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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for the November 16-17, 2017 Board of Regents' Meeting

- Former Montana Governor **Marc Racicot** was the featured speaker at FVCC's inaugural [Mansfield Lecture](#) on September 18. Inspired by the life and legacy of Mike Mansfield, the event seeks to promote a spirit of inclusivity and collaboration. Gov. Racicot had the opportunity to know Mansfield on a personal and professional basis, and as part of his lecture on "The Meaning of Leadership," he shared some of the lessons he learned from the legendary statesman.
- [Festival of Flavors](#) concluded on October 7 after 10 days of culinary events at private residences and restaurants around the Flathead Valley to raise money for **student scholarships**. In 2017, the FVCC Foundation raised approximately \$300,000 through events for scholarships and enhancement grants.
- Second-year students enrolled in **The Culinary Institute of Montana at FVCC** opened two [pop-up restaurants](#) to the public for six 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.
- In collaboration with the **Kalispell Police Department**, FVCC now has a full-time [campus resource officer](#), Cory Clarke. Prior to coming to FVCC, Clarke was the school resource officer at Flathead High School for five years.
- Montana's Poet Laureate, longtime FVCC English faculty member Lowell Jaeger, held "**A Poetry Conversation**" at the college in October.
- FVCC's Theatre Arts department produced and performed "**The Foreigner**" in October.

- FVCC's **Veterans' Association** hosted "Trunk or Treat" for the community on Halloween evening, a free trick-or-treating event for families.
- In September, the **Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors** awarded \$4250 in scholarships to four FVCC surveying students, and the **Kalispell Chamber of Commerce** awarded \$2000 in scholarships to FVCC advanced manufacturing students.
- As part of National Surg Tech Week, **FVCC's Surgical Technology program** hosted an [open house](#) to the public. Students performed mock surgeries to showcase the role and responsibilities of a surgical technologist in the operating room.
- 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.