Goal 1: Access & Affordability

System Initiatives:

- Two-Year College Initiative: increase access and participation at two-year institutions by improving online access, growing dual enrollment opportunities, customizing programs for nontraditional students, and promoting two-year education as a low-cost, viable entry point to high-demand occupations and/or to four-year degrees.

- Access to Success (A2S): collaborative effort among states aimed at increasing the participation and success of low income students and students from ethnic/racial groups.

- GEAR-UP (Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs): a six-year federal grant awarded to Montana in 2005. This initiative encourages and supports students to set high academic expectations, stay in school, study hard and take appropriate courses to prepare them for college-level studies.

- Faculty & Staff Recruitment and Retention Efforts: the MUS will continue to involve faculty and staff in comparative analysis and development of recommendations for improving recruitment and retention.

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