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**TO:** Board of Regents

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President, Flathead Valley Community College

**RE:** Campus Report for the March 8-9, 2018 Board of Regents' Meeting

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- FVCC announced the **FVCC ONE Campaign – One College, One Community, Endless Possibilities** during a press conference on January 22. The ONE Campaign is a privately funded philanthropic effort to support new facilities on FVCC's Kalispell campus to better serve students and the community. The \$18 million campaign consists of two phases: Phase I involves the design and construction of a new Library & Learning Commons as an addition to the existing Rebecca Chaney Broussard Center for Nursing and Health Science; Phase II involves the design and construction of a new College Center which will include a large performance and lecture hall, multi-purpose activity complex, secured art gallery, outdoor amphitheater and more.
- Thanks to a \$2.5 million gift from the **Broussard family**, funding for Phase I of the ONE Campaign is complete with construction of the \$3 million Library & Learning Commons to begin later this spring. Fundraising for Phase II is in full swing, with Glacier Symphony as a partner. Construction of the College Center is expected to begin in the fall of 2019.
- The **2017 Annual President's Report** was published in January. The report highlights the achievements over the past year and recognizes the generous contributions of community members and local businesses to FVCC.
- Dr. Ruth Wrightsman's National Science Foundation ATE project, **TeaM SCoRE Biotechnology: Teachers in Montana Strengthening the Continuity of Rural Education in Biotechnology**, is featured in this spring's ATE Impacts Book.
- Dr. Heather Estrada, director of **FVCC's Agriculture Program**, will work with professors from Montana State University as part of a USDA grant-funded project to increase the percentage of female agricultural scientists, engineers and policymakers.
- FVCC is the first college in the nation to receive a federal license to allow its **Brewing Science and Brewery Operations** program to sell its product

wholesale. FVCC-brewed Timber IPA and Stillwater Scotch Ale will be on tap at local bars and restaurants this spring.

- FVCC's Student Engagement Office organized a "**Week of Welcome**" for students during the first full week of classes this semester. Activities were designed to introduce students to campus clubs and resources, as well as foster a greater sense of belonging among students.
- Chef Shannon Hayashi, FVCC's new Culinary Arts program director, and students rolled out the annual spring **Chef's Table** events on January 26. Now in its 10th year, the program allows guests to experience exceptional fine dining while supporting culinary students as they complete their first-year internships. Chef Hayashi came to FVCC in December after teaching in the culinary program at the Art Institute of Denver for 17 years.
- Thirty-one FVCC students were inducted into the Alpha Iota Pi Chapter of **Phi Theta Kappa Honor's Society** based upon their academic performance fall semester.
- Sophomore **Angela Boyce** was selected from a competitive pool of applicants to receive the **Civic Engagement Scholarship** from Montana Campus Compact. Boyce was honored for her service as a hospice volunteer and as an apprentice midwife for low-income women.
- The FVCC Music Department's **Spring Concert Series** began February 2 with a performance by FVCC faculty members and visiting cellist **Jessica Chen** from Taiwan. In addition to her February 2 performance, Chen taught two master classes with her husband, violinist Fang-Liu Chen, on February 8 and 15 for student and community musicians.
- FVCC's **Physical Therapist Assistant** program held an open house for the community on February 7 to share information about the program and the role PTAs play in helping people regain movement and strength after an injury or illness.
- The **2018 Honors Symposium** began February 13 with the first of six scheduled lectures addressing the theme, "Technology and Humankind." Dr. Peter Kahn from the University of Washington opened the series with his presentation on "Technological Nature: Adaptation and the Future of Human Life."
- **Senior Institute**, a six-week educational program for people ages 65 and older, began February 16. Participants choose from 19 different classes on subjects

ranging from agriculture to history to creative writing. More than 250 local senior citizens registered for the program.

- FVCC participated in the fifth annual **Kalispell Mini Maker Faire** on February 23 with interactive exhibits developed by faculty and staff from Agriculture, Brewing Science, Advanced Manufacturing and other programs.
- The **FVCC Theatre Department** opened its production of David Lindsay-Abaire's "Wonder of the World" on March 1.