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TO: Board of Regents

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

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- Miles Community College is thrilled to have been designated an Opportunity College by the Carnegie Classifications. The Opportunity Colleges and Universities designation is part of a newly developed Student Access and Earnings Classification [published this month by the Carnegie Foundation and the American Council on Education](#). This new classification examines the extent to which institutions foster opportunities for student success by measuring whether institutions are enrolling students reflective of the communities they serve and how the earnings of those students compare to peers in their area. In 2025, just 16% of all U.S. colleges and universities have been identified as Opportunity Colleges and Universities.
- Miles Community College will host its 85th annual commencement on Saturday, May 3, at 10:00am in the MCC Centra Kailey Gymnasium. Montana radio personality Rocky Erickson will be the commencement speaker. The 2025 Nurses Pinning Ceremony will be held Friday, May 2, at 4:00pm in the Kailey Gym.
- MCC's Adult Education and HiSET Program will host its annual HiSET Graduation on Thursday, May 1. All HiSET completers from the previous year are invited to attend; while the group is smaller than the MCC College graduation, the ceremony is no less meaningful for the graduates and their families.
- Each year at commencement, Miles Community College inducts the latest Distinguished Alumni Award winner into the MCC Hall of Fame. The 2025 honoree is Scott Malloy. Raised in Miles City, Scott earned his associate's degree from Miles Community College, a bachelor's degree from Rocky Mountain College, and a master's degree in social work from Arizona State University. Currently, Scott serves as the Program Director for the Montana Healthcare Foundation, where he was one of the founding staff members, helping establish it as Montana's first healthcare foundation. He is a frequent national speaker on behavioral health systems and program development and is regarded as a leading voice on behavioral health issues in Montana.
- The MCC Office of Institutional Research, in conjunction with Academic Affairs, administered the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) in April. MCC conducts the CCSSE in the spring of odd-numbered years; this is an important part of the institution's campus wide assessment. This year, Miles Community College was also able to be one of 50 institutions in the country participating in the field test for DESSE – the Dual Enrollment Survey of Student Engagement, ahead of its national administration launch in 2026.
- Miles Community College Nursing and EMT students participated in a disaster drill scenario on campus on February 27-28. Student received critical emergency response training and applied their skills in a high-intensity simulation. Day one covered mass casualty triage techniques, while day two brought the training to life with a simulated bus and automobile wreck in the college parking lot. Working alongside local EMS, Holy Rosary Hospital staff, MCC alumni, and volunteer victims, students gained real-world experience in assessing and treating patients under extreme pressure during the event.

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