

CAMPUS REPORTS
Board of Regents Meeting
September 21-23, 2005
Billings, Montana

Flathead Valley Community College
President Jane Karas

- Flathead Valley Community College was presented a check in the amount of \$20,043.29 from the Student Assistance Foundation at the FVCC Board of Trustees monthly meeting June 27. The grant was generated through the foundation's Acce\$\$ Grant program. Acce\$\$ Grants are awarded to Montana colleges and universities for use by the financial aid offices to help students whose unmet needs are creating barriers to prevent them from continuing their education. Since 1999, the organization has awarded nearly \$75,000 to FVCC.
 - Flathead Valley Community College hosted two Blue Angels representatives July 29. The representatives presented information on the Blue Angels and about career opportunities in the military to FVCC students and members of the public.
 - Flathead Valley Community College has expanded its Building Trades program to Polson this fall. The program enables students to receive two-year Associate of Applied Science degrees or one-year certificates while constructing a home in the Polson area. The program is sponsored by the Lake County Builders Association, Flathead Valley Community College and Polson High School.
 - FVCC has begun offering new one-year certificate programs in construction trades this fall. Those programs include electrical technology, plumbing technology, welding and fabrication technology and heavy equipment operator.
 - Flathead Valley Community College has launched a new and improved Culinary Arts program this fall. Now offering two-year Associate of Applied Science degrees, FVCC hosted an open house August 23 to showcase the program and to introduce the new program instructor to the public.
 - Flathead Valley Community College held new student orientation August 5 and 17. Nearly 400 new students attended the sessions to learn about financial aid opportunities, student support services, student organizations and course registration policies. Students who attended were given the opportunity to register for classes and meet with advisors.
 - Flathead Valley Community College's Continuing Education Center held a successful Kid's College program in June and July. The college had nearly 400 enrollments from children in grades one through eight who participated in fun-filled and enriching week-long, half-day classes such as "Sciensational Toys," "Kitchen Chemistry" and "Art of Spain and Mexico."
 - FVCC Education Instructor and Early Childhood Program Coordinator Marlyn James, M.A., teamed up with author and Early Childhood Education Consultant Gaye Gronlund to compose a book and produce a training video entitled, "Focused Observations: How to Observe Children for Assessment and Curriculum Planning" that was released this summer. The publication is a comprehensive resource designed to help early childhood educators implement realistic and time-conscious observation techniques into their classrooms.
 - Flathead Valley Community Theatre had a successful summer season with its second season of Outdoor Summer Theatre. Held throughout July, the series consisted of three family-friendly productions: "The Death and Life of Sneaky Finch," "The Book of Liz" and "The Doctor in Spite of Himself."
 - The Flathead Valley Community College Foundation hosted summer evening tours of the Bibler Home and Gardens July 25-29. The fundraiser generated over \$2,000 in proceeds to benefit student scholarships and programs at FVCC.
 - Flathead Valley Community College Board honored Trustee Herman "Chet" Ross, D.V.M., August 25, by renaming its Science and Technology building "Ross Hall" during a building dedication ceremony. Ross provided service to the college from 1967 to 2004 and made significant contributions to FVCC including serving as one of the college's founders and the first chairman of the college's Board of Trustees in 1967. He worked diligently to change Montana state law to permit community colleges to serve students 21-years old or younger to all residents of the district.
 - Following the building dedication August 25, the college held a public viewing of its new heavy equipment for the college's Heavy Equipment Operators program. The equipment was funded through one of three grants totaling \$693,577 awarded to Flathead Valley Community College in May as part of the \$3 million allocated by the 2005 Montana Legislature to update equipment at two-year colleges throughout the state. In addition, state-based companies including Western States of Kalispell, Western Plains of Billings, Triple W of Kalispell and Rocky Mountain Truck Center of Belgrade, contributed a 50 percent reduction in price for the purchase of the equipment.
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Miles Community College
President Darrel L. Hammon

