



**DATE: December 14, 2022**

**TO: Board of Regents**

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

**RE: Campus Report for the January 2023 Board of Regents' Meeting**

- FVCC President Jane Karas was awarded the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce Legacy Award in November, 2022. This award is in recognition of a lifetime of supporting the community and local students and businesses.
  - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2022/nov/10/jane-karas-honored-chambers-highest-honor/>
- The FVCC Foundation completed the fundraising year with more than \$5.5 million in philanthropic donations through events, gifts, and employee giving.
- The FVCC Nursing program will honor 11 RN and five PN graduates at the December 16 pinning ceremony.
- Through the NASA Community College Network, FVCC Associate Professor of Geology and Geography Dr. Anita Ho paired as a mentor with a subject matter expert in galaxy evolution, cosmology PhD student Diana Scognamiglio from the University of Bonn. Diana gave a remote talk at the FVCC STEM Colloquium on November 4 on the use of the recently deployed James Webb Space Telescope.
- FVCC student Jacob Steinle earned the Montana Athletes in Service Award. Steinle is the captain of the FVCC logger sports team and an active local volunteer with Sparrows Nest, Orphans Life Line, Immanuel Lutheran Communities, Flathead Valley Food Bank, Veterans Food Pantry, and The HEART Locker.
  - <https://nbcmontana.com/news/local/fvcc-student-athlete-receives-service-award>
- Dr. Eliza Sorte-Thomas presented at the statewide early childhood conference in Helena for MTAEYC (the Montana Association for the Education of Young Children), a state affiliate for the national organization. She presented on early numeracy to current and future early childhood educators supporting children ages infant through age eight.
- In October, 100% of FVCC Physical Therapy Assistant students who took the National Licensing PTA Exam test all passed.