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TO: Board of Regents

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

RE: Campus Report for the March 2024 Board of Regents' Meeting

- FVCC's Senior Institute returned for its 30th year offering classes to community members 65 and older. Classes included many new topics such as the study of the human-animal relationship and maintaining resilience while aging. Also offered were popular returning favorites like the study of Northwest Montana birds and watercolors for all levels.
 - <https://whitefishpilot.com/news/2024/jan/27/fvcc-senior-institute-session-begins-whitefish-pil/>
- FVCC's Continuing Education Center began its six free community lectures series from Thursday, February 22 to Tuesday, April 9. Lectures range from safe pile burning and wildland fire management in Northwest Montana to art therapy and exploring the Montana dinosaur trail.
- FVCC Lincoln County campus offered three new sessions of HiSET preparation classes during the Spring semester. Along with a new instructor, these classes were added in response to community need, providing a beneficial opportunity for community members to open up career options without having to leave the local area.
- The Wachholz College Center's Wanda Hollensteiner Art Gallery on the campus of FVCC debuted a new exhibition of FVCC art faculty works. Fourteen different artists' pieces are now on display in various mediums including photography, ceramics, painting and sculpture.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2024/jan/29/fvcc-art-faculty-featured-in-exhibition/>
- A new student engagement app called FVCC Connect launched this spring. Students can stay up-to-date on campus events, engage with their peers and help build campus community directly from their smartphone.
- Two FVCC students, Abigail Pilskalns and Kiersten Clark, each received the George M. Dennison Civic Engagement Scholarship through Montana Campus Compact. The scholarship recognizes students who are committed to positively impacting their communities and embody the spirit of public service.