- Miles Community College held its “Back to College” faculty and staff development and orientation the week of August 29, 2005. We welcomed the following faculty and staff: **Sharon Allard**—Nursing Instructor; **Ric Baranowsky**—Psychology Instructor; **Laura Bennett**—Controller; **Rob Bishop**—Athletic Director; **Bill Ellis**—Building Technology Instructor; **Kristy Fleshman**—Business Instructor; **Cindy Fuhrman**—FIPSE grant administrative assistant; **Laurie Kelly**—Volleyball Coach; **Dr. Beth Krueger**—Dean of Academic Affairs; **Loren Lancaster**—Admissions Representative/Recruiter; **Helen Linderman**—Clinical Resource Nurse in Glendive; **Darren Pitcher**—Director of Student Services; **Tad Torgerson**—Dean of Administrative Services; **Sarah Vernholm**—Health Sciences Division Administrative Assistant; and **Lindsey Woolley**—Golf Coach.
 - Miles Community College student **Julie Harris** won first place for the Student Photographic Society Division of the Montana Professional Photographers Association at the Great Falls State Conference. Julie is pursuing a Business degree. She is planning on opening a photography business in the near future.
 - **Robin Gerber**, History and Drama instructor, recently published *A Long Way From Anywhere: A History of Miles City Montana—For Kids*.
 - Faculty member **Donna Faber’s** photo, “Down the Lane to Better Grass on the Yellowstone,” was selected for the “best of the best” showing at the Yellowstone Art Museum in Billings. These selections were taken from contributors who were encouraged to photograph life along the Yellowstone on July 25, 2003, to commemorate Clark’s journey 200 years ago.
 - The Miles Community College Board of Trustee Member recently selected **Todd Steadman** as the newest Trustee for the College. Many of you know that Jim Lucas has stepped down from his position as Trustee. Jim has been associated with the College in some way for the past 50 years, the last 34 years as Trustee.
 - Miles Community College won third place in the Float Division of the **Bucking Horse Sale Parade**. If you have not attended the internationally-acclaimed Bucking Horse, you ought to.
 - Pioneer baseball players, **Tanner Swanby, Nate Herbig, and Evan Krause** made the NJCAA All-Region XIII Baseball Team Division II.
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Montana State University-Bozeman
President Geoff Gamble

- The **MONTANA MANUFACTURING EXTENSION CENTER (MMEC)** recently ranked the best among 59 centers nationally on their Customer Satisfaction Score. In addition, MMEC was fourth best in the nation for their Investment Leverage Ratio, the return on investment that clients make. This is a huge accomplishment considering that most centers work with more and larger manufacturers.
- The 60th annual **4-H CONGRESS** took place on campus this month with over 500 student delegates attending. Teen leaders and adults took part in conferences and contests and donated thousands of pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House fundraiser. 4-H is a program of the Montana State University **EXTENSION SERVICE** and serves 30,000 school age kids throughout the state.
- **MICHAEL IVIE**, associate professor of entomology, was named to a life-time honorary position as a Fellow of the Royal Entomological Society in London.
- The **OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS** with cooperation from the **ENGLISH DEPARTMENT** will host student leaders from the Middle East and Northern Africa for four weeks this summer as the result of winning a new \$314,000 federal grant sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Middle East Partnership Initiative and the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The twenty-two students will also spend two weeks in Washington, D.C. and two weeks touring Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico.
- MSU economist **DINO FALASCETTI** was appointed to serve a one-year appointment on the President’s Council of Economic Advisors, a group charged with studying Social Security for President George W. Bush. He will work in Washington D.C. for one year analyzing proposals and trying to anticipate consequences.
- The **BOBCATS** earned the Big Sky Conference’s premier award, the **STERLING SAVINGS BANK PRESIDENT’S CUP** for excellence in both academics and athletics. The award takes into consideration grade point averages, graduation rates and number of all-conference performers with a GPA of above 3.0, as well as league standing in football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, tennis, cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field and golf.
- **SUSAN CAPALBO**, Director of the **BIG SKY REGIONAL CARBON SEQUESTRATION PARTNERSHIP**, will direct a \$17 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to further develop ways of capturing and storing greenhouse gases. The partnership includes scientists from Wyoming, South Dakota, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, tribal nations and international collaborators in Norway, India and the Netherlands. The award is recognition of MSU’s work in energy research and the infrastructure in place.

