



DATE: October 17, 2023

TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Justin Villmer
President, Dawson Community College

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

- Dawson Community College hosted its annual Indigenous People's Day event on October 9, 2023. The day of celebration was packed with various activities and presentations with the critical reminder that Native American culture is alive and thriving. The day-long celebration ended with presenting a land acknowledgment plaque, explaining the multiple local tribe's flags, and then dancing with drums. This event was run almost entirely by the students.
- Dawson Community College has partnered with the Montana Health Network to deliver a Certified Nursing Aid program on the DCC campus. The first cohort had seven students who should all receive an offer of employment at a local facility upon completion of the program.
- Dawson Community College continues with its Adopt-A-Buc program and had its first meet and greet of the semester. This program directly aligns students at DCC with members of the community. The program focuses on making students feel like Dawson Community College is their home away from home and is designed to improve both the retention and completion of the students.
- The Dawson College Foundation hosted its annual fundraising event - Buccaneer Bash. Attendance this year was a little over 300, and roughly \$60,000 was raised specifically for student scholarships.
- Dawson Community College has worked on multiple 2+2 articulation agreements with numerous Montana and North Dakota schools.
- Dawson Community College is actively working with the Education Design Lab to build micro-pathways for our education and welding programs. This work is occurring throughout the system.