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**La Dolce Vita – “the sweet life” – awaits a fortunate few near Florence, Italy, in the golden light of October**

BILLINGS, Feb. 21, 2014 – Fourteen fortunate people will experience rural Italy’s masterpieces of art and culture this October, including the families of Bob Wilmouth, RMC president, and Mark Moak, professor of art. If you act quickly, you can join the group.

The week of beautiful scenery and romantic cities includes private guided tours of Rome and Umbria. Marvel at the Rome "that once was" and the beauty of Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel in the Vatican.

In Umbria, the "green heart" of Italy, the group stays at Villa Pieve, a restored country villa from the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Day excursions will visit Assisi, Siena, Orvieto, Perugia, and Deruta. In the evening, dine on typical Umbrian fare, with regional wines, served in the taverna (dining room) of Villa Pieve.

The tour includes lodging at the Hotel Navona in Rome, home-cooking in Umbria, a few restaurant meals, and admissions to sites on the itinerary. Air travel to Rome is not included.

The tour cost is \$2,600, with a deposit of \$750 due by March 1, 2014. A final deadline is mid-March. For more information contact Moak at 406.657.1094 or [moakm@rocky.edu](mailto:moakm@rocky.edu).

The group will be accompanied by Moak, longtime professor of art and art history at RMC, and Professor Richard Helzer, formerly of Montana State University, who have organized the RMC student semester in Italy program for the past four years. A luscious description of the week-long trip for RMC alumni and friends awaits at: [www.rocky.edu/academics/academic-programs/undergraduate-majors/art/DolceVita.php](http://www.rocky.edu/academics/academic-programs/undergraduate-majors/art/DolceVita.php).

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