

DATE: August 26, 2026

TO: Board of Regents

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

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

- FVCC announced four finalists in the search for its next president. The finalists were selected from a pool of 90 candidates following a national search process in partnership with the Association of Community College Trustees Searches.
 - <https://flatheadbeacon.com/2026/08/19/flathead-valley-community-college-announces-top-four-finalists-for-president-and-public-information-sessions/>
- The FVCC Foundation welcomed Charlotte Housel as its new Chief Development Officer in June.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2026/aug/03/new-flathead-valley-community-college-foundation-director-looks-to-keep-assisting-education-mission/>
- Medical laboratory technology celebrated its graduates at the program's pinning ceremony in July. The physical therapy assistant program also held its pinning ceremony in July, celebrating five graduates from across the region.
- FVCC's Adult Education celebrated 62 graduates in a June ceremony. The program offers free courses in English Language Learning and High School Equivalency test prep to help participants build skills to enter college, training programs or the workforce.
- FVCC's Lincoln County Campus expanded its fall semester offerings with additional in-person credit courses and new community education options, as well as the three-semester Medical Assistant Certificate of Applied Science program, now available for the first time at the LCC campus.
- The Wachholz College Center's Wanda Hollensteiner Art Gallery welcomed "Anne Frank: A History for Today" traveling exhibit on loan from the Anne Frank Center at University of South Carolina. The exhibit shows how targeted people were affected by the political actions of individuals and groups during World War II through family photographs and historical images.
- The Wachholz Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center (WIEC) has held six free community events since June. Topics included the inaugural "Flathead AI Meetup" presented by Mark Ulett of Beargrass AI, the monthly "Brew x Build" presented by Meghan and Hunter Anderson of Fly Roofing, and an AI Lab Workshop hands-on session around AI skills to help in a business led by WIEC Director Eric Harry.

- Together, Job Service Kalispell, FVCC, the Daily Inter Lake, Discover Kalispell Chamber, and WorkForce Flathead hosted the annual Northwest Montana Job & Opportunity Fair for job seekers to explore hundreds of employment opportunities and connect directly with hiring employers.
 - <https://nbcmontana.com/news/local/northwest-montana-job-opportunity-fair-set-for-sept-23-in-kalispell>