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TO: Board of Regents

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

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

- FVCC Career Services hosted an IT Employer Panel on campus where students had the chance to visit with local IT employers and learn about future career options through mock interviews and a Q&A panel.
- The NW Montana Job and Opportunity Fair was held at the local fairgrounds to help connect students and the community with career options and exploration sessions on April 6. The event was a collaborative effort between FVCC, the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, Job Service Kalispell, Workforce Flathead, and the Daily Inter Lake.
- FVCC's Culinary Institute of Montana class of 2023 presented international barbecue lunch fare at their very own pop-restaurant, Smolder, as their culinary capstone final project. Each student plays a management role in the pop-business and presents the project business plan to local business leaders.
 - <https://flatheadbeacon.com/2023/04/14/fvcc-pop-up-barbecue-restaurant-brings-sweet-heat-and-smoke-to-kalispell/>
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2023/apr/16/culinary-students-serve-savory-bites-new-pop-resta/>
- The FVCC Art Department held an exhibition opening for FVCC alumnus ceramic artist Joseph Pesina on April 4. Pesina started his college career at FVCC at age 30 and went on to receive his bachelor's and master's degrees.
 - <https://nbcmontana.com/news/local/fvcc-to-host-opening-exhibition-gallery-talk-for-ceramic-artist-alumnus>
- FVCC Foundation's Festival of Flavors spring event, the Roaring 20s, was held on April 6 and raised nearly \$50,000 for student scholarships.
- FVCC Student Engagement Coordinator Wendy Jeschke and FVCC Early Childhood and Elementary Education Faculty Eliza Thomas partnered to host DREAMville University on campus March 7. With the help of six pre-service elementary education students, the event provided 204 local second grade students a fun celebration which included diversity, reading, engineering, art and math, all of which revolved around the importance of literacy and Indian Education for All.
- On March 3, the STEM Colloquium was pleased to welcome FVCC alumnus Nick Glynos to speak on his PhD work at the University of Michigan. Nick presented, "A Historical Perspective and Some Recent Findings on DMT — A Naturally Occurring Psychedelics," to faculty, staff, students and community members.

- Science and engineering faculty Tim Eichner and FVCC's remote sensing class hosted a map-a-thon for the FVCC community to aid humanitarian relief efforts in response to the February 6 earthquake in southern Turkey.
- The FVCC Foundation hosted a scholarship reception for approximately 100 donors, students and staff on March 8.