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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Dr. Ron Slinger
President, Miles Community College

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

- Miles Community College will host its 83rd annual commencement on Saturday, May 6, at 10:00am in the MCC Centra Kailey Gymnasium. The 2023 Nurses Pinning Ceremony will be held Friday, May 5, at 4:00pm in the Kailey Gymnasium.
- Each year at commencement, Miles Community College inducts the latest Distinguished Alumni Award winner into the MCC Hall of Fame. The 2023 honoree is Michele Bidegaray. Ms. Bidegaray earned her Nursing degree at MCC in 1982, and then worked as a NICU and Labor and Delivery nurse at Holy Rosary Healthcare until she decided to further her education. She received her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from St. Mary's University in Bismarck, ND, in May of 1991. She transitioned to working ICU in both Miles City and Billings, simultaneously, to obtain the necessary hours and experience to be accepted into a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist program. In 2005, she was accepted to the Texas Wesleyan University Anesthesia Program at the age of 44 and completed her program in 2007. Michele returned to Miles City and Holy Rosary Hospital as a CRNA providing anesthesia care from 2007 to 2012. From Miles City, she moved to Colorado where she has spent the last 10 years working as a CRNA at Denver Health, a Level 1 trauma center.
- MCC's Adult Education and High School Equivalency Program will host its annual HiSET Graduation on Wednesday, April 26. All HiSET completers from the previous year are invited to attend; while the group is smaller than the MCC College graduation, the ceremony is no less meaningful for the graduates and their families, and is an event the MCC community looks forward to every year.
- The Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society chapter at Miles Community College has been named a 2022 REACH Chapter by the national PTK organization for excellence in membership development. PTK recognizes the academic achievement of college students and provides opportunities for its members to grow as scholars and leaders. Established in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa has a presence on almost 1,300 community college campuses in 11 nations. The REACH (Recognizing Excellence in Acceptance and Completion with Honors) Rewards program encourages membership by rewarding chapters that achieve or exceed 15 percent for their membership acceptance rate.
- The MCC Office of Institutional Research, in conjunction with Academic Affairs, administered the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) in April. MCC conducts the CCSSE in the spring of odd-numbered years; this is an important part of the institution's campus wide assessment.
- Miles Community College Nursing and EMT students participated in a disaster drill scenario on campus on March 2, with the help of local agencies/entities Miles City Fire and Rescue, Garfield County Emergency Services, and Holy Rosary Healthcare. Students were involved in a fake emergency situation that included scripted patients and a makeshift hospital on campus, where they learned triage skills and how to properly assess patients.

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