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TO: Board of Regents
FROM: Dr. Stacy Klippenstein
President, Miles Community College
RE: Campus Report for the September 17-18 Board of Regents Meeting

- President Klippenstein welcomed faculty and staff back for the 2014-2015 academic year during Convocation held on August 15. President Klippenstein opened Convocation with his State of the College address which focused on enrollment, student success, and innovation. Campus updates were provided by Vice President of Enrollment and Student Success, Jessie Dufner; Vice President of Administrative Services and Finance, Lisa Watson; Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Ted Hanley; Dean of Workforce Development, Dr. Kirk Lacy; Faculty Association Vice President, Rachel Finn; Associated Students of Miles Community College President, Ariel Chapman; and Executive Director of Human Resources and Compliance, Kylene Phipps. Kylene Phipps was awarded the Blue and Silver Employee of the Semester Award during Convocation for her dedication to students and her commitment to the faculty and staff of Miles Community College.
- Faculty and staff participated in Welcome Wagon on August 16-17 volunteering their time and strength to help new and returning students move into Pioneer Village. A campus barbeque and activities in Pioneer Village kicked off the first week of fall semester, which began August 20.
- President Klippenstein; Dr. Kirk Lacy, Dean of Workforce Development; and Head Rodeo Coach Wally Badgett traveled to Baker, Montana on August 6 to visit with local economic development and chamber leaders, Dean Wang from the Bank of Baker, and the principle of the high school. The leaders of Baker believe there is a growing Bakken interest in their area and with talks of Baker as a possible location for a new refinery (Quantum Energy), there is a potential for workforce development growth. MCC has voiced their commitment to provide assistance.
- Miles Community College's Heavy Equipment Program is at capacity. The new Commercial Driver's License (CDL) simulator purchased with the College's SWAMMEI grant dollars and the simulator trailer has been delivered and is ready to be used in the fall CDL training courses. Additionally, the College's Vocational Building has been renovated to house the heavy equipment simulators.
- Classroom space in the College's auditorium rooms has been remodeled and will provide a more usable and soundproof space for classes and meetings. The Kailey Gymnasium's basketball court was completely resurfaced with new stain, logos, and paint.
- Summer enrollment saw a gain over last year's numbers. This is in large part due to the variety of online courses provided to non-degree and degree-seeking students.

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