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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Dr. Ron Slinger
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RE: Campus Report for the March 2024 Board of Regents Meeting

- 131 Miles Community College students were named to the President's Honor List for the Fall 2023 semester, with 30 of those earning a 4.0 GPA. Students who are taking 12 or more credits and maintain a term grade-point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher are eligible for this scholastic recognition.
- 17 MCC students were awarded their certificates or associates degrees at the end of the Fall 2023 term.
- Miles Community College (MCC) will be hosting the National History Day (NHD) in Montana Eastern Regional contest on Saturday, February 24. NHD is a co-curricular academic program for students in grades 6-12. Students choose and research topics related to an annual theme and present their findings as documentaries, exhibit boards, papers, performances, or websites. This project-based learning emphasizes critical reading, thinking, research, and analysis to draw meaningful conclusions, intending to equip students in middle and high school with skills to succeed in college and careers. This year, NHD in Montana will consist of Western Regional and Eastern Regional competitions, with the final State Contest held in April at Montana State University in Bozeman.
- MCC President Dr. Ron Slinger has recently been elected to the Board of Directors of the Rural Community College Alliance (RCCA). This is a national organization representing over 90 small and rural community colleges throughout the country. RCCA's mission is to "Increase access to education in rural communities."
- Miles Community College has been recognized as the Miles City Area Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year, with the award presented at the 2023 Miles City Citizens of the Year banquet on January 25, 2024. Nominations were submitted anonymously through the Chamber by local community members and organizations. "We're so excited and honored to be recipients of this award," stated MCC President Ron Slinger, who accepted the award on behalf of the college. "I hope that you're proud of our college because we're proud to be your college," he said, as he spoke to the banquet guests. During the banquet, Miles City Chamber Executive Director John Laney spoke of the nominations submitted on behalf of MCC. "The college was nominated for several things, such as enrollment numbers, diversity, and a positive work environment. But the heart of the nomination was based on the pilot program (they) introduced." Laney referred to the work of the Opportunity Realized Program developed at MCC and piloted in the spring of 2023. During the night, Slinger also mentioned the work of his executive team and board of trustees, many of whom were on hand during the banquet and had provided feedback based on conversations with the community. "They share with me what they've heard from you and the visions that you have," he stated to the banquet audience. "We develop our strategic plan around that. We develop initiatives and expectations around what we want to be. And I can tell you...we're thriving."

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