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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Aaron Clingingsmith  
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RE: Campus Report for the January 2019 Board of Regents Meeting

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- Miles Community College received a \$12,000 contribution from the Miles Community College Foundation this fall semester. It is extremely important to recognize and thank the Foundation as their \$12,000 contribution released an additional \$12,000 from the 66<sup>th</sup> Montana Legislature that will be used to scholarship a minimum 24 students this academic year. The Foundation continues to work on fundraising for the Montana Access Scholarship for MCC students. Throughout the remainder of this academic year, the Foundation will be reviewing and discussing final fundraising elements for the Ag Advancement Center and opportunities to grow overall scholarship fundraising.
- Campus leadership attended the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities conference in Seattle, WA beginning November 20. The leadership group took part in the NWCCU Student Success Academy and was assigned a campus project to work on major and degree pathways. MCC will be working in concert with NWCCU over the next year, with completion of the project being shared across affiliated campuses. It is important to note that this project intersects with Montana's Complete College America efforts and will be shared within the MUS as well.
- A small cohort of Miles Community College faculty, staff and administration attended the Ruffalo Noel Levitz Strategic Enrollment Planning Forum December 2-5. This forum was incredibly helpful to MCC's strategic enrollment planning and vision. It provided new insight into data collection, structure, and communication which will be paramount to student success in the upcoming academic year.
- On Monday, December 9, Miles Community College announced the selection of Mr. Ron Slinger as the ninth MCC president. Mr. Slinger and his wife have two adult children and presently reside in the Denver metro-area where he serves as Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Strategic Partnerships, and Workforce solutions at Red Rocks Community College (RRCC), in Arvada and Lakewood, Colorado. Slinger oversees government relations, community relations, alumni relations, the RRCC foundation, grants development and strategic partnerships. RRCC is part of the Colorado Community College System and delivers associates and certificate degrees to a student body with an average annual headcount near 10,000. As Slinger assumes the MCC presidency, he will inherit a campus celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> year of excellence and having realized some impressive accomplishments since its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Over the past five-years MCC and eastern Montana have successfully completed the construction of the Ag Advancement Center, renovated the former armory into the Workforce Readiness Center, added intercollegiate sports in volleyball and softball, celebrated 50-years of nursing school achievement, while also strategically growing overall enrollment. Slinger will formally assume the office of the president on January 27, 2020. Interim President Clingingsmith will be assisting with Slinger's transition to Miles Community College and eastern Montana during the month of February.
- Miles Community College will be closed for the holiday season December 23 and 24. Campus will also be closed in observance of the New Year holiday December 31 and January 1. Happy holidays to all!

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