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TO: Board of Regents

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

RE: Campus Report for the July 2025 Board of Regents' Meeting

- FVCC celebrated the class of 2025 at its 57th annual commencement on May 16, honoring 314 students earning 338 degrees and certificates. Eleven nursing graduates were pinned at a separate ceremony on the same day.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2025/may/15/fvcc-grads-ready-to-make-a-difference/>
- The Wachholz College Center hosted its third annual open house and season preview in June. The event included a free outdoor concert by local band 20 Grand, food trucks and waived ticket service fees on any tickets purchased on-site.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2025/may/29/third-annual-open-house-and-season-preview-planned-at-the-wachholz-with-a-free-concert-by-funk-band-20-grand/>
- FVCC was selected as the host location for StoryCorps, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to recording, preserving and sharing the stories of people from all backgrounds and beliefs. The month-long visit to the Flathead Valley runs through June 26, recording and sharing the stories of local residents. Select stories may be broadcast on MTPR, archived at the Library of Congress and shared nationally by StoryCorps.
- The FVCC Trades Institute launched a new two credit career credential, “Accelerated CNC Essentials,” designed to prepare students for entry-level positions in the high-demand fields of manufacturing and machining in just eight weeks.
- The FVCC Trades Institute welcomed 200 middle school students to campus for the “Taste of the Trades” event, offering guided tours of the Trades Institute and culinary kitchen. The event provided students with first-hand exposure to FVCC programs and introduced them to future educational and career opportunities.
- The FVCC Library was recognized with the 2025 Excellent Library Service Award by the Montana State Library, honoring its commitment to outstanding service and student support. One of just 30 libraries statewide to earn the distinction in the final year of the program, FVCC stood out for its innovation and impact.
- The Wachholz College Center’s Wanda Hollensteiner Art Gallery welcomed a new exhibition, “The Mountains of Glacier Park: Honoring James and Wanda Hollensteiner,” featuring art landscapes of Glacier Park, including works from the Glacier Art Museum from its permanent collection kindly lent in honor of the Hollensteiners.