

DATE: June 14, 2023

TO: Board of Regents

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

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

- FVCC celebrated the class of 2023 at its 55th annual commencement. Former Governor Marc Racicot was the commencement speaker.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2023/may/12/womans-passion-music-leads-earning-college-degree/>
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2023/may/11/fvccs-class-2023-will-help-change-world/>
- Twenty students from Columbia Falls High School graduated from FVCC with a certificate in welding through the FVCC's Running Start program while earning a high school diploma at the same time.
- The Wachholz College Center on campus hosted a free community open house on June 3 and welcomed 550 guests for the first chance to purchase newly announced shows in the upcoming 2023-2024 season, venue tours, live music, local food trucks, and lawn games. PayneWest Insurance was the sponsor for the event.
 - <https://flatheadbeacon.com/2023/05/29/fvcc-wachholz-center-to-host-open-house-and-season-preview-event-with-live-music-and-food/>
- Opening receptions for the Wachholz College Center's Wanda Hollensteiner Art Gallery official opening were held in June. The special grand opening exhibit titled, "The Legacy of Wanda Hollensteiner," includes a large selection of nineteenth and twentieth century paintings and sculpture from the likes of Rembrandt, Durer and Toulouse-Lautrec, as well as western favorites Charlie Russell and Robert Scriver.
- A special dedication ceremony and reception for the Furlong Smith Fitness Center in the Wachholz College Center was held in May. The event honored longtime FVCC supporter Lucy Smith and her \$500,000 donation toward the fitness center for students, faculty and staff.
 - <https://flatheadbeacon.com/2023/06/13/fvcc-receives-500000-donation-for-fitness-center-in-the-wachholz-college-center/>
- FVCC nursing students achieved above average state and national average pass rates on their national licensing exams (NCLEX). Eleven RN students tested at a 91% pass rate and five LPN students tested at a 100% pass rate. FVCC RN and LPN students have consistently achieved high pass rates with a five-year average of 93% and 96%, respectively.
- FVCC Adult Education celebrated 60 HiSET graduates and inducted 19 individuals into the National Adult Education Honor Society at the graduation ceremony on June 28.