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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for the May 2019 Board of Regents Meeting

- Joy Huber of Miles City has been named the Miles Community College 2019 Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee. A Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner, Joy has been a long-serving family practice provider at the Holy Rosary Healthcare Clinic in Miles City. Joy received her A.A.S. in Nursing from MCC in 1982, a B.S. in Nursing from the University of Mary in 1991, and an M.S. in Nursing from Gonzaga University in 2001. Joy will be honored at MCC's 79th annual commencement on May 4, 2019.
- Kaitlin Farver, an MCC student from Scobey, MT, has been named a 2019 New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar. New Century Transfer Pathway Scholars are selected based on their academic accomplishments, leadership, activities, and how they extend their intellectual talents beyond the classroom. Over 2,000 students were nominated from more than 1,200 college campuses across the country. Only one New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar is selected from each state. Kaitlin was recognized at Phi Theta Kappa's Presidents Breakfast in Orlando, Florida, on April 15 during the AACCC Convention.
- A group of three students majoring in different components of agriculture at Miles Community College won the first place trophy at the Society for Range Management (SRM) Rangeland Cup Poster Competition held during SRM's annual meeting in Minneapolis, MN on February 13. The students representing MCC were Justin Dahl from Keene, ND, Kaci Anderson of Miles City, MT, and Kamira Miller from Newell, SD. The team's mentor is MCC Ag Instructor, Kim Gibbs. The Rangeland Cup is a team problem-solving competition centered on an issue or problem of interest to rangeland management. The competition promotes critical thinking and cooperative, collaborative work on current topics and/or topics of historical importance to rangeland ecology and management. Ten colleges and universities participated in the contest, with MCC being the only two-year college at the competition.
- Miles Community College Director of Athletics, Jerry Olson, announced the hiring of Shawna Juarez as the head softball coach for MCC's inaugural softball season. Coach Juarez has served as the head coach for Walla Walla Community College and previously for Edmonds Community College. Miles Community College will begin competition the 2019-2020 season.
- The Miles Community College Institutional Research department conducted its biennial administration of the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) in MCC classes beginning March 25th. CCSSE results are an important part of institutional assessment and visioning at Miles Community College.
- MCC, through its work with the POWER Grant and in collaboration with the AFL-CIO in Colstrip, will offer a CDL course in Colstrip beginning June 3, 2019. This course, offered for individuals still working in the mine and power plant, filled to capacity within a week, and funding for students taking the course will be provided by the Power Grant Layoff Aversion Funds.

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