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**To:** Board of Regents

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- Helena College's first graduating LPN class who followed the new 3-semester curriculum earned a 100% pass rate for NCLEX, and the first class for the new 5-semester ASRN program graduated December.
- Congratulations to the Helena College Diesel Technology program for being recognized by the national Get Ahead program. Helena College's program ranked #12 in the nation!
- Boeing Helena has committed to providing four students with a paid internship opportunity over the next year. What a fabulous opportunity for our students and a great show of support from our community partner!
- Helena College recently held Transportation Tuesday and Fabrication Friday at the Airport Campus. These events are great ways to get high school students interested in trades programs at Helena College.
- Continuing Education has expanded to Community Engagement & Workforce Development to evaluate on-going and emerging community needs and to develop and implement a comprehensive community engagement and workforce development action plan, which includes:
  - Successful expansion of the Small Business Development Center. The SBDC Director will be dividing his time between an office at the Donaldson Campus, an office at the Airport Campus, and a third office in the Great Northern Center in downtown Helena. In addition to working with the SBDC, he will be coordinating workforce development activities.
  - Strategic improvement and expansion of Helena College Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning programs through partnerships with business, industry, and greater Helena community.
  - Cultivation of new co-sponsorships and collaborations with all Helena College program and service areas.
- The Architecture & Engineering Division of the State of Montana has allocated funds to replace the roof on the Donaldson building. A&E has hired the architects to complete the design and planning phases over the winter with work commencing late in the spring.
- The UM Affiliates (Missoula, Western, Tech and Helena) have jointly purchased a Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS) called FAMIS. The new system is being implemented

during this fiscal year and is planned to be fully functioning by May 2019. This system will replace the current maintenance request system and offer a variety of enhancements.

- Helena College will be hosting a training on Meaningful Minutes for administrative support staff and committee and senate secretaries.
- Helena College's headcount enrollment is up 7% to 1,530, largely due to the Montana University System's One, Two, Free high school dual enrollment initiative. Fall to fall retention of new students remains steady at 55%; 231 Helena College certificates and degrees were awarded last year.
- The Helena College Diversity & Inclusion Committee has engaged the campus community in discussions regarding their proposal to create at least one gender inclusive restroom on the main floor of each of the college's campuses by the start of the spring 2019 semester. As referenced in the College's Vision Statement, Helena College aspires to be recognized as a diverse and accessible community of learners and as a learning institution that cultivates an environment of fellowship, inclusiveness, and respect.
- Helena College's IT department is preparing for the new Banner 9 that will be out very soon; WebEx and WebEx Teams to facilitate videoconferencing for all faculty, staff, and students; and Office 365 for faculty and staff to make it easier for students and instructors to collaborate and share information.