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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Dr. Stacy Klippenstein
President, Miles Community College

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

- MCC faculty will be welcomed back the week of August 27 and faculty/staff will be invited to participate in Convocation and faculty/staff trainings throughout the week of August 27-September 4, which will highlight enrollment and retention, mental health first aid, campus-wide strategic planning, and distance learning strategies. Faculty and staff will welcome back students with Welcome Wagon move-in activities beginning August 30 and a final student orientation on August 31.
- As a POWER grant recipient, Miles Community College partnered with Mr. Tyler J. Krutzfeldt of Mont Vista Co., Dr. Collin Shaw from Montana State University Bozeman, and Chris French, a national remediation expert, to provide a field demonstration and symposium on advanced technologies in remediation (ATR) and agriculture in Colstrip on July 18. MCC Information Technology Instructor Nancy Swope and Science Instructor Dr. Stephen Dent attended, along with President Dr. Stacy Klippenstein, Vice President Dr. Rita Kratky, and POWER Grant Workforce Navigator Guy Lund. MCC is excited to partner with national and state experts to demonstrate new advanced technologies in remediation, such as drone and LiDAR technologies which offer multiple applications in eastern Montana as well as feature their use in remediation and other environmental applications.
- Miles Community College Agriculture Instructor Kim Gibbs was selected to serve on the Eastern Montana route of the 2018 Montana Research Road Show October 17-20.
- On July 26, MCC Faculty and Staff participated in a daylong Mental Health First Aid Training provided by Sharon Humphrey. Employees who were not able to attend in July will have an opportunity to attend an additional training on August 28. Like CPR, Mental Health First Aid prepares participants to interact with a person in crisis and connect the person with help. It was MCC's goal that as many employees as possible complete the training.
- Jerry Olson has been hired as the new Athletic Director at Miles Community College, beginning his role August 1. Jerry spent 11 seasons at Oklahoma Panhandle State University as the men's basketball coach, and served as the Athletic Director at OPSU from 2004-2012. Before his time at Panhandle State, he was an assistant at Montana State University.
- Tracy Baker has been hired as the SBDC Director and Workforce and Community Outreach Coordinator. Tracy's previous role as the Director of the Miles City Area Economic Development Council brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in developing new businesses, growing businesses and supporting workforce training and community outreach. Tracy will begin her duties at MCC on September 4.

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