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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for the September 23-25 Board of Regents' Meeting

- Miles Community College hosted the 125th Montana Stock Growers Association Convention, June 10-14, 2009. The event brought stock growers from every corner of Montana to Miles City. Among the events highlights were association meetings, programs, workshops, and parade through the historic downtown section of Main Street Miles City.
- Donna Faber, Faculty, was elected to the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame Board of trustees. Miles Community College Rodeo Coach Wally Badgett serves on the same board.
- Darren Pitcher, Vice President for Student Success and Institutional Research, Jessie Dufner, Dean of Enrollment Services, and Erin Niedege, Enrollment Management Specialist attended the 24th Annual Enrollment Planners Conference in Chicago July 15-17, 2009. The conference was presented by ACT and provided three informative days of sessions focused on: Doing more with less in tough times, Marketing/Communications, Effective uses of Data, Student Access and Participation, Student Retention and Recruitment Strategies as well as Enrollment Management Strategies for the Two-Year College.
- Craig Rink became the new Head coach for the Pioneer golf team. Craig earned his Bachelor's degree from Black Hills State University with a degree in Business Administration and Management. He also earned his teacher's certification from the United States Golf Teachers Federation this past spring. He has a lifetime exposure to golf and is currently playing with a zero handicap. Back in his collegiate days, Craig was an All-American NAIA player at BHSU. His recent accomplishments include winning the Montana Mid-Amateur Championship.
- Miles Community College hosted the Annual Pioneer Scramble Golf Tournament August 22nd. The Pioneer Scramble is a fundraiser for the athletic program. Over 90 golfers took part in the day's event, including alum who traveled many miles across Montana to show their support for Pioneer Athletics.

- The employees of Miles Community College participated in the Welcome Wagon Program August 22-23. The Welcome Wagon was a volunteer effort by the employees to assist students moving into the Residence Halls. Employees carried luggage, televisions, refrigerators, computers and much more to the students' new dorm rooms. Lunch was served both days for students and their families.
- Miles Community College went wireless over the summer. The IT department installed the appropriate software which went active in late June. The IT department also increased the dorm network internet speed to 10 Mbps up/down giving the students the bandwidth they had lobbied for a year previous.
- The Miles Community College Board of Trustees voted unanimously to rename *the Commons* during their July board meeting. The new name will be *The Nibs and Edna Allen Commons*. The name recognizes the significant financial contributions made to Miles Community College by the Nibs and Edna Allen Foundation. A ceremony and sign unveiling will occur in September.
- The Grow Eastern Montana plan has been implemented at Miles Community College for Fall 2009 – Spring 2011. The plan which allows students from ND, SD, WY, and Saskatchewan, Canada to pay in-state tuition has so far attracted 20 full time students.
- The Miles Community College Athletic department has decided to not field a Women's Volleyball team for the 2009-2010 season. After two failed searches for a Head coach the decision was approved by the Miles Community College Board of Trustees. Scholarships were honored for returning students and money is continuing to be budgeted for the sport in the event that a coach can be found and the program be resumed.
- Negotiations with faculty concluded July 28, 2009 and the new master agreement was ratified by the MCC faculty Association and the Board of Trustees in August.
- Upon submission of the final report concerning the \$10,000 eLearning grant MCC received last year from OCHE, Tom Gibson commended MCC for putting up 21 new online courses.