- **FLY ROD & REEL** magazine rated MSU as the top university in the country for students looking for both an education and fly-fishing opportunities.
- **JENNIFER HAUBENREISER**, Director of **MSU HEALTH PROMOTION**, will administer a new \$207,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education aimed at preventing high-risk drinking and violent behavior on campus. The grant will support MSU programs ranging from the popular Midnight Mania to screening programs for high-risk drinkers.
- **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS** assembled at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama on June 18th to launch an experiment on **NASA's "Deep Space Test Bed"** gondola. The students prepared the project as part of the NASA Student Launch Initiative. MSU was one of four universities selected to participate out of 550 applications.
- **CHRIS GUY**, associate professor in **ECOLOGY** at Montana State University and assistant leader of the Montana Cooperative Research Unit, has earned the American Fisheries Society Education Section's "Excellence in Fisheries Education Award" recognizing excellence in teaching and advising in fisheries science or management. It is the section's highest honor.
- The **COLLEGE of LETTERS and SCIENCE** has expanded its relationship with Aspen Pointe, a local retirement community. Four faculty presented lectures last year to audiences of between 30 and 75 people. This academic year, L&S faculty will present a minimum of six lectures at the facility.
- Twenty-one minority high school students from throughout Montana recently completed a six-week summer science enrichment camp at MSU. The **MONTANA APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (MAP)**, is designed to provides hands-on research experience to teens interested in science, technology, engineering and math. Students work closely with MSU faculty mentors, participate in seminars and a full activity schedule and are paid for their laboratory work. Over 350 students have completed the camp since it began in 1980.
- **BLAKE WIEDENHEFT**, a graduate student from Fort Peck discovered a new protein, the first of its kind found in high-temperature micro-organisms living in acidic hot springs. He was the lead author on a professional paper describing the protein that was recently published in the National Academy of Sciences weekly journal. **MARK YOUNG, PLANT SCIENCES and PLANT PATHOLOGY** professor, was a co-author and provided photos and art that ran on the cover.
- **AMANDA GRUE**, a graduate student in the **SCIENCE AND NATURAL HISTORY FILMMAKING**, received second place in the international film competition of the Association Liaison Office for University Cooperation in Development. Hers was the only student-generated film in the top four. Her film, "Junior Mentors Synergize Partnerships" was filmed in Mali and funded by an USDA Higher Education Challenge Grant, "Discovery-Based Undergraduate Education: Collaborative Research Support Programs.". **FLORENCE DUNKEL, ENTOMOLOGY** professor, was Grue's mentor for the project and is the Principal Investigator of the grant.
- **JAYME KRELTINGER**, a senior from Manhattan majoring in modern languages, was awarded a \$5,000 Gilman Scholarship to study at Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco. She plans to study Arabic and an Arabic dialect spoken in Morocco, as well as economics of developing countries. Ultimately she plans to attend graduate school and study women in education.
- MSU's **RESEARCH EXPENDITURES** grew to \$98.4 million in FY05, an increase of 12 percent over last year's record. The ability of faculty to be successful in competing for grants and contracts opens doors for students to receive a state-of-the-art education and is a leading contributor in MSU's 83 percent medical school placement rate, overall number of Goldwater scholarship awards and other undergraduate student accomplishments.
- The **MUSEUM OF THE ROCKIES** has become one of 142 Smithsonian Institute affiliates, giving the museum greater access to Smithsonian collections, programs and expertise. **JACK HORNER**, Curator of Paleontology, is a senior fellow with the Smithsonian's Natural History Museum.
- **MAGGIE GUDATIS**, computer systems analyst in the **COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES** has received an international award, the Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Leadership Award, from the Adobe Corporation and the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations organization, for her leadership in making MSU's graduate theses and dissertations available on the internet.

Montana Tech of The University of Montana
Chancellor W. Frank Gilmore

- Montana Tech was again recognized by the Princeton Review's annual college guide, "The Best 361 Colleges – 2006 Edition." Assets listed by students surveyed include the great placement rate and computer facilities, availability of financial aid, and interesting and accessible professors.
- The seven B.S. engineering programs and the M.S. in Industrial Hygiene in the School of Mines & Engineering were successfully reaccredited by ABET following a Fall 2004 visit.

