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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for the September 13-14 Board of Regents Meeting

- Miles Community College celebrated another milestone in its history on Monday, August 21 with the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Workforce Readiness Center. This facility was the old National Guard Armory in Miles City and the College purchased and renovated the facility utilizing grant dollars from the EDA and CDBG as well as funds given from the Montana Coal Board and a generous private donor. Brigadier General Robert Sparing had the honor of cutting the ribbon into the facility and the Summerfield and Julie Baldrige Simulator Room was unveiled in special recognition of private funds given to the project. MCC's Heavy Equipment Operator and CDL programs will be housed out of the Workforce Readiness Center beginning this fall semester.
- August 1 marked the first day of practice for women's volleyball on MCC's campus. After many years of not having volleyball, MCC welcomes back this fall sport, which participates in the NJCAA, Region IX. Head Coach Chase Soennichsen has a talented group of 15 women from across Montana, Canada, and South Dakota.
- On Thursday, August 3, Lieutenant Governor Mike Cooney joined the Small Business Administration, southeastern Montana economic development organizations, and Miles Community College to celebrate the grand opening of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at MCC. The new Miles City Regional SBDC will serve Carter, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Powder River, Prairie, Rosebud, Treasure, and Wibaux counties, creating a centralized hub to support entrepreneurs. Alex Evans, the new Miles City SBDC Regional Director, has started his role on MCC's campus and is available to assist aspiring and existing southeastern Montana business owners.
- MCC President, Dr. Stacy Klippenstein; Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Rita Kratky; and Alex Evans, Miles City SBDC Regional Director; attended the 14th Annual Energy Open Conference in Colstrip on August 17-18 hosted by the Southeastern Montana Development Corporation and Montana for Responsible Energy Development. This event, "Showcasing the Economic Benefits of Responsible Energy Development", was an opportunity to network with energy leaders and decision makers and tour energy-related projects in eastern Montana, including the Colstrip Power Plant and Westmoreland Coal Mine Reclamation at the Rosebud Mine.
- MCC faculty will be welcomed back the week of August 28 and faculty/staff will be invited to participate in Convocation and faculty/staff trainings throughout the week of August 28 which will highlight retention, suicide prevention, enrollment, accreditation, and distance learning strategies. Faculty and staff will welcome back students Labor Day weekend with Welcome Wagon move-in activities and a final student orientation before classes begin on September 6.

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