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TO: Board of Regents
FROM: Sandra J. Bauman, Dean/CEO
RE: November 2026 Campus Report

Helena College November 2026 Campus Report (Please click the link to view report for more details and pictures)

Helena College showcased its **Aviation Maintenance and CNC Machining** programs at **Aviation Day** on Friday, September 12. The annual event is co-hosted by the Helena Regional Airport, Boeing, the Montana National Guard, and Helena College.

The FAA released pass rates for approved Aviation Maintenance Technician Schools (AMTS). From August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2026, **Helena College graduates achieved a 93.94% pass rate**, placing the college near the top among the 224 programs that met the minimum rate required to maintain eligibility.

The **Welding program's new state-of-the-art plasma table** is now set up in the fabrication shop and ready to enhance hands-on student training. The equipment aligns with industry standards and will give students experience with the precision of laser cutting and high-quality plasma cutting.

The **Library Learning Hub** has instituted a free community lecture series for the 2026-2027 academic year with topics ranging from conservation to indigenous history to the arts.

Constitution Citizenship Day: The **Library Learning Hub** distributed pocket Constitutions and registered voters to commemorate awareness and understanding of the United States Constitution and the value of engaged citizenship.

Seth Roby, **HC Art Instructor**, and Aaron Parret have a new art book, *Pyre*. The culmination of more than five years of collaboration, *Pyre* is an exquisitely crafted artist book that combines traditional printmaking, letterpress printing, and hand bookbinding into a single unified work.

According to our latest YuJa Panorama report, Helena College currently has the **highest overall Canvas LMS accessibility score among all MUS institutions**, at **83.8%**!

Helena College employees and families participated in the **UM Homecoming Parade** for the first time this year. We plan to make it an annual tradition.

Paint Your Pet Portrait is one of the many **community enrichment courses** that were offered this fall at Helena College. These courses are one of the ways the college serves our community in the spirit of lifelong learning.