

Memorandum

To: Board of Regents

From: Jane Karas, President
Flathead Valley Community College

Re: March Campus Report

Date: February 6, 2009

- FVCC launched its **Chinese Cultures and Arts lecture series** presented by **FVCC Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Eric Ruicheng Pei**, visiting associate professor from Liaoning University in Shenyang, China. Lectures will take place throughout the spring semester and will cover topics ranging from interacting with Chinese people to Chinese and American influences.
- FVCC hosted its second annual **College for a Day** January 15. Approximately 750-800 high school juniors from Flathead, Glacier, Columbia Falls and Bigfork High Schools attended the day-long event that allowed them to experience a college classroom environment, meet college instructors and explore the diverse career options available in the workforce. Students participated in various hands-on activities that centered on the following nine career fields: allied health; arts and communications; business and management; engineering; occupational trades; science applications; science, health and education; social and human services; and theatre.
- Flathead Valley Community College welcomed its largest class of senior students in the history of the college to its **15th annual Senior Institute** that kicked off February 13. More than 200 area seniors from 62 to 95 years old have enrolled in the program that involves a series of 14 credit classes with subjects ranging from ceramics and crime prevention to gardening and computers. Students are provided a complimentary lunch buffet and transportation from the area senior centers.
- The FVCC culinary arts program introduced its new **Chef's Table** dinner series to the community January 23. The event involves **first-year culinary arts students** completing their first-year internships on campus while preparing hors d'oeuvres and a three course meal for patrons every Friday evening for 14 weeks this spring. The event takes place in the college's instructional kitchen and entails lead instructor **Chef Howard Karp** introducing each course as it is plated by the students in front of the guests.
- FVCC hosted a grand reopening celebration of its **Eagle's Nest Café** February 2. Sponsored by the **FVCC Alumni and Friends program**, the event honored FVCC alumni and friends of the college and took place in the newly remodeled dining hall.

- FVCC hosted the **2009 Northwest Montana Regional High School Business Professionals of America Conference** January 12. Under the leadership of FVCC Business Instructor **Brenda Rudolph**, the conference consisted of over 50 competitions in a variety of business subjects such as job interviews, accounting, computer applications, economic research, Web design, entrepreneurship, human resource management and business decision making.. Approximately 170 students from 11 high schools in the northwest region of Montana competed in the conference.
- Flathead Valley Community College celebrated the **first anniversary** of its **Early Childhood Center** with a birthday party February 3. Community members were invited to tour the facility, meet the staff and learn about the program.