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TO: Board of Regents

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

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

- The FVCC Foundation raised over \$60,000 during its annual spring Festival of Flavors event held on April 3. Proceeds from the event will fund multiple scholarships for the upcoming academic year.
- FVCC's Culinary Institute of Montana senior class presented a pop-up lunch restaurant, Root & Rye, as the culmination of their capstone class. The menu is made up of artisan sandwiches, soups and salads created around the concept of utilizing local ingredients and celebrating Montana products and producers. This experience allows them to blend culinary skills with every aspect of operating a food business, making it a key milestone in their education.
 - <https://flatheadbeacon.com/2025/04/22/with-new-root-and-rye-pop-up-fvcc-students-aspire-to-serve-healthy-flavorful-food/>
- The NW Montana Job and Opportunity Fair was held at the local fairgrounds to help connect students and the community with career options. The event served 1200 students and job seekers, featured 100 local employers and was a collaborative effort between FVCC, the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, Job Service Kalispell, Workforce Flathead, and the Daily Inter Lake.
- Dr. Eliza Sorte-Thomas, FVCC Associate Professor of Education, and Katie Clarke, FVCC Assistant Professor of Communications, have been named 2024-2025 League Excellence Award recipients. This prestigious award, presented by the League for Innovation in the Community College, recognizes faculty, staff and administrators who demonstrate outstanding teaching, leadership and service in higher education.
- FVCC's Theatre and Music departments partnered to present the hilarious musical classic, "The Pirates of Penzance," which opened in April.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2025/apr/17/fvcc-presents-the-pirates-of-penzance/>
- FVCC student Piper Hadley has been selected as a 2024-25 George M. Dennison Civic Engagement Scholarship recipient. This prestigious award recognizes Montana college students who demonstrate exceptional civic leadership and a commitment to creating positive change in their communities.

- The Wachholz College Center's Wanda Hollensteiner Art Gallery on the campus of Flathead Valley Community College welcomed a new exhibition of the Bibler Collection of Inuit Art.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2025/apr/03/bibler-art-collection-on-display-at-fvc/c/>