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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Jane Karas, Ph.D.
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RE: Campus Report for the November 21-22, 2019 Board of Regents' Meeting

- FVCC's **Early Childhood Education Center** earned accreditation by the **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)** in October. NAEYC accreditation is a rigorous quality-improvement system that uses a set of 10 research-based standards to collaborate with early education programs to recognize and drive quality-improvement in early learning environments. Less than 10 percent of all child care centers, preschools and kindergartens in the nation have earned NAEYC accreditation.
- Kalispell Police Department Master Patrol Officer **Cory Clarke**, FVCC's campus resource officer, received the [Montana Association of Chiefs of Police Montana Officer of the Year Award](#) at a ceremony in Helena in October.
- FVCC adjunct faculty member **Fred Longhart** received the **2019 Dean Preble Memorial Award** from the **Montana Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM)** on October 18 at MCTM's annual meeting in Belgrade. Longhart was selected for the award based on his significant contributions to the teaching and learning of mathematics in the state of Montana.
- The **FVCC Foundation** participated in the Whitefish Community Foundation's **2019 Great Fish Community Challenge** and received \$56,755 to support the construction of a 1,000-seat Performance & Lecture Hall in the future FVCC College Center.
- The [FVCC Campus Farm](#) donated approximately 2,200 pounds of fresh, organic produce to the **Flathead Food Bank** this summer and fall. All of the produce was grown on the Campus Farm by FVCC agriculture students.
- The FVCC Foundation hosted the 13th Annual [Festival of Flavors](#) in October, a series of nine culinary events across the Flathead Valley that showcased the talents of local and regional chefs, as well as students from the Culinary Institute of Montana and the Brewing Academy of Montana. Proceeds from the Festival of Flavors benefit **student scholarships**.

- FVCC's **Theatre Department** produced Tennessee Williams' "**Cat on a Hot Tin Roof**" for the community this fall.
- The third annual **Mansfield Lecture** was held at FVCC on September 23 and featured University of Montana Professor of Political Science **Dr. Karen Ruth Adams** presenting "First Among Equals: The U.S., China and 21st Century Leadership."