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To: Board of Regents

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Subject: Campus Report for November 2022 Board of Regents Meeting

Career Technical Education

- Helena College was awarded one of **Montana's Future at Work** grants to promote the expansion of our Emergency Medical Technician (EPC130) class to high school students. The grant will pay for the books, supplies, and fees for any high school student taking the class. This is a highly recommended class for Helena College's Fire and Emergency Services program.
- Helena College **Automotive Students** performed free maintenance inspections for the community in October in preparation for students to begin their paid internship experiences in early November.
- Helena College is continuing to partner with the **Finishing Trades Institute of the Upper Midwest**. Current projects include the development of curriculum to establish a pathway to an Associate of Applied Science degree, a joint promotional campaign, and classroom upgrades to allow coursework to be delivered to apprentices working all over the state.
- **Helena College and Boeing Helena** are partnering to develop a pre-apprenticeship program to expose high school students to career opportunities in the machining field.

Community Education Center (CEC)

- The very first Helena Area **Massage Therapy Program** officially started on October 3, 2022, with a full class in its first pilot cohort.
- The Community Education Center is currently working with Jobsite Ready and has worked in partnership with **Accelerate Montana** and the **Rapid Retraining** program to provide Helena Area high school-aged students the opportunity to gain an apprenticeship with **Dick Anderson Construction**. This program allows young students to gain insight and hands-on knowledge of the construction trades with a local employer.
- CEC is working with **American Jobs for American Youth (AJAY)** to produce a strategic **Certified Career Ready** program. The program is directed toward high school-aged students to take a three-course training program. If the student continues to complete an optional second set of three courses they would earn a Career Ready Master Certification. This program will be administered by the Helena College Community Education Center and distributed to other communities throughout the state and supported by other educational partners such as high schools, trade, career centers, and fellow colleges.
- The Community Education Center is continuing to work with **Accelerate Montana** to expand the **Commercial Driver Licensing** Program by leasing more equipment.
- The Community Education Center continues to partner with the **Helena Chamber of Commerce** to deliver discounted professional development courses to local area businesses.

eLearning

- The eLearning Department and Library Learning Hub are piloting a **Computer Literacy** evaluation and resource for students.

Global Initiatives (GLI)

- GLI hosted the **Rocky Mountain Ballet Theatre (RMBT)** performance that embraces both Chinese and Montanan dances and songs on Saturday, October 29, 2022, at 2 p.m. in the HC Donaldson Student Center, as part of our new International Cultural Recital series.
 - Highlights of the performance will include classic Chinese ballet pieces and ethnic dances, as well as dances that celebrate the environment and cultural treasures in Montana.
 - This event is family-friendly and free to attend.
 - Global cultural exchange has never been more important than at this moment. This event will provide opportunities for students and the greater Helena community to celebrate cultural similarities and differences, experience beautiful art, and learn about cultural exchange right here in Helena.



Figure 1 Rocky Mountain Ballet Dancers

K-12 & Dual Enrollment

- Dual credit registration went very smoothly this fall. For the first time, Helena High School students registered at Helena College for their dual credit classes.
- The first **Career Exploration** event (PROSPECTS) featured healthcare careers in October. High school students spent the day at Helena College learning about healthcare careers, with over 30 employers participating.
- The [Helena College/Bryant Elementary School Partnership](#) was highlighted in the Independent Record. In addition, Bryant students will trick or treat at the Donaldson campus on October 31.

MT 10

- MT10 successfully recruited 30 students into our 2022-2023 cohort. We began the year by having our students take the Ruffalo Noel Levitz (RNL) College Student Inventory to help advisors understand their advisees' specific needs.
- The program is piloting a first-year experience course, COLS 101 that is required and credit-bearing. The course is being taught by Virginia Reeves with an emphasis on the power of student narratives in promoting growth and developing community. In addition, Virginia Reeves is developing a capstone course for MT10 participants.

NEH

- The second cohort of high school students enrolled in the NEH-funded Humanities through Film summer bridge program successfully created the short film, *The People's House*. The film has been well received and has currently been accepted into nine film festivals including, Docs Without Borders Film Festival, Arts x SDGS Festival, Poombukar Independent Film Festival, Diamond Bell International Film Festival, Indo-French International Film Festival, Thilsri International Film Festival, Paradise Film Festival, Rohip International Film Festival, and the Amsterdam Lift-Off Film Festival.



Figure 2 The People's House Film Poster

Nursing Department

- The first-time NCLEX pass rate for Helena College RN students was 100% for the May 2022 graduates. Our first-time pass rate for RN graduates for the year to date is **96.43%**. The Montana state pass rate is 82.73% and the National average is 80.88% (National Council of State Boards of Nursing).
- Two classrooms are being converted into Foundations Skills and Assessment lab and a dedicated Simulation and Advanced lab.

Student Life:

- Student Life program, in its second year at Helena College, has a busy slate of fall events.
 - **October Events:**
 - One Warm Coat –Coat Drive
 - Breast Cancer Awareness Craft
 - Apple week –Healthy Colleges Montana
 - Domestic Violence Prevention & Awareness campaign with Rape Prevention Education
 - Halloween Trick-or-Treat with Bryant Elementary
 - First open-mic night featuring a special guest rapper to share a personal recovery and sobriety story.

Student Life Cont'd:

- **November Events:**
 - Men's Health Month
 - Second Annual Beard and Mustache Contest
 - Prostate Cancer Awareness Campaign
 - The Campus Gratitude Chain
 - Rape Prevention Education efforts will feature a partnership with the Helena Indian Alliance to educate our students about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in Montana.
 - Healthy Colleges Montana Peer Educator will host "a healthy pour" alcohol education program.

TRIO SSS

- This fall we have offered several successful programs in support of academic assistance and financial literacy.
- TRIO has recently purchased **Tallo**, a career platform with a patented assessment tool to help students who are struggling with their academic and career direction. We will be developing our roll-out plan in November.
- The TRIO S2S Club sponsored **First Gen Mic** night in support of first Gen Day, on November 8, 2022.
- HC TRIO, Continuing Education, and Career Technical Education partnered to host the Mansfield scholars in September. The [Study of the U.S. Institutes of Global Scholars](#) (SUSI) program is a U.S. Department of State-sponsored program for mid-career foreign scholars and educators designed to improve teaching about the United States in academic institutions abroad. Their visit was to explore the role of the community college in community and workforce development while learning about the various programs offered.

Tester Town Hall

- **Senator Jon Tester** held a public **Town Hall** meeting at Helena College's Student Center on Friday, October 14, 2022, at noon. Over 140 Montanans attended the event. He was introduced by Sandra Bauman, Dean/CEO.



Figure 3 Senator Tester Town Hall