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TO: Board of Regents

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

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

- Brenda Rudolph, business faculty, has hosted the Business Professionals of America Conference for Northwest Montana on the FVCC campus for nearly 30 years. This conference was held on January 10 with 200 regional high school students and advisors attending.
- FVCC has established a partnership with the Kalispell Daybreak Rotary club to provide mentorship opportunities to FVCC students. This program will partner students with a Rotarian to provide local connections and guidance to students in academics, careers, and more.
- High school juniors and seniors from around the Flathead Valley visited campus in January for Pursuing the Trades, a hands-on, in-depth exploration of the occupational trades and industrial arts programs offered at FVCC. The event gives a first-hand view of FVCC's collaboration with local partners and employers to help students explore their future and engage with resources in the valley.
- Wachholz College Center's Wanda Hollensteiner Art Gallery hosted an exhibition opening reception honoring longtime FVCC faculty member and accomplished local watercolor artist Karen Leigh. The exhibition showcases the work of Leigh's students throughout the years and includes one work from Leigh's personal collection titled, "After Class."
- The Substance Abuse Counseling program added their second clinical practicum course for Spring 2023 semester. The course helps students strengthen their professional skills and prepare to transition directly into careers upon graduation.
- FVCC adjunct faculty member and Eastern European historian Dr. Marty Mullins served as expert panelist for a local discussion on the Russia-Ukraine war. FVCC alumnus Steve Houtz also served on the panel as a Bozeman-based medical supply program coordinator.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2023/jan/09/public-invited-ask-questions-panel-discussion-ukra/>
- On January 17-20, FVCC Week of Welcome helped start off Spring semester with fun events throughout the week for students to learn about student services, get their questions answered at the Ask Me Tent, talk about campus life over a free breakfast, or have some fun with other students at a campus sledding event.