

DATE: June 10, 2026

TO: Board of Regents

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

RE: Campus Report for the July 2026 Board of Regents' Meeting

- FVCC celebrated the class of 2026 at its 58th annual commencement in May, honoring 264 students earning 283 degrees and certificates. Also honored were nine nursing graduates at a nursing pinning ceremony the same day.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2026/may/14/a-legacy-of-success-at-fvcc/>
- The FVCC Student Research Showcase in May brought together 45 students from across disciplines, including honors, STEM, fine arts, theater and technology, to present their work through poster presentations, oral presentations, performances and live demos. The awards ceremony was headlined by 2025 Nobel Laureate, Dr. Fred Ramsdell, who shared his story of starting his own academic career at a community college.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2026/may/07/fvcc-student-research-showcase-highlights-student-innovation-arts-and-stem/>
- The Wachholz College Center's Wanda Hollensteiner Art Gallery welcomed a new exhibition, "The Artist's Studio: Tom Saubert" in honor of gallery donors James and Wanda Hollensteiner. Tom Saubert is an award winning and nationally recognized artist of the American West known for his beautiful figurative paintings and portraits. This exhibit focuses on Saubert's studio, the subject matter that inspires him and his artistic process.
- FVCC earned the 2026-2027 Military Friendly® Schools Designation recognized as a Silver School in the Small Community College category. Institutions earning the Military Friendly Schools® designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey.
- The Wachholz Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center (WIEC) has held four free community events since April. Topics included "The Entrepreneurial Mindset" presented by Christine Seager of Christine Seager Coaching, "Practical AI for Montana Businesses" presented by CubCloudAI founders Joshua Rhines and Brandon Smith, and a Night at the WIEC community discussion on mental health, hope and support led by the Nate Chute Foundation Executive Director Bray Ray.
 - <https://nbcmontana.com/news/local/flathead-valley-community-college-to-host-ai-workshop-mental-health-discussion>