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From: Les Cook  
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RE: Campus Report for the July 15, 2021 Board of Regents' Meeting

- Dr. Angela Lueking has been hired as the Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of the Graduate School. Angela currently serves as the Associate Dean of Research at Missouri University of Science and Technology. She previously served at the National Science Foundation, both in the role of Program Director for the Chemical and Biological Separations Program and as an Expert in the Chemical Process Systems Cluster. She was also on the faculty at Pennsylvania State University and held a joint appointment in Chemical Engineering and Energy and Mineral Engineering. Dr. Lueking has a PhD in Chemical Engineering and MSE's in both Chemical and Environmental Engineering from the University of Michigan and a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Nebraska. She will join the Montana Tech family mid-August.
- Becca Richtman won the 3,000-meter Steeplechase in Gulf Shores, Alabama to become Montana Tech's first ever national champion. This is Montana Tech's first year competing in Track and Field. In addition, Riley Chrissman finished in 10<sup>th</sup> place in the 5,000 meter event, just outside of earning All-American honors.
- Montana Tech students placed 8<sup>th</sup> in endurance and 9<sup>th</sup> overall at the [Baja SAE Validation Event](#) held in Tucson, AZ, from April 29 through May 2. Baja SAE is one of several Collegiate Design Series competitions organized by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) International. Baja SAE, the most rugged of all SAE competitions, requires students to design, build, and race a single-seat off-road vehicle in what is essentially a highly modified motocross course.
- Highlands College of Montana Tech received numerous best value rankings from the Course Advisor. Highlands College offers career-ready and transfer programs that help build the work force for our communities.
- The Geological Engineering senior design team of Sean Harris and Ian Needs placed second in the 2021 GeoChallenge Student Poster competition hosted by the Geoinstitute of the American Society of Civil Engineers. This is a national competition that is traditionally dominated by graduate students (the first and third place winners were PhD students who presented on their doctoral research).
- Montana Technological University's bachelor's degree in Business & Information Technology (BIT) has been ranked by the Bachelor's Degree Center in the 25 Best Bachelor's in Technology Management for 2021. Montana Tech's BIT degree was ranked in the number 14 spot in the national ranking.