to support our mission. Our community is made up of volunteers and it is thanks to the many Alumni who have decided to contribute to demonstrate a sense of recognition and attachment towards something that has been a crucial part of their lives. There are many ways of supporting our mission, and they can be summed up in three simple words:

Time

Time is one of the most valuable commodities that you can offer.

Our projects are given life by the volunteers who donate time and energy to the Montana community. They spread the Spirit of Montana around the world, expanding the network and organizing events.

Knowledge

Sharing knowledge is a fundamental act of friendship.

Your knowledge –You have a wealth of talents, expertise and positive human attributes.

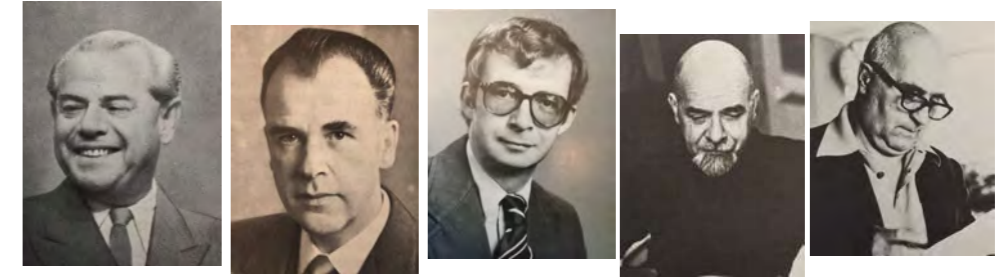
We can put into practice through mentoring, coaching and sharing experiences.

Opportunities

Opportunities are all kind of gifts that can come in the form of referrals, partnerships and schemes that will help Montana’s development.

We can create opportunities by matching your passions with our challenges. we are deeply motivated to be able to enable access to potential students whose financial background might deny them the experience of our school.

Some of the people who made a difference



with their passion and dedication



“It is all very well to have education for international understanding in mind as a beautiful ideal and to think of a way to realise it, but it is of more importance to have done it for a long time as a daily task.”

(From an essay by the Montana Board of Governors in the 1950s)

Our school was founded on a belief that education can help make the world a better place. Our daily task is to make that happen.

With your help, we can.

You, our alumni, are always welcome to the Zugerberg, your forever home away from home.



Each of us can
make a difference.
Together, we can make
Montana Forever.

