



DATE: 12.12.2014
TO: Board of Regents
FROM: Dr. Stacy Klippenstein
President, Miles Community College
RE: Campus Report for the January 6 Board of Regents Meeting

- Miles Community College and the MCC Endowment Board are pleased to announce the generous gift of \$100,000 from the Bucking Horse Sale (BHS) Board of Governors for the new MCC Ag Advancement Center. The BHS Board of Governors, during their October 1 board meeting, voted to pledge \$25,000/year for four years. With this gift, MCC will make space available in the new Ag Advancement Center for a Bucking Horse Sale Hall of Fame Wall.
- The MCC Veterans Lounge opened on Monday, November 10th at 3pm, with a ceremony and reception. The Veterans Lounge is featured in Lucas Hall on the campus of MCC in Room 117 which was previously used for office space. It now features a table and chairs, a sofa, three computer work stations with printer access, study-rooms, and a bookshelf.
- Russell Rowland will be Miles Community College's Commencement speaker during its 75th Annual Commencement Ceremony on May 9, 2015. Russell Rowland has a Master of Arts in Creative Writing from Boston University. He has published three novels. IN OPEN SPACES received a starred review from Publisher's Weekly and made the San Francisco Chronicle's bestseller list. The sequel, THE WATERSHED YEARS, was a finalist for the High Plains Book Award for fiction. His third novel, HIGH AND INSIDE, was released in June 2013. He also co-edited an anthology of essays by writers from the West, WEST OF 98: LIVING AND WRITING THE NEW AMERICAN WEST.
- The MCC Library implemented a Speakers Series this fall semester which will continue into spring semester. Ralph Saunders spoke in October discussing how he found the Canoe Camp from William Clark's party in 1806 on the Yellowstone. In November, Tom Rust from MSU-Billings talked about the archaeological excavations of that site. In January, Shirley Johnson is presenting "the life and loves of a nuclear weapons specialist". She is a Nobel Laureate who still travels around the world inspecting nuclear weapons or potential weapons.
- Miles Community College President Stacy Klippenstein and President Michael Simon from Dawson Community College met with school officials and the Chamber of Commerce director in Sidney to continue dialogue on building new continuing education, dual enrollment, and academic program partnerships.
- MCC's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society sponsored a food drive that ran from November 17 – December 10. Donations from faculty, staff, and students as well as \$230 worth of groceries purchased by Phi Theta Kappa resulted in 420 pounds of food being donated to the Custer County Food Bank. In addition to this, Phi Theta Kappa donated \$155 worth of toys to the local Toys for Tots Program.

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