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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for the November 16-17, 2016 Board of Regents' Meeting

- FVCC President Jane A. Karas is the recipient of the **2016 Marie Y. Martin Chief Executive Award** from the Association of Community College Trustees. Karas accepted the award at the ACCT Leadership Congress in New Orleans on October 7.
- Sponsored by a grant from the U.S. State Department's **100,000 Strong in the Americas** program, FVCC hosted a group of 10 advanced manufacturing students and instructors from SENA Caldas in Manizales, Colombia for two weeks in October. The goals of the exchange program are to engage participants in innovative, project-based curriculum while promoting bilingualism and biculturalism.
- FVCC received an **\$83,270 Distance Learning and Telemedicine grant** from the USDA to purchase videoconferencing equipment that will allow nursing students taking classes at the Lincoln County Campus to participate in anatomy and physiology classes offered at the Kalispell campus.
- FVCC hosted the annual meeting of the **Northwest Association of Machining Instructors** October 13-14.
- Sponsored by a grant from the National Science Foundation, FVCC offered a two-day "**DNA Bootcamp for Teachers**" to train middle-and high-school life science teachers how to include DNA experiments in their curriculum. The workshop was taught by Dr. Ruth Wrightsman, Dr. Jerry Manning and Dr. Dru Willey.
- FVCC's Continuing Education Center offered a series of three classes designed especially for senior citizens as part of its fall **Senior Seminars** program. Topics included geology, nutrition and genealogy.

- FVCC's Theatre Arts department produced and performed the classic play "**Inherit the Wind**" in October.
- **Festival of Flavors** concluded on September 24 after nine days of culinary events at private residences and public venues around the Flathead Valley to raise money for **student scholarships**. The annual FVCC Foundation event raised approximately \$250,000 for scholarships.
- FVCC's Fine Arts department hosted a showing and opening for artist **Corky Clairmont** in September. Clairmont is a member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and is credited with developing the Fine Arts Department at Salish Kootenai College.
- FVCC received the annual Merit Award from the **National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting** (NBSTSA) for achieving a **100% graduate pass rate** on the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) examination.
- Second-year students enrolled in **The Culinary Institute of Montana at FVCC** opened two fine-dining restaurants to the public for eight weeks of the fall semester. The capstone course in FVCC's Professional Culinary Arts Series develops students' entrepreneurial skills by providing a practical approach to planning, organizing and managing a restaurant.
- FVCC welcomed students back to campus at the beginning of fall semester with **Welcome Week**, consisting of daily opportunities to mix and mingle, learn about student clubs and programs and enjoy free food and beverages.