DATE: February 10, 2021

TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Jane Karas, Ph.D.

President, Flathead Valley Community College

RE: Campus Report for the March 11-12, 2021 Board of Regents' Meeting

 The <u>2020 President's Report</u> was published in January. With a theme of "Rising Above," 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.

- FVCC's <u>Student Food Pantry</u> was recently featured in a Daily Inter Lake article regarding the lifeline the pantry has been to many students during the pandemic.
- Montana Campus Compact honored FVCC student Jacob Steinle with the Montana Athletes in Service Award. Steinle is a member of FVCC's logger sports team and has made community service part of his weekly routine.
- Montana Campus Compact awarded the 2021 George M. Dennison Civic Engagement Scholarship to FVCC student Angela Weiczorek for her service to veteran's organizations.
- FVCC's **Lincoln County Campus (LCC)** is offering three opportunities for Libbyarea students to participate in HiSET preparatory classes this semester. LCC is also offering multiple HiSET testing dates this spring.
- FVCC's Brewing Science program recently received approval to offer a new 29credit Brewery Technician CTS degree beginning this fall semester.
- Dr. Christina Relyea was selected to participate in NEWT (Network Exploring Wildlife Trade) a new undergraduate research network supported through the National Science Foundation RCN-UBE (Research Coordination Networks in Undergraduate Biology Education). This RCN intends to build the capacity of undergraduate faculty to engage students in authentic research experiences related to the increasingly relevant topic of wildlife trade.
- In collaboration with Kalispell Regional Medical Center and the Kalispell
 Chamber of Commerce, FVCC hosted a virtual career exploration event in
 January for high school students interested in learning more about health care
 and bioscience careers.

 FVCC welcomed Carla Genovese as the new Nursing Program Director in January. Genovese has worked as a nurse and nurse educator for more than 28 years, most recently at Kalispell Regional Healthcare.