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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Stefani Hicswa
President, Miles Community College

RE: Campus Report for the November 17 – 18 Board of Regents' Meeting

- Indian Heritage Day, which fell on the fourth Friday of September, was used to unveil the Hall of Nations display located in the hallway just outside the Judson H. Flower Jr. Library. The display contains flags from all of the Indian Nations who formally call Montana home as well as information and pictures representing the eight separate nations. The display is designed to educate and inform current students, staff, faculty and guests. The exhibit is scheduled to be up indefinitely.
- The Miles Community College Educator's Conference was held on campus October 20-21. Area educators participated in a variety of professional development classes including one by MCC President Stefani Hicswa titled *Creative Solutions for Conflict Resolutions*.
- The MCC endowment hosted the 3rd annual Main Event "Night of Knowledge". The Main Event is the college's annual fundraiser. The evening consisted of dinner, variety show by students and testimonials from alumni.
- Bert Pezzarossi has been hired as the new Accounts Payable Technician replacing Karen Losing who held the position for 31 years. Other new hires include Wendy Hodgson who moved from the Library to Student Accounts and Steve Kransky who joins the MCC family to assist in the Library.
- Flags have been raised to represent the countries of our international freshman students. They are displayed on poles purchased by the MCC Student Senate located on the south lawn of the campus. Countries represented this year include Latvia, Canada, France, and Serbia.
- The Montana Commissioner of Higher Education, Sheila Stearns, visited campus on September 8th for a listening session with local legislators and community members. She was accompanied by Regent Major Robinson from Billings.
- With the Miles City Star, Miles Community College sponsored a forum for the candidates running for mayor on September 8th.

- Shelly Weight and Jerry Forman attended the Rural Community College Alliance Conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The conference ran September 26 – 28, 2011. Shelly and Jerry presented “Developing High Cost Programs on a Dime.”
- Jerry Forman and Shelly Weight traveled to Billings on September 30, 2011 to present their grant application to the coal board. They answered the questions posed by the board, and were awarded the full \$120,000 requested to purchase equipment for the program. The board was very supportive of the proposal and the heavy equipment program at Miles Community.
- The Centra Athletic Center held an open house on October 26, 2011. Patrons had the opportunity to try out the new golf simulators, peruse the new weight machines, and take advantage of membership specials. The Centra, which is the home of Pioneer Athletics, is shared with committee members and visitors of Miles City.