DATE: February 5, 2020
TO: Board of Regents
FROM: Jane Karas, Ph.D.
President, Flathead Valley Community College
RE: Campus Report for the March 5-6, 2020 Board of Regents’ Meeting

- The 2019 President’s Report was published in January. The report highlights achievements of students, staff and faculty over the past year and recognizes the generous contributions of community members and local businesses to FVCC.

- The Student Engagement Office organized a “Week of Welcome” for students during the first full week of classes this semester. Activities were designed to introduce students to campus clubs and resources, as well as foster a greater sense of belonging among students.

- FVCC alumna and Oxford Astrophysicist Dr. Sarah Rugheimer has been selected as a TED Fellow, joining a class of 20 change-makers from around the world to deliver a talk on the TED stage this April in Vancouver. Rugheimer was selected for her work on modeling how to detect signs of life in an exoplanet atmosphere.

- In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the FVCC Student Engagement Office held a campus-wide food drive to support the Student Food Pantry.

- FVCC is part of a community-college cohort participating in Achieving the Dream, a national nonprofit organization that champions evidence and data-based institutional improvement with a focus on student success.

- Students from the Culinary Institute of Montana at FVCC opened their spring Chef’s Table dinner series on Jan. 31 in the instructional kitchen, allowing guests to experience exceptional fine dining while supporting the students as they complete their first-year internships. With a focus on American regional cuisine, the students are applying their knowledge of how geographical, cultural and economic variables combine with culinary techniques to develop America’s unique flavors.