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To: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for March 10-11, 2022, Board of Regents' Meeting

- Baylie Phillips, a junior majoring in Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, was awarded the 2022 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and the Montana Student Volunteer Award by the Governor's Office of Community Service.
- Ron Muffick has been hired as the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance (VCAF) and will join the Montana Tech team on July 1. Muffick has served the Montana University System Office of the Commissioner for 29 years in various roles, including in senior leadership and most recently as the director of operations and administration.
- Senior Ellie Berreth received the 2022 Student Employee of the Year award from Montana Tech, as well as for the entire state via the Western Association of Student Employment Administrators. Berreth is a teaching assistant in the Civil Engineering department.
- The Oredigger men's basketball team won their first Frontier Conference regular-season title since 1993 and first Frontier Conference tournament since 1999. The team earned a first-round win at the National Championship.
- Montana Tech has reimagined its Center for Environmental Remediation and Assessment (CERA) and appointed Dr. Robin Bullock, professor in the Environmental Engineering Department as the interim director. CERA focuses on research and education that develops sustainable and reliable waste management technologies that are innovative, scalable and effective. Bullock will work to create greater value around waste management, and beneficial use of waste materials and reclaimed lands.
- Highlands College was awarded \$1M in funding from Butte-Silver Bow to support workforce development. To help rebuild the local economy and employment shortcomings exacerbated by COVID-19, Highlands will offer job skill retooling programs in construction, welding and machining technology, automotive, networking and cybersecurity, healthcare, heavy equipment, lifeguard training, and a commercial drivers regional testing center.
- The Sherry Lesar School of Nursing was recently ranked by EDsmart, a nationally recognized publisher of college resources and independent rankings, as the #19 best BSN program in the nation for 2022.
- Senior Becca Richtman became a three-time NAIA Track & Field national champion as she took first place in the one mile and 3000M and finished second in the 5000M at the NAIA Indoor Track & Field National Championships. Richtman scored 28 points, winning Most Valuable Performer and leading the Orediggers to a sixth-place overall finish. She previously won the steeplechase NAIA outdoor title.
- Thomas Camm, a professor in the Mining Engineering Department, is the 2022 recipient of the Mineral Economics Award which recognizes distinguished contributions in the advancement of mineral economics. The award was presented at the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration 2022 MINEXHCANGE Annual Conference & Expo.
- The AGC Club (Associated General Contractors) Heavy Civil team placed 3rd in the 2022 Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) region 6/7 annual construction bidding competition which included 15 teams from universities in the Rocky Mountain region. The team included Colton Eliason, Logan Kolodejchuk, Archie Lind,

Brock MacDonald, George Schick (captain), and Brent Tezak. They worked on a problem that included designing a dewatering system, managing contaminated soils, surcharging weak materials, and developing a complex paving plan.