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SETH BODNAR JOINS MAUREEN AND MIKE MANSFIELD FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(Washington, D.C.) Following the spring meeting of its Board of Directors, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation announced that Seth Bodnar, President of the University of Montana (UM), is continuing the tradition of UM presidents serving on the Foundation's Board. This tradition recognizes the Mansfield Foundation's long history of cooperation with the University of Montana and the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at UM. UM presidents have served on the Board since the Foundation's establishment in 1983.

"The Mansfield Foundation's Board of Directors is very pleased to welcome President Bodnar," said Board Chairperson Desaix Anderson. "It has been a privilege to have the president of the University of Montana on our Board since our inception. While we value this tradition, we also recognize that President Bodnar brings an exceptional record of public service, academic achievement, and visionary leadership to the Board. We are looking forward to working with him and to maintaining our historic ties and close cooperation with the University of Montana and its Mansfield Center."

Mr. Bodnar is the University of Montana's 19th President. He assumed this position on January 2, 2018. He previously was a senior executive at the General Electric Company, where he was responsible for long-term strategy and business transformation at GE Transportation. President Bodnar's academic achievements include graduating first in his class from West Point, receiving both the Rhodes and Truman scholarships, and earning two master's degrees from the University of Oxford. He served as an assistant professor in the Department of Social Sciences at West Point. He also had a distinguished military career, serving in the 101st Airborne Division and the U.S. Army's First Special Forces Group. As a member of the Army's Green Berets, he commanded a Special Forces detachment on multiple deployments around the world and later served as a special assistant to the Commanding General in Iraq.

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation is a 501(c) 3 organization that promotes understanding and cooperation in U.S.-Asia relations. Maureen and Mike Mansfield's values, ideals and vision for U.S.-Asia relations continue through the Foundation's exchanges, dialogues, research and educational programs, which create networks among U.S. and Asian leaders, explore the underlying issues influencing public policies, and increase awareness about the nations and peoples of Asia. The Foundation has offices in Washington, D.C.; Tokyo, Japan; and Missoula, Montana.