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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for the September 14-15 Board of Regents Meeting

- A ground-breaking ceremony was held on August 4 for Miles Community College's new Ag Advancement Center. This state-of-the-art, 36,000 square foot educational facility will include three classrooms, a large indoor arena for equine training and various rodeo events, seating for 500 people, faculty offices, an apartment for an on-site manager, a foyer area featuring the Bucking Horse Sale Wall of Fame, and concessions. The metal facility was delivered the week of August 15 and construction has begun with an anticipated opening in spring 2017. Over \$2.3 million has been raised from many supportive community members, business leaders, foundations, and regional ag producers. The Miles Community College Board of Trustees has also voted to spend \$470,000 from current MCC fee-generated funds and borrow another \$480,000 from the Montana Board of Investments in order to begin this exciting project.
- Miles Community College has reinstated its women's volleyball program. Stephanie Quigley has been hired as the new head coach and will spend this upcoming year recruiting a team which will begin competition Fall 2017. MCC's volleyball team will compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), Region IX, Division I.
- MCC is partnering with the Miles City Police Department and the Miles City Fire-Rescue Department to hold an active shooter drill on campus Thursday, September 1. This will be a community response drill simulating an active shooter at the college culminating with a classroom hostage situation. Police and EMT staff will respond and staged victims will be transported to Holy Rosary Hospital as part of the response drill. This drill will be the first of its kind facilitated at MCC and continues the work being done on campus to train faculty and staff for an active shooter threat.
- Four of MCC's women's basketball student-athletes from the 2015-2016 team have been named to the NJCAA Academic All-American Team. Additionally, the Lady Pioneers boasted a team grade point average of 3.48, ranking them sixth out of all NJCAA Division I women's basketball teams in the nation.
- MCC has launched a three-year pilot project to offer free dual enrollment courses taught to students at Custer County District High School (CCDHS-Miles City) and Sidney High School. This enrollment initiative is being supported through general fund scholarships. MCC chose these two high schools because of partnerships already in place promoting MCC's Pioneer Express Program, an accelerated degree completion program allowing high school juniors and seniors to enroll in courses generating college credit so they can receive their Certificate of Applied Science in General Studies while still in high school. Pioneer Express students can also continue with MCC to complete an Associate's degree with just one year of study after high school.

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