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To: Board of Regents

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

Career Technical Education

- Over the winter break, four classrooms on the Airport Campus were converted to SMART classrooms allowing for remote delivery of Career Technical Education course content.
- Helena College hosted **Miller Electric for the "Advanced Aluminum Welding Seminar"** on February 8, 2023. The training was provided to 13 professionals. Miller Electric is a strategic partner with Helena College and the Airport Campus is a regional training facility for Miller.
- Once again, Helena College will host the **Skills USA** state competition this spring. Competitions will be held on March 29 & 30 at the Airport Campus.
- Helena College's partnership with **Boeing** was highlighted at the Section E subcommittee legislative hearing in January.
- Helena College's **CNC Machining** program was selected as a testing site for **Haas Technical Education Community (HTEC)** certification testing. Paul Nicholson, CNC Machining instructor, will proctor the practical exams required for certification. Helena College is the only approved certification testing location in Montana.

Workforce Development:

- We acquired **Rapid Retraining** funding through **Accelerate Montana** to add a new look to the trucks that we lease through Accelerate Montana funding in partnership with a local leasing agent. The **Helena College Community Education Center** is now working with the **Montana State Prison** and the **Department of Corrections** facility to paint and decal four semi-trucks and three van trailers for the **Helena College CDL** program and the publicly available third-party CDL testing!



CDL Course Semi-Truck with HC Logo

eLearning & Faculty Development

- Monthly meetings with the New Faculty Members will continue this spring. Topics will be around "Designing courses with equity and diversity in mind" and "Faculty expectations and academic rigor".

K-12 & Dual Enrollment

- Dual credit registration went very smoothly this spring. Helena High students returned to register at Helena College for their dual credit classes, solidifying this new process.
- Thanks to **Montana's Future at Work** grant, we were able to register 13 high school students for **ECP 130 Emergency Care Provider**. This course will prepare students to take the NREMT exam this spring and to pursue a career as an EMT. [This story was highlighted in a report by KTVH.](#)
- On February 22, 2023, Helena College hosted **Manufacturing & Mechanics Night**. High school students and their parents explored careers in the skilled trades fields by participating in activities and listening to presentations from Helena College Faculty and local industry leaders.
- On January 21, 2023, Helena College hosted the inaugural **Helena Regional First Lego Robotics Competition**. Roughly 200 students between 4th and 8th grade participated in the tournament by using Lego robots they built and programmed to complete a series of challenges. **Two all-female teams, the East Helena TechnoTiger Queens and the Belgrade Adventuerefuls tied for first place.**



Lego Robotics Competition

Nursing

- **We are grateful to our employer partners:**
 - **Epiphany Derm** donated two exam tables and the nursing department purchased five wall units that hold assessment tools through the Perkins grant to make our space look like an authentic clinic.
 - **Benefis Healthcare** donated a tabletop ventilator to the SIM lab to allow hands-on learning about mechanical ventilation in our labs and adds realism to the scenarios.
- We have **15 LPN students** this semester which is the largest class in years. The growth in the program is due to our partnership with Bitterroot College. (11 in Helena and 4 in Bitterroot)

TRIO SSS

- TRIO and ASHC teamed up to offer a **Welcome Back Movie Night at the Myrna Loy** for the Helena College Community.
- TRIO Students and their families made 70 valentines for the seniors at the **Elkhorn Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Clancy**.
- HC TRIO SSS celebrated **National TRIO day on February 25, 2023**, with a day of service. TRIO participants asked for donations for the HC Campus Food Pantry at the Helena Safeway. It is estimated that **38 to 48%** of two-year college students have experienced **food insecurity**.