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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: The University of Montana Western - Chancellor Beth Weatherby

RE: Campus Report for the May 2016 Board of Regents' Meeting

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- Deborah Hedeem, dean of the college of education at Idaho State, was named the new provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs of Montana Western. As dean she oversaw 43 full-time faculty on four campuses and approximately 900 undergraduate students and 250 graduate students. She will assume duties at UMW in July 2016.

During her tenure at Idaho State, Hedeem took the college of education from a \$364,000 debt to balanced budgets within four years. Under her leadership the college of education was restructured in alignment with the school's mission and strategic plan.

Before serving as dean, Hedeem was associate dean of the college of education and assistant dean of teacher education at Idaho State.

- Nathan Boll, a 2013 Montana Western honors grad, has been chosen as commencement speaker for Montana Western's graduation ceremonies on May 7, 2016. Boll is currently Mirzayan Graduate Fellow to the Space Studies Board at the National Academy of Science. He is contributing to the 2017 Earth Science Decadal Survey while taking additional classes at George Washington University toward a second master's degree in international science and technology policy at the Space Policy Institute.
- Montana Western alumnus Ron Goodman ('93) was named the 2016 National Distinguished Principal for his work as principal of Libby Elementary School in Libby, Mont. The award is given to principals who set high standards for instruction, student achievement and character.
- Montana Western junior Delaney Hansen was recently recognized as a Newman Civic Fellows Award honoree by Campus Compact. In Hansen's capacity as president of the Associated Students of the University of Montana Western, she has made a significant impact on advancing the campus community by enhancing the recycling program, increasing student involvement and making positive change in the structure of student government.

