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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for the March 4 - 5 Board of Regents' Meeting

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- James P. Lucas was recognized for his many contributions to Miles Community College on January 25, 2010 when the MCC Board of Trustees voted to approve the naming of the Administration Building the James P. Lucas Hall. James P. Lucas was the founder and original member of the Miles Community College Endowment Board, which was created in 1964. He was a long standing member of the MCC Board of Trustees. Mr. Lucas, most recently, was the recipient of the 2008 Western Regional Trustee Leadership award from the Association of Community College Trustees.
- The Miles City Area Chamber of Commerce selected MCC Humanities Instructor Robin Gerber as the Individual of the Year for 2009. Robin spent countless hours researching the history of Miles City, and an equal amount of time teaching it to anyone who expressed an interest in learning. Robin wrote and directed plays for MCC and the Barn Players and participated in the many "Ghost Tours" held during the summer months in Miles City.
- Miles Community College mourned the sudden loss of Robin Gerber just days before the start of Spring semester. Robin passed away on Friday, January 8, 2010 at her home in Miles City from a heart condition. Funeral services were held on the MCC campus. Remembrances were given by MCC President Stefani Hicswa and MCC instructor Shelly Freese. Students and staff held a candlelight vigil in the courtyard outside of Robin's office. A memorial fund has been set up with the MCC Endowment.

- The Miles Community College Nursing program has reported the NCLEX pass rates for the class graduating in 2009. The test rate signifies those students who pass the test on the first try. The pass rate for this year was 85.7%. Miles Community College normally has one of the higher pass rates of any college nursing program in Montana.
- Longtime Electronics Instructor Martin Lemelin passed away January 18, 2010. Martin taught at MCC from 1970 until his retirement in 1994. His students and education were his passion for many years. He was laid to rest in the Eastern Montana State Veteran's Cemetery in Miles City with full military honors.
- Miles Community College and Dawson Community College began the transition to Banner in January 2010. Discovery sessions for Business Office, Student Services, and Financial Aid are being held on the University of Montana campus throughout the month of February. Banner implementation is expected to last until August when both campuses are expected to go live.
- Melinda Lynnes received the Fall 2009 Blue and Silver Award. The Blue and Silver Award is given to one MCC employee each semester and is nominated by Faculty and Staff. The award comes with a parking space and \$25 check. Congratulations Melinda!
- Miles Community College is currently accepting nominations for this year's Hall of Fame inductee. Alumni of Miles Community College who have gone on to represent MCC and themselves in a positive manner are eligible. Nominations are being accepted until April. The induction ceremony will take place at Commencement in May.