- The Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology's regional seismograph network recorded the July 25, 2005 earthquake (magnitude 5.6) centered nine miles north of Dillon. Within minutes, emergency-response agencies and the public were provided with information needed in order to realize that this was not a major disaster, and an appropriate response could be planned. Recognizing a need for additional data in the immediate area, the U.S. Geological Survey, in cooperation with the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology, installed a new seismic station north of Dillon. The new station became functional on August 12 and raw seismic data are posted to the Bureau's Earthquake Studies Office website.
- The Crow Tribe recently announced an Oil and Gas Exploration Agreement for a 7,680 acre lease on the Crow Reservation, which includes requirements for drilling exploration wells as soon as possible. The prospect was identified in 1998 by Dr. David Lopez, senior geologist with the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology, as part of research performed under a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Energy.
- The Clark Fork Watershed Education Program (CFWEP) and Advancing Rural Montana Science (ARMS) programs of Technical Outreach hosted 18 K-12 science teachers from southwest Montana at the 2005 Upper Clark Fork Watershed Summer Science Academy on August 15-17.
- Professor Pat Munday, Professional & Technical Communication, joined colleague Harry Fritz (UM-Missoula) as an instructor in a week-long summer institute for high school American History teachers. The group began with lectures and activities in Butte and Anaconda, and then boarded a bus for a week of site visits, lectures, and workshops.
- Henrietta Shirk, Ph.D., has been elected as the 2005-2006 President of the Montana Chapter of the Society for Technical Communication (STC).
- Geophysical engineering professor Marvin Speece and graduate student Seth Betterly will spend most of October and November in Antarctica conducting geophysical surveys to help select a drilling site for the Antarctic DRILLING (ANDRILL) Program. ANDRILL is a multinational program with the objectives to recover stratigraphic intervals for use in interpreting Antarctica's climatic, glacial and tectonic history over the past 50 million years.
- The Technical Outreach Department presented several events this summer, including (1) a six-week residential Upward Bound Academy, (2) a one-week residential college-preparation camp, (3) fifteen three-hour workshops under the auspices of Kids' College, and (4) a Bridge program, which gave students the opportunity to earn six undergraduate credits.
- Amy Verlanic, Director of Technical Outreach, assumed the presidency of ASPIRE, Inc., a six-state non-profit professional association designed to increase educational access and opportunities for disadvantaged students.
- Dr. Larry Twidwell presented a plenary keynote address at the Arsenic Metallurgy Fundamentals and Applications at the 2005 TMS (The Metals Society) annual meeting. He and colleagues presented two additional papers that were judged the Best Technology Papers for the EPD (Engineering Process Division) of TMS. Professor Willis Weight taught a 5-day course on hydrogeology at the Fort Belknap Indian reservation, to increase awareness of water issues and environmental concerns.
- Margaret Ziaja presented a paper on "Model of the Impregnated Diamond Bit" at the American Association of Drilling Engineers (AADE) 2005 National Conference and Exhibition in Houston, held April 4-7, 2005.

Montana State University-Billings
Chancellor Ronald P. Sexton, Ph. D.

- Dr. George White, Dean of the College of Education and Director of Graduate Studies, has been named as Interim Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at the Billings campus. His new duties began July 1. White will be serving in the role as Provost and Academic Vice Chancellor while a nationwide search takes place for a candidate to fill the role on a permanent basis. White took over for Dr. Janie Park, who left MSU-Billings in July to become president of Chadron State College in Nebraska. She had been Academic Vice Chancellor since 1996.
- Dr. Mary Susan Fishbaugh, a special education, reading and early childhood professor, was named Interim Dean for the College of Education. She replaces Dr. George White, who is filling the role of Interim Provost and Academic Vice Chancellor.
- Dr. Kirk Lacy, Director of Outreach and Distance learning, was named Interim Dean for the College of Professional Studies and Lifelong Learning. He replaced Dr. Randy Rhine.
- The Student Opportunity Services program received notification of the continuation of their Student Support Services TRIO grant from the Department of Education. This will provide \$290,079 per year for the next four years to support this program that serves low-income, first-generation, and disabled students on the MSU-Billings campus.
- On May 11, 2005, the Montana Contractor's Association Board of Directors met at the College of Technology. Twenty-five members of the board attended this meeting on Building the Future—Partnership to Develop Construction Trades Center. The two groups then announced that they are using \$50,000 as seed money to build a partnership between MCA and COT that will provide more highly-trained workers for the growing construction

industry. The partnership will also involve the collaboration of Billings School District #2's Career Center. The program will be an AAS degree to go through MSU-Billings and Board of Regents approval in the fall with the first class beginning in January 2006, as well as noncredit workforce development programs in the evenings as a partnership with the Billings Career Center.

