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RE: Campus Report for the July 2018 Board of Regents Meeting

- 2018 Miles Community College graduate Jasmine Evans has been named an inaugural 2018 New Century Workforce Pathway Scholar. The program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation and Phi Theta Kappa. New Century Workforce Pathway Scholars are selected based on their academic accomplishments, leadership, activities, and how they extend their intellectual talents beyond the classroom. More than 2,000 students were nominated from more than 1,600 college campuses across the country. Only one New Century Workforce Pathway Scholar was selected from each state. Jasmine will be recognized during the Association of Community College Trustees' Congress in New York City in October 2018.
- Miles Community College, in collaboration with Chief Dull Knife College, will receive a POWER grant award of \$494,562 to assist Colstrip, and other eastern Montana communities affected by the coal-related layoffs, with workforce planning and training.
- Miles Community College collaborated with OnSite Energy, Inc., out of Bozeman to offer a solar electric system presentation and training in Miles City. A free community presentation on solar energy was held on June 18. A classroom training, called Fundamentals of Solar Electric Design and Installation, was held June 19, followed by a hands-on training session on June 20. Topics included site analysis, system sizing, and performance estimation; electrical design characteristics such as wiring, overcurrent protection, and grounding; a detailed look at solar module and inverter specifications; mounting methods for various roof structures and ground mounts; and an introduction to safety protocol for effectively installing and commissioning grid-direct PV systems. Individuals participating in the June 20 hands-on training assisted with a solar panel installation at the MCC Workforce Readiness Center.
- The Montana Department of Labor & Industry SafetyFestMT took place on the MCC campus May 15-17. Five organizations were involved in providing support and resources for SafetyFestMT: Liberty Mutual, Montana Contractors Compensation Fund, Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Montana State Fund, and WorkSafeMT. This year 202 people attended the three day event.
- MCC has prepared a comprehensive Educator's Conference schedule for June and July for teachers seeking continuing education. Kid's Kollege courses are also being offered throughout the summer.
- Miles Community College honored one faculty member and one staff member during the 78th Commencement Ceremony held on Saturday, May 5. Jerry Forman, Commercial Driver's License and Heavy Equipment Operations instructor, received the Excellence in Teaching Award. Melinda Lynnes, Learning Center staff member and Adult Education Instructor, received the Staff Excellence and Innovation award.

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