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To: Board of Regents

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Subject: Campus Report for the January 2023 Board of Regents Meeting

Community Education Center

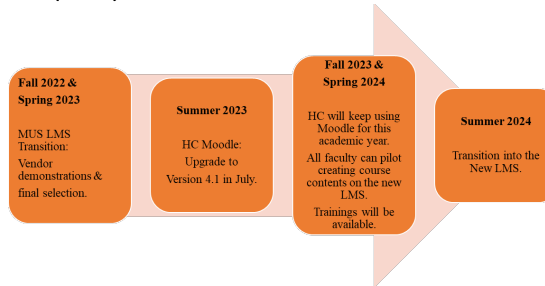
- Helena College will be hosting **St. Peter's Health** for its upcoming Health Awareness Program and will be open to the Helena community.
- The **Small Business Development Center** (SBDC), hosted at Helena College, allocated \$195,858 in total funds since the fall of 2020 to assist local area businesses in direct training, resources, and assistance during COVID through the CARES Act funding.
- In partnership with **Opportunity Bank**, the pilot *Online Fundamentals of Banking Course*, delivered to support the employment and training needs of this major industry sector was successful. Another course will be offered in spring 2023 to meet demand.
- The Community Education Center offered the following non-credit courses during the fall: Medical Coding & Billing, Pharmacy Technician, Microsoft Programs, Photoshop, Computer Skills, Grant Writing, Sign Language, Spanish, Leadership Certification Training, Veterinarian Assistant Certification, and Optician Certification Training.
- The **Hybrid-Electric Vehicle Summit** is scheduled for January 9, 2023, at the Airport Campus with Automotive Instructor Jerry Stewart. This training was created using GEER funding to support continuing education needs of this industry.
- The fall **CDL Program** ended with a 100% pass rate and success rate on the testing. Great job for our instructor **Mark Meyer** in having such a high success rate in each of our cohorts.
 - The next CDL class will start on February 27, 2023.
 - Hiring a second instructor to utilize the First Spring Course as a training opportunity.
 - Working with the Montana Department of Transportation to coordinate CDL testing services in conjunction with Jones Brother's Trucking out of Missoula and the Montana Contractor's Association Local 400 Union in Helena.
- The **Testing Center** is working to become an accredited and nationally recognized center. The full accreditation will be a year-long process and is expected to be completed in the spring of 2024.
- The Community Education Center was approached by the **Historical Society** to bring their very popular seminar series to Helena College while their new facility is being completed.

General Education

- Helena College finalized **three new articulations** with UM-Western in Education:
 - Art K-12 Education
 - Secondary Education Broadfield Science
 - Secondary Education Social Science with an emphasis on history.

eLearning & Faculty Development

- Learning Management System (LMS) transition:



K-12 & Dual Enrollment

- The MAPS Media Institute summer film project "**No Ordinary Time**", was recently awarded the **National Student Production Award by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences**. Click [here](#) to view the interview with Dr. Ari Laskin and student filmmaker Mara Flynn. The film is [available to stream on YouTube](#).

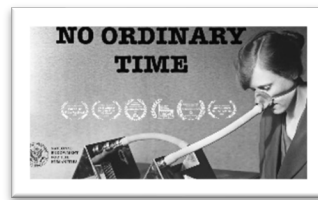


Figure 1: No Ordinary Time Poster

- **Montana's Future at Work** grant to promote our **ECP 130 class (EMT)** is producing some great results. Six high school students are registered for the class.

MT 10

- The **MT10 2022 Cohort** just finished up their First Year Experience class with a written personal narrative.
- MT10 students at Helena College were retained at a significantly higher rate (66%) compared to the full entering cohort and show a 13% increase over the 2021 MT10 cohort.

Nursing

- The **Nurse Pinning Ceremony** was held Friday, December 16, 2022, for 14 RN nurse graduates and 8 LPN graduates (4 from our expanded program at Bitterroot College).
- Audio-visual recording and debriefing equipment will be installed in February 2023 in DON 109, the dedicated Simulation lab. The equipment allows the students and faculty to record the simulations and skills practice and review the results to improve student responses and interventions in the simulated sessions.
- New **clinical partnerships** were formed in the fall of 2022 with Bitterroot Health in Hamilton, Missoula Health and Rehabilitation, the Living Centre in Stevensville, and the Florence-Carlton School District in Florence, Montana. The partnerships helped provide clinical nursing experiences for our LPN students in the Bitterroot Valley.

Student Life

- Preparing for the spring 2023 implementation of the **National College Health Assessment (NCHA)**. The NCHA is being funded by Healthy Colleges Montana, a NASPA initiative.

TRIO SSS

- TRIO/MT10 just added **PathwayU** to its services for academic and career education. [PathwayU](#) is a career resource for students as an online career and education counseling program.

Career Technical Education

- **Second-year welding** students are completing their fire pits. The themes ranged from Norse Mythology to African Safari.



Figure 2: Welding Fire Pit

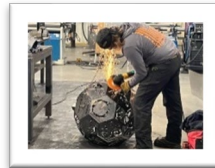


Figure 3: Welding Fire Pit

- First-year Fire and Emergency Services students took their **IFSAC/Proboard Firefighter I Certification** exams in FIRE 102. The MSU Fire Service Training School supplied the testing officials to ensure students earn this industry-recognized credential.



Figure 4: Fire and Emergency Certifications

- Aviation student Alex Wright just learned that she is the **American Airlines Women in Aviation Scholarship** recipient! American Airlines flew Alex to Dallas, Texas to interview for the scholarship. Of the four students who were interviewed, two were selected for a **\$5,000** scholarship. As the scholarship recipient, Alex will also be able to attend an all-expense paid trip to Long Beach, CA, from February 23 to 25, 2023, for the Women in Aviation International Conference.

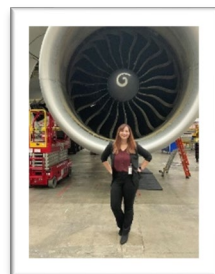


Figure 5: Alex Wright in Front of a Jet Turbine