

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 26, 2015

**TO:** Board of Regents

**FROM:** Jane Karas, Ph.D.  
President, Flathead Valley Community College

**RE:** Campus Report for the September, 2015 Board of Regents' Meeting

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- In light of the recent appointment of FVCC Board of Trustees Chair **Robert Nystuen** to the **Montana Board of Regents**, the FVCC Board of Trustees elected **Shannon Lund** of Kalispell to fill the **chair position**. Lund was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2011 and serves as FVCC Foundation liaison for the Board of Trustees. A Montana native, Lund graduated from Montana State University.
- This fall, FVCC introduced Montana's first **brewing science and brewery operations program** to prepare individuals for **entry-level careers in the rapidly-growing craft beer industry**. With only a handful of these programs offered in the nation, FVCC's program was **developed with the input of many local craft brewing businesses** to meet the workforce needs at the local and national levels. The two-year Associate of Applied Science degree program will enable students to gain practical experience in brewing through coursework and internships at Montana breweries.
- FVCC was awarded a **\$1.6 million U.S. Department of Education grant** to support the college's **TRiO Student Support Services** program over the next five years. With this grant, the college is projecting it will support the success of an additional 350 students over the next five years. More than half of the students FVCC serves are TRiO-eligible.
- FVCC welcomed two **Fulbright Scholars-in-Residence** onto campus this fall for the 2015-16 academic year. **Zi Qingfeng**, from Yunnan Vocational College of Mechanical and Electrical Technology in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China, will teach Chinese language courses, present community lectures and share cultural information with local business leaders. Fulbright Teaching Assistant **Anderson Viana de Carvalho Junior**, from Brasilia, Brazil, will teach Portuguese through the college's Continuing Education Center and also will help recruit and train FVCC students for the 2016 US-Brazil Connect Program.
- **Ten FVCC students** spent four weeks in Recife, Brazil, mentoring and coaching English as a Second Language to Brazilian high school students through **US-Brazil Connect**. This was the third consecutive year FVCC participated in the paid fellowship program which aims to strengthen education and build economic opportunities by connecting communities, engaging leaders and creating transformative learning experiences linking the United States and Brazil. Overall, the students spent 18 weeks teaching Brazilian students over social media and on the ground in Brazil. FVCC was **one of six participating U.S. community colleges**, and the students were among more than 130

outstanding students and young professionals selected to educate 2,000 Brazilian students this summer.

- This summer, FVCC's Continuing Education Center presented **Fund Development: Fundraising for the Nonprofit Professional**, an eight-part series on building fundraising skills. Designed for Flathead County nonprofits in response to an existing need for comprehensive fundraising skills among area nonprofit professionals, the workshops provided the opportunity for participants to learn from a variety of fund development professionals from across the state.
- FVCC, in partnership with **Kalispell Regional Healthcare, Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses** and **Anthony J. Jannetti, Inc.**, will offer licensed nurses the unique opportunity to become certified in medical-surgical nursing. The Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board will be on the college's Kalispell campus to present a **Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification review course and national exam** October 15-17. Licensed nurses will have the option of completing the review course, examination or both.
- FVCC's International Student Services Program Coordinator **Gerda Reeb, Ph.D.**, was one of 10 American delegates selected to participate in the **2015 Fulbright International Education Administrator Program in Japan**. While there, she learned about the country's higher education system and its efforts to attract more international faculty, researchers and students. FVCC was the only community college represented on the mission.
- FVCC's **natural resources and conservation program** and **Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks** have joined forces to present an eight-part community lecture series, "**Wildlife & Humans Together in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**." The series opened with the presentation, "Wildlife in the New Patagonia National Park, Chile" by South American wildlife expert **Dr. Christian Saucedo**, conservation director at Patagonia Park in Chile, South America. The series will continue throughout the fall and will conclude December 3.
- Flathead Valley Community College welcomed world-class guitarists **Phil Goldenberg, "King" Solomon Hicks** and **Leandro Pellegrino** onto campus for a free guitar workshop and performance they presented for the community August 27. The event kicked off the sixth annual **Crown Guitar Workshop & Festival**, a one-of-a-kind, leading international guitar event held in Bigfork.
- The FVCC Foundation celebrated its **11<sup>th</sup> anniversary hosting tours** of the legendary **Bibler Home and Gardens** in Kalispell. The college welcomed **517 guests** at the spring and summer tours in May and July, generating more than **\$8,000** to fund FVCC student scholarship and programs. The spring tours opened with a Mother's Day champagne brunch, and the summer tours kicked off with a reception presented by **students and alumni of The Culinary Institute of Montana at FVCC**. Throughout the 11-year partnership, the tours have raised **more than \$77,000** to support scholarships and programs at FVCC.
- The FVCC Art Department raised a record **\$24,000** at its fifth annual **Big Night** fundraiser, an event to raise funds for student scholarships for the 2016 Semester in Venice program. The gala featured an Italian-inspired dinner created by **students of**

**The Culinary Institute of Montana at FVCC**, Executive Chef **Howard Karp** and the culinary faculty, a live auction, art exhibit and testimonials of students who have participated in the program.

- FVCC **Kid's College** returned this summer, offering 32 week-long, half-day classes for kids of all interests, abilities and grade levels. The program served 227 students and had a total of 337 enrollments. **Grandparents College** returned for its fourth year, featuring three day-long classes that provided an opportunity for grandparents to participate in hands-on learning activities with their grandchildren or other young relatives.
- FVCC Executive Chef **Howard Karp** and the faculty and students of **The Culinary Institute of Montana at FVCC** presented **Claws for Celebration**, a New England-style clambake, as a continuation of the FVCC Foundation's eighth annual **Festival of Flavors** scholarship fundraising gala. Along with the meal, the event featured short presentations on the history of the clambake, demonstrations from Karp on how to properly eat a lobster, live jazz and a clambake clam chowder crafted from a recipe over two centuries old.
- FVCC honored its third class of **physical therapist assistant students** during a special pinning ceremony July 24. **Twelve graduates** were recognized for completing the two-year Associate of Applied Science degree program. On August 7, FVCC honored **eight registered nursing graduates** for completing the Associate of Science in Nursing degree program during a traditional pinning ceremony.
- The **FVCC Summer Experience** program returned this summer, offering **local incoming high school juniors and seniors** a unique new way to earn **free college credits** while providing an authentic college experience. The four-week program consisted of a three-credit course, lunch, career exploration, a service project and intramural sports activities. .
- The **FVCC Student Leadership Program** kicked off the 2015-16 academic year with a free two-day **Student Leadership Retreat**. The program, designed to support student leaders and motivated individuals, will continue with multiple workshops centered on leadership skill building, theories and styles as well as personal growth and development and will conclude with an awards banquet in May.
- For the second year, FVCC hosted the **Governors' Cup Golf Tournament Reception and Sandbagger Barbecue** on its Kalispell campus. Students and faculty of **The Culinary Institute of Montana** prepared the dinner for guests, including Montana **Governor Steve Bullock** and former **Governor Stan Stephens**.
- FVCC hosted **Montana Shakespeare in the Parks'** production of **"The Taming of the Shrew."** FVCC was among the venues throughout Montana, northern Wyoming, eastern Idaho, eastern Washington and western North Dakota that hosted the popular outreach program offered through Montana State University's College of Arts and Architecture.
- FVCC captured the Best Theme trophy and its tenth consecutive first place title for its float entry in the **2015 Northwest Montana Fair Parade**. FVCC students, alumni, employees, family and friends constructed the float and participated in the parade.