



DATE: February 3, 2020
TO: Board of Regents
FROM: Scott R. Mickelsen, President
RE: **Campus Report – March 2020 Board of Regents Meeting**

MISSION

Dawson Community College fosters a culture of excellence in education providing all students quality learning and opportunities for growth and partnership in local and global communities.

CORE THEMES

- *Excellence through Academics:* Provide curriculum and instruction through multiple learning pathways expanding opportunities in education adaptive to the needs of a changing student body.
- *Excellence through Student Engagement:* Provide a student-centered focus through student and academic support services, quality faculty and staff, residence life, clubs and organizations.
- *Excellence through Community:* Provide the greater community lifelong learning opportunities through open access to the College.
- *Excellence through Outreach:* Provide opportunities for workforce development, apprenticeships and internships, continuing education, personal enrichment and youth programming.
- *Excellence through Recruiting:* Provide opportunities to invite all learners to be a part of DCC, maintain sustained growth with not only more applicants, but also better-prepared students equipped with tools for success.
- *Excellence through Financial Practices:* Provide budget oversight and expanded opportunities in education for both transfer and career and technical education and workforce development, as well as personal enrichment for faculty, staff, students, and community.
- *Excellence through Property and Learning Facilities:* Provide for the management of all grounds and facilities to help provide the best learning environment possible.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Low student to faculty ratio
- Quality career and technical programs
- Highly qualified, dedicated faculty and staff
- Campus-wide WIFI and independent computer labs
- Active student government and student life programming
- Quality learning environment in a unique geographical region of the United States
- Seamless transferability for all core classes
- Career readiness educational programming
- Student-focused modern library facilities
- Competitive athletic programs
- Quality apartment-style housing

REPORT:

The Board of Trustees has approved a building use agreement with the Lewistown School District. This two-year agreement becomes effective July 1, 2020, and provides DCC use of classroom space at the



Central Montana Education Center in Lewistown. Credit and non-credit courses and workforce trainings will be offered to citizens in the Lewistown region.

The Winter Intersession at DCC was a great success and exceeded enrollment goals. Fifty-eight students, representing 22 states and 2 countries, enrolled for a total of 180 credits equating to 12 FTE. Four different online courses were offered during the intersession.

Three individuals and one team were inducted into the DCC Athletic Hall of Fame in January.

- Kaila Fowler-Clarke was the first dual sport All-American at DCC. She set many of the women's basketball records and also led her softball team to the College World Series.
- Gary Baumann was the first out-of-state athlete and was the first NJCAA All-American at Dawson in 1967. He scored 1120 points in his two-year career at Dawson, averaging 24.3 points per game. Baumann had over 30 points 15 times in his career at DCC. When he graduated, he held several records at Dawson.
- Dr. Lois Steele started the Women's Basketball program at DCC and served as instructor, Dean of Women, Director of Special Services, and as the Head Women's Basketball Coach. She coached the team from 1970-1973 and had an overall record of 37-6 including an undefeated season in 1971-1972 and an 18-2 record in her final year.
- The 2001 baseball team is the only baseball team in school history to reach the NJCAA Division III World Series. The 2001 baseball team finished 33-16, won the Conference Championship as well as the Region Championship and finished 7th place at the World Series. Led by Coach Brent Diegel, 18 student-athletes participated on the team that year.

Also in January, the Dawson Community College Rodeo Program was inducted into the Montana Pro Rodeo Hall and Wall of Fame at a banquet and ceremony in Billings. A number of current and former rodeo coaches and student-athletes were on hand to accept the award.

In the first NJCAA Division II national rankings of 2020, the Lady Bucs Softball program at Dawson Community College is ranked at #21. The softball team is coming off its best season in program history. They were ranked #18 at the end of the 2019 season and ended with a 46-5 record. This year's team returns 8 players with starting experience. The team is led by the 1-2 punch of sophomore pitchers Shelby Martin from Helena Capital High School and Alexa Kappel from Custer County High School in Miles City. Both Shelby and Alexa were selected as All-Conference and All-Region players last season. We look forward to another exciting season! Go Bucs!