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**TO:** Board of Regents

**FROM:** Jane Karas, Ph.D.  
President, Flathead Valley Community College

**RE:** Campus Report for the May 22-23, 2019 Board of Regents' Meeting

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- Campus Compact honored FVCC sophomore **Grace Cady** with the **2019 Newman Civic Fellows Award**. FVCC President Jane Karas nominated Cady for the fellowship based on her work to promote social justice for homeless children and teens. Since high school, Cady has volunteered for the Heart Program, a nonprofit organization that encourages growth and graduation by helping meet the basic needs of local K-12 students struggling with homelessness.
- FVCC Industrial Machine Technology student **Isaac Neumann** has been named a **2019 New Century Workforce Pathway Scholar** by the Association of Community College Trustees. Neumann was selected for the esteemed award based on his academic accomplishments and leadership activities and how he extends his intellectual talents beyond the classroom. Neumann is the only Montana student and one of 50 students in the nation to receive the award this year.
- FVCC's **2019 Honors Symposium** featured a series of five Thursday evening lectures addressing the theme of "Europe at a Crossroads: Social and Political Threats to European Unity and Why They Matter."
- FVCC Associate Professor of Biology Mirabai McCarthy accompanied two of her students to the **Montana 2 Year College Student Research Day** at Highlands College of Montana Tech in April to present on their research project, "**Antibiotic Potential of Flathead Fungi and Flora.**"
- **Heidi Emerson** received the **2019 Distinguished Alumni Award** on March 20 at the FVCC Alumni & Friends Luncheon. The award is given annually to an individual whose career achievements, service to others and passion for FVCC rise above the rest. Emerson's brother Jesse Mahugh, FVCC's 2016 Distinguished Alumni winner, presented her with the award.

- Eight students from FVCC's **Honors Program** attended the **Western Regional Honors Conference** at Montana State University in April.
- FVCC hosted Montana State University professor Alison Harmon's presentation of "**\$3 a Day - Building Empathy and Compassion for the Food Insecure**" on March 12.
- The FVCC Theatre and Music departments opened their co-production of "**Man of La Mancha**" on April 18.
- Nearly 100 people participated in "**Experience FVCC**" on April 5, a free program open to high school students and anyone who is considering a career change. Participants received a comprehensive view of FVCC's academic programs, student services, facilities, organizations and activities.
- FVCC's logger sports team hosted the annual **Stumpjumper Days** competition on April 20, attracting teams from five other western colleges and universities. FVCC students **Amber Larson** and **Haakon Sande** were the top female and male competitors, winning **Belle of the Woods** and **Bull of the Woods**. Teammate Jon Selhost and team captain Jim Vincent won second and third places in the overall male competition. FVCC outscored all of the other teams by 65 points to win the Top Team Award.
- FVCC students who have overcome extraordinary challenges shared their stories at the **Many Voices Symposium: Survival Stories** on April 9. The symposium was organized by Assistant Professor Amy Pearson who was inspired by the personal stories she hears from her communications students every semester.
- **Global Friends**, FVCC's international student club, co-hosted a global film festival in April in collaboration with the Montana Human Rights Network. The festival screened two award-winning films about the global refugee crisis, "Human Flow" and "Fire at Sea."
- In celebration of the 20th anniversary of FVCC's **Seussville University**, the college hosted two free screenings of "The Lorax" for the community on March 2, the birth date of Dr. Seuss (Theodor Seuss Geisel). Attendees were encouraged to bring a children's book to donate to the Literacy Center of Northwest Montana.
- **Judah Samet**, survivor of the Holocaust and the 2018 shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, will share his remarkable story of survival at FVCC on May 7.