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To: Board of Regents

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Subject: Campus Report for July 2022 Board of Regents Meeting

Community Education Center (CEC)

- We are conducting a diesel-electric customized training course for the Montana Department of Transportation. The Training is approximately two weeks long and assists with their training compliance schedule and educates shop employees from across the state.
- Writing its program for Certified Medical Assisting over the summer and implementing the new program in the fall.
- Hiring a new position to assist with workforce development and customized training who will also be an advisor for the Small Business Development Center which the department currently hosts.
- Participated in the Montana Trucker's Association yearly meeting to promote the CDL Training Course and Third Party CDL Testing.
- Completed the first Fundamentals of Banking course program with great success. The course is going under review for improvements and will be offered as a regular program through the department.

Gen Ed & Transfer

- Helena College is partnering with CyberMontana to offer a computer science and cybersecurity camp for local 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in June. The two-week camp is full with 30 students, half of which are female. Students will learn about computer science and cybersecurity while spending two weeks on the Helena College campus.
- Five new faculty members were hired and begin in August 2022. Helena College hired new faculty in the following areas: Accounting, Business, Communications, Computer Science, and Mathematics/Physics.
- Work is continuing with the statewide Work-Based Learning Collaborative, focused on expanding WBL opportunities for Montana students. The Collaborative was formed in 2021 and includes members from all sectors and areas of the state. Helena College is a member of the Collaborative.

Financial Aid & Veterans

- FAFSA numbers remain even for the 2022-2023 AY as compared to this time last year for 2021-2022 AY.
- Creating short 60-second informational videos to enhance service to students.
- Veteran student numbers remain steady for the summer 2022 semester as compared to last year.
- Helena College has been selected for a Veterans Educational Benefits Compliance Visit on July 13th.

- We are excited to be participating in the Second Chance Pell Program next year by offering our C.A.S. in Automotive Technology at Montana State Prison.

eLearning and Faculty Development

- [Professional Development Opportunities and Instructional Technology Training](#) are available for our faculty throughout the entire summer.
- The second phase of the T.E.S.T. Smart Classroom Project is launched. We are adding eight additional classrooms, including a biology lab and an automotive classroom which will allow us to deliver coursework to the Montana State Prison.

K-12 & Dual Enrollment

- Summer opportunities for high school students:
 - This is the second year we are offering a *Humanities Through Film* program for high school students and recent high school graduates. This 2-week program will happen from July 11 to July 22 and we are currently notifying students who have applied and been admitted.
 - Last year's cohort produced a film, *No Ordinary Time*, which has been awarded a 2022 NATAS NW Student Emmy award in the High School Long Form Non-Fiction category. Click on this [link](#) and scroll down to the 2022 NATAS NW Student Award Vimeo. (see the image below as a reference) The announcement begins at 17:28, and *No Ordinary Time* starts at 18:16.



Image of 2022 NATAS NW Student Award Screen

- In addition, Helena College is once again partnering with the Helena Area Summer Jobs program. As part of the program, Helena College staff have helped provide work skills training workshops to high school students who will be working this summer. Virginia Reeves, a writing and communication instructor at Helena College, is offering a special section of COMX 115, Interpersonal Communication, to students in the program, and Reach Higher Montana is paying the tuition. We have 15 students registered to take the class and earn college credit this summer.
 - Nine Helena High School students received training in forklift operation from Helena High welding instructor, Cody Torres. These students are receiving credit for WLDG 107, Industrial Safety in Welding. They received training and a certificate of completion in addition to college credit.
- Stephanie Hunthausen and Lewis Jackson will be presenting a session at the Dual Enrollment Summit, on June 20-21 in Missoula, MT. This summit is for secondary and post-secondary teachers, staff, and administrators. In addition, 6 dual-credit high school teachers who partner with Helena College will attend the Summit.

- Six students were selected to receive the Helena College STARS scholarship. This is the third year that this scholarship has been awarded to local students. High school teachers and counselors nominated students for this scholarship which is awarded at \$500/semester for up to 4 semesters.
- The K-12 Partnership student intern, Lotus Porte-Moyel, produced a podcast, *Dually-Enrolled: College as a High Schooler*. This podcast provides perspectives on dual enrollment through the eyes of students, professors, advisors, and more.

Nursing Department

- Sixteen ASRN students graduated this May and are in the process of taking their national licensing exams (NCLEX). Most of the graduates are working in hospitals in Helena and Bozeman.
- The application process for the fall semester is complete and 16 qualified applicants have accepted their place in the ASRN program.
- Six of our third-semester nursing students applied for a summer internship at St. Peter's Hospital. They are employees of the hospital and work alongside an RN in various areas of the hospital. This is a great opportunity for these students to get real-world experience in nursing. We appreciate the relationship between Helena College Nursing and St. Peter's Health.
- The Nursing Director met with Benefis Healthcare Executives for a tour of the college and Nursing department. We are exploring options for nursing clinical sites at their various healthcare locations and other ways to strengthen our relationship with this healthcare provider.
- St. Peter's Health CEO also recently toured the nursing department and college. Additional meetings are being scheduled to determine ways we can address the local healthcare staffing shortages.

TRIO SSS

- We are offering a summer read for students, faculty, and staff – **House on Mango Street** by Sandra Cisneros.
- The TRIO program continues to develop the career component of our advising services and enhance this service utilizing the Tallo platform next fall.
- TRIO has brought on two mental health counselors to serve our scholars.
- TRIO SSS is starting the process of working with the TRIO EOC.

MT 10

- We have begun the recruitment for our third cohort of MT10 students.
- Virginia Reeves has completed the qualitative assessment of the HC MT10 program. She interviewed the graduates from our 2020 and 2021 cohorts.
- We will offer our First-Year seminar this fall and are in the process of developing a second-year seminar to continue the service to the MT10 students.

Student Life:

- ASHC Executive Officers will be sworn in this week for the 2022-2023 AY; Summer Student Senate begins in July 2022.
 - Nick Worsley –President
 - Cyrus Cannon –Vice President
 - Aubrey McMaster –Secretary
 - Thai Nguyen –Business Manager
- SafeZone Training (LGBTQAI+) is being coordinated by Student Life; training materials have been shared by Wendy Jeschke from FVCC. The anticipated program launch is Fall 2022.
- Actively serving Lewis & Clark County as a QPR Gatekeeper trainer; a curriculum is being developed for a Suicide Prevention training program at Helena College.