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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Dr. Stacy Klippenstein
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RE: Campus Report for the November 17-18 Board of Regents Meeting

- For the third year in a row, Miles Community College's 15-day census report has shown positive enrollment growth with this fall being the most significant at 11.5%. This enrollment growth is a product of strong annual strategic enrollment planning, retention initiatives, better access to data, targeted marketing efforts, and strong academic programs taught by talented faculty. Significant growth was seen in the Ag and Equine Programs. Other programs such as Business, Heavy Equipment, and combined healthcare programs saw positive growth. An increased amount of high school students are also taking college credit this fall from MCC.
- Since the ground-breaking ceremony on August 4, the Miles Community College Ag Advancement Center remains on target for a Spring 2017 opening. The picture to the right shows the front of the building, which houses the foyer area. The Ag Advancement Center will be a 36,000 square foot educational facility that will include three classrooms, a large indoor arena for equine training and various rodeo events, seating for 500 people, faculty offices, an apartment for an on-site manager, a foyer area featuring the Bucking Horse Sale Wall of Fame, and concessions.
- The men's and women's basketball teams as well as the baseball team will be trick-or-treating for canned goods on Tuesday, October 25. Their goal is to collect 500 units of food that will be donated to the Custer County Food Bank. The athletes have also volunteered their time this fall to Little Guy Football, the local Crop Walk, refereeing 5th and 6th grade basketball games, and many other community happenings.
- Three students majoring in ag-related fields attended the National Cattleman's Association Meeting held in Billings in September. This was a wonderful experience and learning opportunity for these students as they were able to listen to seminars conducted by livestock experts from across the globe. The students had the opportunity to get inspired by those currently working in agriculture.
- Ellen Baumler, award-winning historian and author, spoke at Miles Community College's Speaker Series, sponsored by MCC's Judson H. Flower Jr. Library, on October 19. She talked about her newest book, "Ghosts of the Last Best Place". This is her fifth book of Montana ghost stories.



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