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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Dr. Ron Slinger
President, Miles Community College

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

- Miles Community College and Montana Senator Ken Bogner (SD 19) hosted a Legislative Luncheon on November 29 on the MCC Campus. MCC President Dr. Ron Slinger, as well as Dawson Community College (DCC) President Justin Villmer, were both on hand to discuss concerns and current needs for Montana community colleges as both a whole and as individual campuses. Guests for the luncheon included Montana Representatives Bob Phalen and Jerry Schillinger; Representative elects Greg Kmetz and Gary Parry; Custer County Commissioners Jason Strouf, Keith Holmlund, and Kevin Krausz; recently elected Custer County Commissioner Jeff Faycosh; City of Glendive Mayor Teresea Olson; DCC Trustees and staff; MCC Trustees, Executive Team, and staff.
- Blayne Hubing of Circle, Montana, was recently recognized by Montana Campus Compact (MTCC) and honored with a Montana Athlete in Service Award. Each year MTCC recognizes one student-athlete from each affiliate campus who has dedicated their efforts to serving the community while also pursuing their college degrees/certificates and participating in college sports. Hubing is a third-year student at MCC, having received a degree in Ag Production in the spring of 2022, and is currently pursuing an additional degree in Equine Studies. He is a member of the MCC Rodeo Team, as both a team roper and a calf roper, participates in the MCC Young Farmers and Ranchers (YFR) club, and also serves as a Resident Assistant (RA) while living on campus. He has also previously served on the MCC Student Senate and was recently selected to represent the college at the Montana Farm Bureau Federation State Discussion Meet (through YFR) in January.
- The Fall Carnival Night hosted by the Associated Students of Miles Community College (ASMCC) was a great success, with several hundred local children and community members attending the Halloween-themed carnival event. ASMCC, student clubs, and Pioneer athletic teams hosted this annual event (back on campus for the first time since 2019) as a part of the "MCC Cares" program, where MCC students volunteer their time through community events and civic engagement.
- Miles Community College held its annual First Interstate Bank Athletic Hall of Fame induction banquet on Saturday, October 22. Montana radio personality Rocky Erickson emceed the event. This year's inductees were: Cary Veis - Pioneer Men's Basketball 1972-1974 - Vies later went on to a coaching career that included 27 years at Custer County High School, where he took his team to the state tournament 17 times, winning 5 state championships, and was named to the Montana Coaches Hall of Fame in 2006 and the National High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 2012; Nate Herbig - MCC Pioneer Baseball pitcher 2003-2005 – during his career Herbig went 15-5, earning the lowest single-season ERA (.77) and the lowest single-season earned runs allowed (5) in Pioneer Baseball history; Sarina Green Venable - Women's Basketball 1994-1996 – during her career, she was first in 3-point percentage, third in career steals and free throw percentage, fifth in career assists, and ninth in career points; Loyd Ketchum – Pioneer Rodeo 1980-1983 – Ketchum had a lengthy professional career as a bullfighter, and was a Montana Pro Rodeo Hall and Wall of Fame Legend inductee in 2019; and the 25-6 1995-1996 Pioneer Women's Basketball team, coached by Dennis Lordemann.

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