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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Kathleen O'Leary,

Interim President, Dawson Community College

RE: Campus Report for the March 2022 Board of Regents Meeting

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- Dawson Community College Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee hosted the opening reception of an Art Exhibition honoring Black History Month. The month long exhibit featured artwork from DCC students and African Art and Artifacts generously loaned by local community members. DCC students were on hand to explain their artwork and the process used to bring their creativity to life. Many members of the community were also in attendance.
- The Dawson Community College Baseball program, in an effort to create awareness and fundraise for their upcoming 2022 spring season, recreated a scene from the famous baseball movie, "Major League" released in 1989. The video features all 47 members of the baseball program and Head Coach Tyler Pollack. The team created their own script with a community college twist that made a huge splash on the social media platform Twitter. The video raised over \$19,500 in just 45 days and received over 159,365 reactions and responses and over 18,000 views on Twitter.
- Dawson Promise, which started in fall of 2020 is approaching a milestone as some of the participants are on track to graduate this spring. Dawson Promise, a unique program at DCC, is aimed at helping youth who are homeless or "unaccompanied," or have aged out of the foster care system. Due to grant funding as well as a few special donors, these students have the opportunity to receive a two-year education free of debt. There are currently 13 students in the program and many successes to celebrate. Two students finished Fall 2021 on the Dean's List. Three students received the Reach Higher Montana Foster Care Educational Training Voucher (ETV) award. Another student was recently recognized with the Montana Student Volunteer Award by Montana Campus Compact in February 2022. These students balance their academics along with holding down a job, as 92% of Dawson Promise students are currently employed 10-15 hrs./week or more, and 34% are working full time. Four students are on track to graduate with their 2-year degree in May 2022. One of those students will graduate with dual degrees; an AA and AS. Three of these students hope to attend a 4-year university while one student in the Criminal Justice program desires to move into a job in law enforcement.
- Dawson Community College has begun the Presidential Search process engaging Pauly Group, Inc., a national search consulting firm that assists in the recruitment and successful hiring of community college executives. Applications will be accepted through March 21<sup>st</sup> with the selected candidate slated to begin in late May/early June. Interested parties can go to [www.paulygroup.com](http://www.paulygroup.com) for more information.
- For the third year in a row, the Dawson Community College Men's Basketball team has emerged as the NJCAA Region XIII Division I Champions. The Bucs beat regular season champions North Dakota State College of Science 84-75 in Wahpeton for the title. It was the Bucs second win this year over a nationally ranked team. Dawson (27-5), will travel to Ottumwa, Iowa, March 6th to face off against #6 ranked Indian Hills Community College (26-5) in the NC District Championship Game.