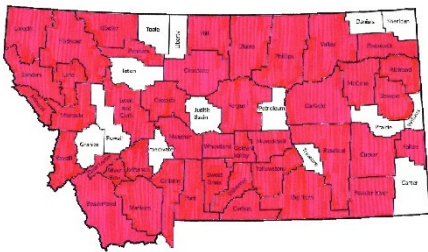


Date: April 25, 2025  
To: Montana Board of Regents  
From: Chad Knudson  
President, Dawson Community College  
RE: Campus report for May 2025 Board of Regents Meeting

- On May 8<sup>th</sup>, Dawson held its 84<sup>th</sup> Commencement and conferred associates degrees and certificates to approximately 80 graduates. 38 graduates earned honors, high honors or presidential honors. Also honored at the ceremony were five students who completed their HiSet this year.
- On April 16, Dr. Tricia Seifert from Montana State University was on campus to sign a 2+2 agreement for education. Upon signing the agreement, Dr. Seifert announced a “Buccaneer to Bobcat” scholarship for students transferring from DCC to MSU to complete their degrees in education. She also presented and took questions from a group of about 30 students.
- With educating teachers to meet the needs of place-bound, rural students in mind, Dawson joined UM, Helena College, FVCC, MCC and Bitterroot College in signing an MOU establishing the Montana Six Institution Alliance for Teaching.
- The Montana Para Pathways Project got off to a resounding start. After the first two months, approximately 4,000 Level 1 modules had been completed by 419 individuals. About 200 of them are working special education paraprofessionals. As of mid-April, individuals from 42 counties had begun the Level 1 training. About 20 individuals have completed Level 1 training and are ready to enroll in the 13-credit micro-credential through DCC’s education department in Fall 2025.



<https://opi.mt.gov/Educators/School-Climate-Student-Wellness/Special-Education/Para-Pathways-Project>

### ***Students from 42 counties began Level 1 training***

- DCC hosted its NWCCU mid-cycle accreditation visit on April 7 & 8. The visit was productive and positive. DCC appreciated the collaborative interaction and positive feedback from the Northwest visit team.
- Dawson students welcomed spring by joining forces to create a pickle ball court on campus.



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Glendive, Delray Lilley,  
Poplar, Cohen Sample,  
Colstrip.***