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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Dr. Ron Slinger
President, Miles Community College

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

- Miles Community College will host a [Workforce and Industry Partnership Summit](#) on Monday, October 19, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. on the MCC campus. The summit will bring MCC representatives and regional employers together for a collaborative conversation focused on strengthening the workforce and supporting economic growth across the region. Attendees will have an opportunity to share their perspectives, build connections, and help shape future training, courses, and academic programs that prepare students and employees for success in evolving industries. Discussion during the event will focus on current and future workforce needs, opportunities for partnerships between MCC and area employers, and ways the college can continue supporting regional workforce and economic development initiatives.
- Miles Community College has been awarded a \$125,000 [Future at Work Grant](#) from the Montana Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education to launch a new Pre-Nursing Pathway for rural eastern Montana high school students. The Future Ready Pre-Allied Health and Nursing Pathway will provide a regional cohort of 20 high school students with purposeful dual enrollment opportunities that connect early college coursework with healthcare career preparation. Beginning in Fall 2026, participating students will have the opportunity to earn 15 college credits while still in high school, complete Nursing Assistant/CNA preparation, explore healthcare careers, and build a foundation for continued education in nursing and allied health programs. The pathway is specifically designed to increase access to healthcare education for students in rural communities. Online and hybrid coursework will allow students to remain connected to their local high schools while MCC works with participating schools and healthcare partners to coordinate clinical and career experiences closer to home. Participating rural high schools include Colstrip, Forsyth, Garfield County, Terry, Circle, Plevna, Baker, Ekalaka, and Powder River schools. Students will participate as one regional cohort, allowing smaller rural schools to collectively provide students with access to MCC academic resources, advising, and healthcare career preparation.
- Miles Community College kicked off the new academic year by giving back to the Miles City community through its [Fill the Wagon](#) School Supply Drive. Students, families, faculty, and staff were invited to help fill the MCC Pioneer Wagon with school supplies during its annual Welcome Wagon BBQ held Sunday, August 23. School supplies were then donated to local elementary schools. Fill the Wagon is an annual community service event that supports different local organizations each year, setting the tone for MCC's community engagement work that continues throughout the year.
- The BBQ for students, families, and faculty and staff, was just one of many events held as a part of MCC's annual [Welcome Wagon](#) event. The Welcome Wagon brings five days of activities, events, food, and fun designed to help both new and returning students (and those living both on and off campus) connect with fellow Pioneers and get ready for the new academic year.

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