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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: The University of Montana Western - Chancellor Beth Weatherby

RE: Campus Report for the Jan.16, 2015 Board of Regents' Meeting

- The University of Montana Western's online bachelor's in early childhood education (ECE) program has been recognized by Online Colleges as being one of the best choices for students in 2016.
- This fall Montana Western launched a pre-kindergarten through third grade teaching degree. In its first semester the program has enrolled 50 students with 60 expected in spring 2016.
- University of Montana Western Chancellor Beth Weatherby will appear on the radio show Home Ground with Brian Kahn. The broadcast can be accessed at [mtpr.org](http://mtpr.org) and [homegroundradio.org](http://homegroundradio.org).
- University of Montana Western student Brandon Piazzola recently received this year's national BACCHUS Initiatives Outstanding Student award for his efforts in raising awareness for student health. Piazzola traveled to Washington D.C. with Montana Western students and staff for the award ceremony.
- Montana Western student Jesse McCloud was recognized by the National Football Foundation's Hampshire Honor Society for his academic performance and excellence in intercollegiate football. Montana Campus Compact honored McCloud and 14 other students for their achievements in academics, athletics and volunteerism during halftime of the "Brawl of the Wild" football game between University of Montana and Montana State University.
- Natural Horsemanship students WesleyAnn Johnson and Kelly Wieman were recently published in Cowgirl Magazine, a nationally recognized publication. Johnson wrote an article as part of a class assignment in which students went camping in the Pryor Mountains and spend several days studying wild mustangs. Several of Wieman's photographs were used for the article.