



DATE: April 23, 2019  
TO: Board of Regents  
FROM: Scott R. Mickelsen, President  
RE: **Campus Report – May 2019 Board of Regents Meeting**

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### **MISSION**

Dawson Community College fosters a culture of excellence in education providing all students quality learning and opportunities for growth and partnership in local and global communities.

### **CORE THEMES**

- *Excellence through Academics*: Provide curriculum and instruction through multiple learning pathways expanding opportunities in education adaptive to the needs of a changing student body.
- *Excellence through Student Engagement*: Provide a student-centered focus through student and academic support services, quality faculty and staff, residence life, clubs and organizations.
- *Excellence through Community*: Provide the greater community lifelong learning opportunities through open access to the College.
- *Excellence through Outreach*: Provide opportunities for workforce development, apprenticeships and internships, continuing education, personal enrichment and youth programming.
- *Excellence through Recruiting*: Provide opportunities to invite all learners to be a part of DCC, maintain sustained growth with not only more applicants, but also better-prepared students equipped with tools for success.
- *Excellence through Financial Practices*: Provide budget oversight and expanded opportunities in education for both transfer and career and technical education and workforce development, as well as personal enrichment for faculty, staff, students, and community.
- *Excellence through Property and Learning Facilities*: Provide for the management of all grounds and facilities to help provide the best learning environment possible.

### **KEY CHARACTERISTICS**

- Low student to faculty ratio
- Quality career and technical programs
- Highly qualified, dedicated faculty and staff
- Campus-wide WIFI and independent computer labs
- Active student government and student life programming
- Quality learning environment in a unique geographical region of the United States
- Seamless transferability for all core classes
- Career readiness educational programming
- Student-focused modern library facilities
- Competitive athletic programs
- Quality apartment-style housing



**REPORT:**

In early April, I was appointed to the national board of trustees of the American Technical Education Association. It is an honor to serve the organization in this capacity, to help develop new programs and initiatives, build relationships with industry leaders, support professional development opportunities, and share best practices that strengthen the workforce and economy of Montana and the nation.

Students, employees, and members of the community celebrated Community College Month at an open house on April 24. Across the country, community colleges serve more than 7 million students and play a vital role in their communities. DCC is proud to be among the nation's network of community colleges providing education opportunities to prepare individuals for future success.

The campus emergency preparedness and response plan is under review. In the coming months, we will test various aspects of the plan through a series of drills coordinated with local emergency responders.

The DCC Lady Buccaneers Softball Team has had an incredible season, setting a college record for the most wins in a season. Early in the season, Coach Jim LeProwse achieved his 200<sup>th</sup> career win at DCC. On May 3-5, the Lady Bucs will host teams from Michigan, Minnesota, and North Dakota at the NJCAA Region XIII D2 Softball Tournament. The winner will advance to the NJCAA District H Championship on May 15-16. GO BUCS!

As the spring semester comes to a close, we are getting ready for commencement exercises which will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 16 in the Toepke Center at DCC.