

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.