

Helena College Campus Report for September 2026 BOR Meeting

Helena College Cosmetology Collaboration with Helena Indian Alliance (HIA)

The Helena College Cosmetology Program is pleased to share the success of our recent collaboration with the Helena Indian Alliance (HIA) during the ***Steeped in Fashion*** event held on June 27, 2026. This fashion show was the culmination of a three-day fashion boot camp sponsored by HIA for middle and high school students from June 24–26.

As part of this partnership, ten student models and designers visited The Salon at Helena College on June 27 to receive professional hairstyling and makeup services from five Helena College cosmetology students. Later that evening, our student stylists provided backstage support during the fashion show, helping participants prepare for their runway presentations.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Rachel Twoteeth-Pichard, HIA Outreach Coordinator and Helena College alumna, and Dawn Anderson, Director of Cosmetology, for coordinating this successful partnership.



Figure 1: Cosmetology Student & Model

Student Highlight

In August, Helena College student **Zion Smith** was honored by the **East Helena Fire Department** as the **Firefighter of the Year**.

“Tonight was one the nights a Fire Chief love to have. I had the honor of awarding Fire Fighter/EMT, Zion Smith, with the 2025 Firefighter of the Year. Zion has been an absolute joy to have as a member of our department. A dedicated, hard-working person willing to always jump in to help. Congratulations Zion and we are proud to have you as a member of our team.”

East Helena Fire Chief Roger Campbell

Zion will begin his second year of the Helena College Fire & Emergency Services Program in the fall.



Figure 2: Zion Smith

Helena College is now offering [Basic Life Support \(BLS\) and CPR classes](#), open to students, staff, faculty, and the general public. The BLS course is designed for current and incoming healthcare professionals who need Basic Life Support training for their clinical duties or to apply to one of our healthcare programs. The **Heartsaver® Total First Aid CPR AED** provides participants with the basics of first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and automated external defibrillator (AED) use.