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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Jane Karas, Ph.D., President, Flathead Valley Community College

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

- FVCC Trustees Pete Akey and Callie Langohr and FVCC President Jane Karas presented “Meeting Holistic Needs of Students at a Rural College” at the Association of Community College Trustees’ 53rd Annual Leadership Congress on October 28, 2022. The presentation detailed the many avenues that FVCC has pursued to provide additional support to students facing challenges at FVCC due to living in rural communities in and around the Flathead Valley.
- Eliza Sorte-Thomas, Associate Professor of Education at Flathead Valley Community College, was recently awarded the Lifetime Achievement in Literacy Education award by the Northwest Montana Literacy Council. The award was presented in August during the 47th Annual Back to School Literary Conference, hosted by the Northwest Montana Reading Council.
 - <https://nbcmontana.com/news/local/fvcc-associate-professor-receives-lifetime-achievement-award>
- In early October, the FVCC Foundation hosted the annual Festival of Flavors dinners, raising nearly \$50,000 for student scholarships.
- On September 28, FVCC partnered with the Job Service Kalispell, The Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, Workforce Flathead, and The Daily Inter Lake to host the Northwest Montana Job and Opportunity Fair. Over 75 employers presented job opportunities to students, community members, and veterans.
- A donor recognition ceremony was held on November 2, 2022 to celebrate the opening of the Paul D. Wachholz College Center on the FVCC campus.
- The first concert in the state-of-the-art performing arts hall at the Wachholz College Center was held on November 4, welcoming patrons from around the region to the FVCC campus. In addition, the two-court gymnasium, fitness center, and the music education wing, recital halls, and art gallery at the Wachholz College Center will now be open.
- FVCC faculty Jim Boger and Christina Relyea led the September STEM Colloquium, a community discussion event about the engineering and history of the James Webb Telescope and the exciting new images it’s capable of producing.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2022/sep/25/sky-never-limit/>
- The FVCC website (fvcc.edu) won two awards for the recently completed comprehensive website redesign project with design agency, Project6. The awards included “Best in Show” at the 17th Annual W3 Awards by the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts; and “Silver for Redesign and Development” at the 2022 MUSE Creative and Design Awards by the International Awards Associate. The website launched in June 2022.



- FVCC welcomed local business partners on campus in October for Manufacturing Week. Students networked with industry experts for real-life applications and opportunities of what they are learning in the classroom.
- FVCC hosted “Montana’s Future at Work,” a two-day CTE symposium for the statewide community and education industry stakeholders to collaborate around CTE program development and professional development opportunities.