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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Dr. Stacy Klippenstein
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RE: Campus Report for the May 2018 Board of Regents Meeting

- MCC will hold its 78th Annual Commencement on May 5 at 10 a.m. in the Kailey Gymnasium. As of May 1, there were a total of 131 degrees scheduled to be awarded for Fall 2017 and Spring 2018. Kendall Artz, Ph.D., will provide the Commencement address. Dr. Artz will also be honored as this year's MCC Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame inductee for his high professional achievement and legacy of community service. Dr. Artz, a 1979 MCC graduate originally from Jordan, Montana, is a Professor of Entrepreneurship and holds the Curtis Hankamer Chair in Entrepreneurship at Baylor University.
- Miles Community College hosted its annual HiSET graduation and CDL-CNA completion ceremony on May 1. 13 HiSET graduates, 24 CNA completers, and 15 CDL completers were recognized for completing their credentials during the 2017-2018 year. Several of the HiSET graduates will be using the college's HiSET Bridge program to transition into college certificate and degree programs at MCC.
- The Judson H. Flower, Jr. Library collaborated with faculty in art and literature courses for a community learning project centered around National Poetry Month in April. Students from these classes worked together to illustrate and create artwork about poems that were then displayed in the Library.
- MCC Agriculture students and local community members attended presentations by Jay Olsen, from Snow College in Utah, on April 18 and 19. Olsen demonstrated an analysis of financial and production data from three local farmers using a program called FINPAK. Olsen and Snow College are collaborating with several community colleges from around the region on this initiative.
- Miles Community College will be awarded funds to serve as a POWER Trainer under the POWER-MT grant (Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization Initiative), a workforce development grant awarded to the Montana Department of Labor & Industry by the US Department of Labor. The grant is aimed at re-training workers and assisting communities impacted by the downturn in coal-related industries.
- The NJCAA announced its formal approval of Miles Community College's move from Region IX to Region XIII, beginning Fall 2018. The move, which will place MCC in the MonDak Athletic Conference, will have MCC athletic teams competing with teams that are similar in both geographic region and student-athlete scholarship opportunities.
- Two peer evaluators from the Northwest Commissions on Colleges and Universities visited Miles Community College on April 26 and 27 for a Mid-Cycle Evaluation visit. The evaluators also reviewed the Ad Hoc report prepared by MCC addressing Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Spring 2016 Ad Hoc Peer-Evaluation Report. MCC is anxiously awaiting the feedback from the evaluators and the decision of the NWCCU Board of Commissioners.

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