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To: Board of Regents

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

Career Technical Education

The Aviation Maintenance program sent a team of students to a national competition in Atlanta, Georgia. This is the first time Helena College has had a team compete at this level. **They won two first-place awards!** Watch a clip of the award ceremony [here](#).



Figure 1 Aviation Maintenance Crew

The Helena College Fire and Emergency Services class provided **Fire Extinguisher Safety Training** in April in the snow and rain.



Figure 2 Fire Extinguisher Training

The **Helena WINS PROSPECTS [Trades and Construction](#)** event was held at the Airport Campus on May 19 and 20. Hundreds of middle school students participated on Friday and Saturday brought about a hundred people to the Airport Campus to check out the equipment and activities.



Figure 3 Trades and Construction Event

Graduation

Helena College held four graduation ceremonies at the end of the spring semester. Friday's, May 5th graduation was held at the Airport Campus, celebrating the graduating Trades students. On Saturday, the May 6th graduation was held at the Donaldson campus, celebrating the graduating general education and nursing students. On Monday, May 8, the first [Second Chance Pell](#) (SCP) students graduated with an Automotive Technology certificate in a ceremony at the Montana State Prison, which involved [Governor Gianforte](#), Bureau Chief Travis Anderson, Interim Deputy Commissioner Joe Thiel, and several others. Andony Corleto, Vera Institute of Justice, flew in from California. The second cohort of SCP students started this summer semester with 11 students.

The final spring graduation ceremony was celebrated on May 12. The 5th-grade students from [Bryant Elementary](#) graduated with an honorary Helena College diploma. The children spent the past school year attending lectures and exploring the school's many offerings, from "dissecting cow eyeballs in the biology department to learning about wilderness safety in the nursing department".

Community Education Center (CEC)

The **Licensed Clinical Massage Therapy Program** is wrapping up with the first program graduates. Clinicals are being held at Helena College giving the employees and the public a chance to schedule an outstanding massage.

CEC is providing customized training for the Montana Department of Transportation for statewide employees for **Automotive and Light Duty Mechanical Training** and has partnered with **Accelerate Montana** to deliver a **Job Site Ready program** for East Helena Students and Community members. Students worked with **Dick Anderson Construction** on-site to start the building of a tiny home at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

eLearning & Faculty Development

Several training and Professional Development opportunities have been scheduled for faculty throughout the summer.

- Quality Matters Training
- Moodle for New Users
- Microsoft Teams for New Users
- Screen Pal for New Users

General Education

Helena College is hosting the second annual **Computer Science & Cyber Security** camp starting June 19 to June 29 funded by a grant from **CyberMontana**. Thirty middle school students will learn about computer science and cyber security through fun hands-on activities. Bryon Steinwand and Bill Hallinan will be leading the camp and high school and college students will be hired as camp counselors to help the instructors and the students.

Necessary Narratives, Virginia Reeves

[Necessary Narratives](#) helps students at Helena College identify, craft, and record their personal stories to help foster social belonging. The **Necessary Narrative independent study program** celebrated the semester on April 24, 2023. Students shared their unique narrative projects, ranging from personal narratives to professional narratives to the narrative of the program itself.

Nursing

Graduates: Fifteen students graduated from the RN program in May and are currently taking or waiting to take their National Licensure (NCLEX) exam to allow them to be licensed registered nurses. Most of the students had accepted jobs in Helena healthcare facilities or the surrounding areas before graduation.

New Nursing Students: The Nursing application process for fall 2023 is complete. We have 16 new students preparing to start their nursing education in August.

Community Partnerships: Eight nursing students applied for summer internships at St Peter’s Health and all eight were contacted. The internship allows nursing students to work alongside RNs for up to 12 weeks, in the nurse’s day-to-day job. Not only do these interns get to see first-hand what the RN job entails, they learn valuable insight into how their nurse preceptor organizes and approaches each day. This is extremely valuable for students, who then use this experiential knowledge in their final semester or two of nursing.

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

For the second year in a row, our students have won an Emmy! *The People’s House* is the recipient of the 2023 regional student award for non-fiction long-form films.



Safety

Helena College continues to improve and build a safe and friendly campus environment for everyone. Through a cross-campus Safety & Security Committee, Helena College continually addresses and remediates safety issues. In the last four months, Helena College has:

- Enabled direct 911 calling from every landline phone.
- Performed Fire Drills and Active Shooter training for students, faculty, and staff.
- Used FY23 Safety Smart funding to:
 - Install two “Lockdown” buttons for all electronically actuated doors across campus.
 - Install a solid security gate to the Donaldson Welcome Center.
 - Install personnel exit gate on the Airport Campus.
 - Install improved medical kits on both campuses.

- Received \$18k in FY23 funds from MUS ERM to improve surveillance cameras and parking lot lighting to increase safety and security at two campuses this summer.