- The MSU-Billings Office of International Studies has increased their international student numbers as well as their staff, including an International Resident Assistant and student interns. Twenty-two of twenty-eight international students obtained a 3.0 GPA or higher in spring 2005. The Office has also increased the number of scholarships offered as well as participation in the International Studies Club and the Minor in International Studies.
- The Montana Center on Disabilities and the newly expanded Bighorn Teacher Projects at MSU-Billings received \$1,142,716 from the U.S. Department of Education to implement the Teacher Education for All in Montana (TEAM) program at MSU-Billings. Dr. Susan Barfield, an associate professor in the College of Education, wrote the grant proposal with assistance from the Montana Center, the BHTP, and the College of Education. The grant provides the funding, by spring 2008, to graduate 15 certified American Indian teachers who demonstrate a commitment to employment in schools serving these reservations. Currently, American Indian teachers comprise a low percentage of the teaching staffs in Montana schools.
- The Student Assistance Foundation presented Montana State University–Billings with \$53,771.50 through the foundation's Access Grant program. Since 1999, the foundation has awarded over \$215,000 to MSU-Billings, and nearly \$2.2 million, statewide, through the Access Grant program.
- MSU-Billings announced in early February that it was reviving its baseball program. Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Dr. Gary Gray announced that Chris Brown has been selected as the head coach for the first NCAA baseball program in the state. Beginning with the 2006 spring season, the Yellowjacket baseball team will compete in the Heartland Conference with 40 games scheduled for their first season of play.

Montana State University-Great Falls College of Technology

Dean Mary Sheehy Moe

- Top Prize at Model Arab League. An 11-student delegation from MSU – Great Falls participated in the Northern Rockies Model Arab League Conference in Missoula in April and received the Outstanding Delegation award, the top honor given at the conference. Besides the top overall honor, many students received awards for their work on individual committees, capturing Outstanding Delegate and Honorable Delegate awards.
- Media Arts and Filmmaking Camp presented by Peter Rosten. At a 2-day camp taught by retired Hollywood producer Peter Rosten in August, local teens were introduced to the fundamentals of filmmaking, including story development, screenwriting assignments and preliminary "hands-on" technical skills with the main emphasis being personal expression and self-fulfillment. Peter Rosten retired and moved to rural Montana in 2001. His producing credits include the 1980's CBS TV series "Scarecrow and Mrs. King" and the 1989 film "True Believer."
- Identity Theft Workshop. Attorney General Mike McGrath visited MSU – Great Falls in August to introduce a campus workshop on identity theft, featuring Cort Jensen, of the Office of Consumer Protection. Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in America so the workshop addressed what it is, how to prevent it and what to do if it happens to you individually or as a business. Attorney General McGrath also talked about Montana's new Identity Theft Passport, which was passed by our 2005 legislature to serve as verification that a person has been a victim of identity theft.
- First-ever Fall Orientation Party. MSU – Great Falls hosted a bumper crop of prospective students at a new orientation format on August 19, 2005. The Fall Orientation Party or CheckOut Party was modeled after MSU Bozeman's Catapalooza. During the orientation party, students were able to get student ID pictures taken, tour the facility, and visit approximately 50 tables of vendors with give-a-ways and information.
- The 2nd European Tour. Continuing the Study Global Initiative at MSU – Great Falls, next spring students will be able to meander through the canals of Venice, climb the hills of Tuscany, and experience the art and architecture of Rome, Vatican City and Florence. The upcoming educational tour in May 2006 will be hosted by Interior Design instructors, Susan Brazier-Smith and Julie Myers, along with Art faculty Grayce Holzheimer. This exciting opportunity will allow students to travel for 8 days through Italy, earning college credit while experiencing a new culture, great food, and interesting people.
- Gubernatorial Appointment. Respiratory Care Program Director, Leonard Bates, has been named by Governor Brian Schweitzer to the State Board of Respiratory Care Practitioners.

