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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for the January 12, 2017 Board of Regents' Conference Call

- The FVCC Foundation held its 23rd annual **Scholarship Award Luncheon** in October to honor scholarship donors and student scholarship recipients. A total of **907 FVCC Foundation and community based scholarships** totaling **\$897,000** were distributed to FVCC students for the 2016-17 academic year. Student speakers Luke Comstock, Jacqueline Elm, Larissa Fischer and Patrick Kling shared their gratitude and personal stories about the impact scholarships have made on their lives.
- In celebration of the **50th anniversary of FVCC**, the college will release a commemorative publication in January featuring a timeline of significant events, historic photographs and personal testimonials from alumni, faculty, staff and community members.
- The FVCC Foundation awarded more than \$33,000 in **Enhancement Grants** to support innovative instructional strategies and technologies that shift the student learning experience, student travel to present research at conferences and one-time events that engage K-12 schools and the larger community with FVCC's academic programs.
- In support of the Laptops for Success program, FVCC received a \$10,000 grant from the **Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund** to purchase laptop computers for use by TRIO students. Students can borrow the laptops on a semester-by-semester basis.
- Eight graduates of the **Registered Nursing** program were honored in a traditional pinning ceremony on December 15.
- Nineteen graduates of **The Culinary Institute of Montana at FVCC** were honored at a graduation ceremony on December 13.

- FVCC's Agriculture Program hosted the 14th Annual **Montana Organic Association Conference** and member meeting on the Kalispell campus. The theme of this year's conference was "The Heartbeat of Organics: Stimulating the Pulse of Our Producers, Consumers and Policymakers" and included presentations by a variety of organic agriculture experts, including farmers, researchers, policy analysts and business specialists.
- FVCC student **Kiera Lake** received the **Montana Athletes in Service Award** from Gov. Bullock and the Montana Campus Compact Board. Kiera is a member of FVCC's logger sports team and gives generously of her time to several local nonprofit organizations.
- The Corporation for National and Community Service recently named FVCC to the **President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll** for the college's support of volunteering, service learning and civic engagement.
- Nearly 30 FVCC students presented their research projects during the college's fall **Conference on Student Research**. The event provided students the opportunity to present their research, portfolios and projects to faculty, staff, students and community members.
- FVCC's Theatre Arts department produced "**A Christmas Carol**" in December. The show ran for six nights and was well attended by the community.
- FVCC's Fine Arts department held a **student show and holiday art sale** in December.
- FVCC's Music department produced several **free community concerts** this fall, featuring the vocal and instrumental talents of students and faculty members.
- FVCC's **Service Learning program** hosted a **holiday cookie decorating event** for local non-profit agencies. Members of the community were invited to help decorate the cookies. Service Learning students also collected **holiday gifts** for children represented by Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Kids.
- FVCC's **Phi Theta Kappa** chapter organized a **coat drive** to collect winter garments for community members in need.
- The FVCC **Veterans Association** hosted a **Halloween Trunk or Treat** for the community. The free, family-friendly event featured decorated vehicle trunks filled with treats for guests to enjoy.