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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for the January 7-8, 2019 Board of Regents' Meeting

- Biology students Skye Hatfield and Kyle Montgomery attended the **Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative Conference** in Glendale, Arizona with Dr. Ruth Wrightsman to present their research on the antibiotic potential of flora and fungi growing in the Flathead Valley.

- Thirty-four FVCC students presented their research projects during the college's fall **Conference on Student Research** on December 11. Project topics included botany, biology, biotechnology, chemistry, psychology, agriculture, literature and theater.

- FVCC's Agriculture Program Director **Dr. Heather Estrada** was quoted in a November article in "The Boston Globe" about her students' experimentations with cross-breeding and growing different varieties of wheat on the FVCC **Campus Farm** for use in baking nutritious and delicious whole-grain bread, pasta and desserts.

- FVCC's **Service Learning program** hosted a **holiday cookie decorating event** for local non-profit agencies. Members of the community were invited to help decorate the cookies. Service Learning students also collected **holiday gifts** for children represented by Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Kids.

- FVCC's **Veterans' Association** collected items for Toys for Tots, and AICE (Appreciating Individuality, Challenges and Excellence) collected new socks and gloves for local people in need.

- FVCC's **Student Wellness Team** hosted a "Stress-Less Day" to help students manage anxiety and stress before final exams began.

- FVCC's Fine Arts department held a **student show and holiday art sale** in December.

- Twelve graduates of **The Culinary Institute of Montana at FVCC** were honored at a graduation ceremony on December 15.

- FVCC's Music department produced several **free community concerts** this fall, featuring the vocal and instrumental talents of students and faculty members.