Montana State University – Northern
Chancellor Alex Capdeville

- This summer we were able to finish several projects that will enhance our campus and our educational environment. The Metals/Welding shop was completely renovated. The floors were ground and polished, walls painted and new welding booths and stations were installed. The vast majority of the work was done by Virgil Hawkinson and Joel Brodeur, who are both faculty of those programs.
- Finishing touches are being done on our new Applied Technology Center building. The new equipment has been ordered and is arriving and being installed daily. A grand opening date has not been set yet because we want to make sure that all of the equipment is installed and set up for demonstration.
- The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) granted our baccalaureate degree nursing program continuing accreditation for eight years. The Commission also granted the associate degree nursing program continuing accreditation with the condition that we submit a focused report in two years. If the Commission accepts the focused report, the next evaluation for the associate degree program will be scheduled for spring 2013.
- This summer I hosted every civic group in Havre to discuss what is happening on campus. I spoke on athletics, events center, cultural center, programs at Northern, and toured the ATC facility. These meetings were well received and I believe will help create a great deal of excitement toward our upcoming Applied Technology Center's grand opening.
- We replaced the last roof on the campus. This means that every roof on our campus has been replaced or repaired; therefore, we should not have to worry about leaking roofs for another 20 years.
- Dave Gantt has been hired as our new athletic director. This is the first time in Northern's history that we have hired a person to focus their energies as an Athletic Director. I believe that will make a significant difference in our athletic department and our ability to raise money for athletics.

The University of Montana-Western
Chancellor Richard Storey

Accomplishments

- Professor Sheila Roberts has had a book chapter published titled *Surface-recession weathering of marble tombstones: New field data and constraints*, in Turkington, A.V., ed., *Stone decay in the architectural environment*. Geological Society of America Special Paper 390, p. 27-37, 2005.
- Professor Gary Lundy has had his poems, *nobody else's house aflame* and *tuning my guitar. the b always off. my hearing. the phone. and relationship.* accepted for publication in *Pudding Magazine*. Dr. Lundy also had another of his poems, *another roach story*, accepted by the magazine *snow monkey*.
- Dr. Rita Moore has had her book published by Heinemann, the leading publisher in Educational Resources. The book was co-authored by Carol Gilles of the University of Missouri-Columbia.
- Bibliographic entry: Moore, R. & Gilles, C. (2005). *Reading conversations: Retrospective miscue analysis with struggling readers grades 4-12*. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann.

Experience One Implementation Progress

- The full Experience One course schedule is in place with many course sections already full. Additional faculty training will occur during 2004-5 and is being organized by the campus Teaching Development Committee, chaired by Dr. Bill Janus. One such faculty development opportunity occurred on August 24, 2005 with an experiential education workshop offered by Dr. Sonja Wiedenhaupt of Evergreen College in Washington.

Chaohu College Friendship and Collaboration Agreement

- The University of Montana-Western hosted three representatives from Chaohu College of Chaohu, China on June 21-24. The meetings resulted in the signing of a friendship and cooperation agreement between Western and Chaohu College. Both schools agreed to develop faculty and student exchange agreements that will be beneficial to both institutions and open up new opportunities to Western students and faculty. The three representatives were Wuqing Dong, President of Chaohu College, Yourong Liu, Associate Professor and Director of Educational Psychology, and Daocai Zhang, Director of Foreign Affairs and Associate Professor. Chaohu is located in the southeastern Chinese province of Anhui.

SKC Collaboration Grant

- Western has been collaborating with Salish-Kootenai College (SKC) since 1997 to offer its Elementary Education Program on the SKC campus and this has significantly impacted the number of American Indian teachers in Montana. The success of this program was an important factor in SKC receiving a grant from the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) to continue and expand this offering. The DOE press release included the following:
- *Salish Kootenai College of Pablo, Mont. has been selected to receive a \$278,392 grant to provide a training program to graduate new American Indian teachers, U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings announced today. The college will work with the University of Montana-Western and the seven Montana Indian Reservations and adjacent schools to recruit and train new teachers that meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act.*
- A portion of this grant will go to Western to cover some of the administrative costs of this Indian Teacher Education Program (ITEP). Other benefits of Western's relationship with SKC are increased multi-cultural opportunities for Western's students and faculty and other forms of collaboration. Western is also assisting SKC in the development of its own elementary education program.

