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TO: Board of Regents

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

- For the fifth consecutive nomination cycle, Miles Community College (MCC) has been nominated to apply for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. This nomination places MCC in the top 150 community colleges in the nation based on institutional performance in retention, completion, and transfer rates. MCC is the only college in Montana nominated to apply for the 2019 cycle.
- MCC's baseball, volleyball, and men's basketball student-athletes went trick-or-treating for canned goods on October 30. The canned goods collected by the student-athletes were donated to the Custer County Food Bank.
- MCC's Young Farmer and Rancher Club has had an exciting fall semester. The group of students traveled to Billings in September to attend the US Cattlemen's Annual Meeting. Members of the club helped with the Hoofin' it for Hunger Run held in Miles City in October. This event supports the local Custer County Food Bank. Eight MCC Ag students will participate in a discussion meet at the college level on November 1 and two will be chosen to represent MCC at the state competition at the State Farm Bureau meeting on November 11. MCC Ag students will travel to the State Farm Bureau Meeting to learn about issues facing agriculture in Montana. Six students are working on the Rangeland Cup poster competition to represent MCC at the Society for Range Management Annual Meeting in January in Reno, Nevada.
- October's recipients of the President's Pioneer Passion Award went to Kim Gibbs, Ag Instructor; Gwen Gunther, Nursing Administrative Assistant; and Carrie Preller, HR/Accounting Specialist. This award recognizes individuals on campus who display a passion for their job, serving MCC students, representing MCC, or serving the Miles City community. Nominations are sought each month from MCC's faculty and staff.
- MCC held its annual Educators Conference October 19-20. Sixty-nine educators attended workshops that included ecologic literacy, coaching concepts, mindfulness in the classroom, Google Classroom, and bringing Yellowstone National Park into the classroom to name a few. Educators had the benefit of earning OPI renewal units or college credit.
- Montana author, Russell Rowland, opened this year's Judson H. Flower Jr. Library Speakers Bureau presentations with an evening discussion of his recently published book, *Fifty Six Counties, a Montana Journey*. Rowland spent two years studying and traveling around all 56 counties in Montana.

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