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**TO:** Board of Regents

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**RE:** Campus Report for the November 2022 Board of Regents' Meeting

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- Enrollment Update – As previously shared, Fall 2022 enrollment is down at DCC. The administrative team is working on a formal enrollment strategy that engages students from all walks of life. The enrollment strategy will strongly emphasize ensuring our CTE program offerings are marketed and filled.
  - The DCC welding program is operating at maximum capacity and is experiencing the highest enrollment it has ever had.
- The Dawson Community College Board of Trustees voted to purchase a 24-apartment-style building adjacent to the College. Funds for this building come from auxiliary revenues and should alleviate one of our students' most significant challenges – unaffordable/unavailable housing.
- Dawson Community College hosted an Indigenous People's Day event on October 10, 2022. Students heard from Dr. Walter Flemming, a DCC alum, previous DCC instructor, and now the Head of the Native American Studies department at Montana State University in Bozeman. The topic of the presentation was the "Doctrine of Discovery," a little-known principle in public international law. The day of celebration ended with a presentation of a land acknowledgment plaque, an explanation of the multiple local tribe's flags, and then dancing with drums.
- Dawson Community College is working closely with the Montana University System to join Quottly, the course-sharing platform. Joining Quottly is an excellent opportunity for students as it allows DCC students to take classes at other institutions that DCC cannot offer. It also enables DCC to provide some of its specialized courses to others across the state.

- Dawson Community College hosted a special event focused on Homelessness in America. The event focused on training staff and faculty about the challenges students face to overcome homelessness.
- Dawson Community College continued with its Adopt-A-Buc program and had its first meet and greet of the semester. This program directly aligns students at DCC with members of the community. The program focuses on making students feel like Dawson Community College is their home away from home and is designed to improve both the retention and completion of the students.
- Dawson Community College has been actively working with local high schools to discuss expanded dual enrollment opportunities with current partner schools and potential ones.
- The Dawson College Foundation hosted its annual fundraising event - Buccaneer Bash. Attendance this year was the highest it has ever been (350+), and over **\$75,000** was raised specifically for student scholarships.