Collaboration Agreement with Dillon Elementary School District

- UMW has been working with the Dillon Elementary School District on a joint venture to develop a professional development school model known as a Teaching and Learning Community (TLC).
- The purpose of the agreement, which is still under development, is to combine resources and work together to improve results for The University of Montana-Western teaching candidates, offer greater professional development opportunities for classroom teachers participating in the project, and positively affect learning and the learning environment of partnering schools. It is hoped that this agreement will 1) provide ongoing quality field and student teaching placements for teacher education candidates, ongoing professional development for teachers who desire to become Mentor Teachers or Student Teacher Supervisors in the TLC teacher preparation program, and 2) initiate ongoing and collaborative scholarly and faculty development opportunities for Dillon Public School Faculty and UMW faculty.

Summer 2005 Enrollments

- A total of 341 students amounting to 143 full time equivalents (FTE) have enrolled in Western's May interim and summer courses this year. This is an increase of 2% in FTE over 2004.

Fall 2005 Enrollments

- With another large recruitment class of freshman and transfer students, Western's fall 2005 full time equivalent (FTE) student enrollment is on track to meet enrollment projections for 2005-6. While enrollment patterns have become more variable in recent years, and thus more difficult to predict, enrollment trends are positive so far.

New Strategic Growth Positions

- In order to solidify and build upon recent enrollment increases, Western has added two new strategic positions. The first is a Director of Student Success/Director of Institutional Analysis and Strategic Planning. This position will coordinate academic student services as well as analyze academic data that will assist the campus in its strategic planning efforts. The second position is a Director of Marketing and University Relations position that will design and coordinate marketing efforts and assist with fund-raising campaigns.

The University of Montana Missoula President G. M. Dennison

- University of Montana students contributed to the over \$4 billion in volunteer service raised by members of the Campus Compact, a national coalition dedicated to promoting community service, civic engagement and service-learning in higher education.
- **Hak Kyun Kim**, a University of Montana graduate student from Seoul, received the \$1,500 University of Montana Leonard R. Stach Scholarship in Ceramics.
- Thirty-two incoming University of Montana freshmen received prestigious Presidential Leadership Scholarships, recognizing their outstanding talent, academic performance, and contribution to community. Each student will receive a four-year tuition waiver plus an additional \$5,000 to \$7,500 per year.
- A NASA review panel recently announced it will extend the mission of the space agency's Terra environmental satellite for three years, enabling The University of Montana's Numerical Terradynamic Simulation Group, directed by **Professor Steven Running**, to continue studying aspects of the Earth's health. Running's group created software for Terra's Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer which measures global vegetation, cloud characteristics, ocean temperature, and more.
- **Jim Foley**, a former top aide to U.S. Sen. Max Baucus, began his position as the next executive assistant to the president and University Executive Vice President at The University of Montana.

- Research findings by University of Montana professor, behavioral ecologist, and acting associate dean of the Division of Biological Sciences, **Erik Greene** and former University of Montana graduate student, **Chris Templeton**, were featured in the June 23rd issue of *Science*, one of the world's top research journals. The pair deciphered the language of chickadees and found a complex system of alarm calls that convey information about the size and danger of potential predators and tell the birds what sort of defense to mount in response.
 - **Jim O'Day**, formerly the director of development for The University of Montana's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, will replace Don Read as the University's Director of Intercollegiate Athletics.
 - In July, the University hosted a national scientific conference on all aspects of asbestos-related diseases and research titled "Directions and Needs in Asbestos Research."
 - Two University professors, David Aronofsky, University of Montana legal counsel and law school faculty member, and Terry Weidner, Asian studies professor and director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center completed a lecture tour in China where they discussed World Trade Organization legal and policy issues involving China. Their trip was funded by a grant from the U.S.-China Business Council Legal Cooperation Fund, with additional support from the All China Youth Federation.
 - In August, The University of Montana's O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West, a regional studies and public policy center, hosted a seminar on educational provisions of the state's constitution titled, "Montana Constitution: Progressive Spirit of the Rocky Mountain West."
 - On 26 July 2005, The University of Montana celebrated the 15th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act by hosting a celebration and offering tours of the University's new accessible van.
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