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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for the September 19-20 Board of Regents' Meeting

- Miles Community College was recently nominated for the second consecutive year for the Aspen Prize. The Aspen Institute has released the data set that was used to make those nominations. Miles Community College's data continues to show the quality of the College's academics and services:
 - Miles Community College's freshman retention rate for last year was 64.1%; the national average was 51.8%.
 - Miles Community College awarded 47.5 credentials per 100 FTE; the national average was 28.7.
 - Miles Community College's three-year graduation and transfer rate was 74.7%; the national average was 39.6%.
- Miles Community College received correspondence from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities that its accreditation has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Spring 2012 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Evaluation.
- Miles Community College hosted eight S.O.A.R. (Student Orientation, Advising & Registration) Sessions this summer. A total of 176 students took part in the all day events. Students were able to get acquainted with the college, register for classes, receive their college id cards and meet future classmates. Special breakout sessions were held for parents and non-traditional age students.
- Miles Community College hosted the Annual Pioneer Scramble Golf Tournament August 25, 2012. The Pioneer Scramble is a fundraiser for the athletic program. Over 90 golfers took part in the day's event, including alum that traveled many miles across Montana and Wyoming to show their support for Pioneer Athletics.
- The employees of Miles Community College participated in the Welcome Wagon Program August 18-19, 2012. The Welcome Wagon is 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. The campus

Bookstore, Business Office, Student Services Office, and Financial Aid Office were open Saturday and Sunday so students and parents could take care of last minute details.

- After Region IX voted to go to two sub-regions (instead of four) for basketball. MCC's men's basketball team won the highly competitive North Sub-Region and lost out in the Region IX tournament semifinals to the eventual champion. Baseball won their 12th consecutive Mon/Dak Conference championship, seventh consecutive regional title and lost out in the North Plains District Tournament. The team was ranked as high as 15th in the nation in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II Baseball polls.
- The Center for Academic Success held a GED Boot Camp at the end of May and then tested the participants in June. Three of the five participants passed the full battery of tests. This was the fourth GED Boot Camp held since the inception of the program in June 2011.
- The Center for Academic Success was awarded a \$10,000 Bridge Grant. The funds will be utilized to help students who have completed their GEDs transition to Miles Community College.
- The 2012 Summer Teachers Institute, under the direction of Workforce Development Coordinator, Kassie Taylor, was held during the months of June and July. One-hundred and forty teachers took advantage of the 17 courses offered during the institute.
- The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society has announced that Miles Community College's Beta Theta Gamma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society has received special commendation during the Greater Northwest Regional Convention for fulfilling all requirements to be named a "One Star Chapter". MCC's chapter is just one of 33 schools to be honored by the Five Star Chapter Development Plan in the region. The Greater Northwest Region includes schools from Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Alaska.
- Former Miles Community College President, Vern Kailey, passed away at the age of 94 years old on Saturday, July 7, 2012. Kailey served as president at MCC from 1970-79 before retiring from the position. He was second of the seven presidents who have served to date. In 1971, Miles Community College received full accreditation by the Northwest Association of College and Universities.