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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Aaron Clingingsmith
Interim President, Miles Community College

RE: Campus Report for the July 2019 Board of Regents Meeting

- Dr. Stacy Klippenstein resigned as President of MCC effective June 14, 2019. Aaron Clingingsmith has been hired as the Interim President of MCC beginning June 10th. Aaron comes to us most recently after serving as the Interim Executive Director of University Relations at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI). He previously served as Director of University Relations, Communications & Marketing at Montana State University Billings (MSUB). He holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the W.P. Carey School of Business Administration, Arizona State University. The Miles Community College Board of Trustees will be determining the opening date for the permanent President position. The Trustees will be scheduling listening sessions this summer/fall to gather feedback from key constituent groups such as students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors and community stakeholders regarding qualities valued for the next MCC President.
- Pauline Flotkoetter, MSN, has been hired as the Director of Nursing. Pauline has served as the Interim Director of Nursing for the past two years and we are excited that she will be joining the MCC team as the permanent Director.
- Miles Community College's 79th annual commencement ceremony was held Saturday, May 4, in the MCC Centra on the main campus in Miles City. 134 degrees were awarded from December 2018 and Spring 2019, and 60 graduates chose to walk in the commencement ceremony. Dr. Richard E. Littlebear, President of Chief Dull Knife College, provided the commencement address. There were two valedictorians and two salutatorians. The valedictorians were Jennifer Carman and Annabelle Durham. The salutatorians were Rebecca Stein and Christine Weder. There were also twenty-two honor graduates, who held at least a 3.75 GPA.
- Faculty and staff excellence awards were also given out during the May 4th commencement ceremony. The Staff Excellence and Innovation award is awarded annually to one staff member who has actively been engaged in helping MCC achieve annual goals, been innovative in their approach to create an environment that supports student life and community outreach, and/or created and implemented new strategies aimed at enhancing student success. The recipient of the 2018-2019 Staff Excellence and Innovation Award was Angela Mendoza. Angela works in the Business Office and has been employed at MCC for two years. Angela was recognized for going above and beyond her work in the Business Office and for playing a huge part in creating a course to assist MCC students with their financial literacy. The Excellence in Teaching Award is awarded annually to a full time faculty member who demonstrates excellence in their teaching methods, is innovative in their approach to student learning, and/or creates and implements new strategies aimed at enhancing student success and learning. The recipient of the 2018-2019 Excellence in Teaching Award was Kim Gibbs. Kim is an Agriculture instructor and has helped MCC to be seen as a top-notch program in Montana. Kim was recognized for always helping her students find opportunities to get involved with Agriculture and for assisting many students in reaching their goals along the way.
- Miles Community College named 96 students to the President's List for the spring 2019 semester. These students earned a 3.5 or higher GPA. 32 of these students earned a 4.0 GPA for the term.

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