

Helena College Campus Report for May 2026 BOR Meeting

In March, the **Helena College CNC Machining program** received a new and very exciting piece of equipment with help from **Boeing Helena and HAAS Automation**. Helena College CNC Machining is the first machining program to take ownership of a HAAS VF-2, 5-axis vertical machining center with integrated HAAS Cobot automation. The Machining industry is currently booming in the U.S. with no end in sight. The number one challenge being discussed in our industry is the difficulty in finding people to do the work. This new automation technology in manufacturing allows machinists the ability to be far more productive than ever before.

The **Helena College Art Showcase** exhibit features work by our students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Over 150 works by 60 artists were submitted this year for jurying. Community businesses and nonprofits contribute over \$6000 in awards and scholarships that are then given out during the award reception. The awards reception was held on April 11 in the Donaldson Student Center. The free family-friendly event draws our campus and local community members together for an evening of celebration, prizes, and raffle items.



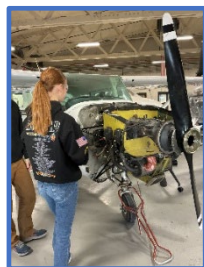
Journey

Part of the Showcase is the publication of the **2026 Vision & Verse Anthology**, which features 112 creative works from 52 Helena College students, alumni, and employees. The cover of the anthology is the mixed media collage to the left. The artist is Eleanor Lynde, and the piece is titled *Journey*.

St. Pete's Health donated a 2012 Chevrolet Margue Ambulance to the Fire & Emergency Services program. Helena College would like to thank Chris Mulberry, EMS Services Manager, and St. Pete's commitment to furthering higher education in our community. The donation helps HC to continue its mission of providing comprehensive, high-quality education to our students.



2012 Chevrolet Ambulance



Shadow Day

On Wednesday, March 4, the **Helena College Airport Campus** welcomed students from **East Helena High School** for a special shadow opportunity. High school students were paired up with current Helena College students in the programs of their interest (aviation, machining, diesel mechanics, and automotive mechanics) for a hands-on day exploring these programs. The visitors had a great experience and learned more about the programs offered at Helena College in a meaningful way.

Congratulations to **Valerie Curtin**, who was selected as the Financial Aid Professional of the year by the Montana Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators in March.