

DATE: December 18, 2019
TO: Board of Regents
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RE: Campus Report for the January 13-14, 2020 Board of Regents' Meeting

- Sophomore Preston Jeschke received the Montana Athletes in Service Award from Montana Campus Compact in November. A full-time student and a member of FVCC's logger sports team, Jeschke has made community service part of his weekly routine. He will graduate from FVCC this spring with an Associate of Science degree and plans to transfer to Montana State University to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering.
- The Gene Haas Foundation recently awarded \$25,000 to FVCC to fund scholarships for students who are studying industrial machine technology. The mission of the foundation is to strengthen manufacturing education in North America. Since 2013, the foundation has donated \$69,000 to FVCC for student scholarships.
- Forty-five students presented their research projects during FVCC's fall Conference on Student Research on December 13. Project topics included botany, biology, biotechnology, chemistry, communications, psychology, agriculture, natural resources, literature and theater.
- FVCC announced the new Eagle Scholarship for the 2020-21 academic year. The Eagle Scholarship is available to new incoming students who apply to FVCC and register for at least six credits next fall semester. Awards range from \$500 to \$1000 and are based on the applicant's most recent cumulative high school or college G.P.A. or HiSET or GED score.
- Free "How to Pay for College" workshops were held on the Kalispell and Lincoln County campuses in November to help college-bound students and their families complete the FAFSA and other financial aid forms.
- 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.

- FVCC's Music Department produced several free community concerts this fall, featuring the vocal and instrumental talents of students and faculty members.
- FVCC Theatre Department's double-feature production of "The Bald Soprano" by Eugene Ionesco and "The Dumb Waiter" by Harold Pinter opened to the community on November 14.
- 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 to be distributed by local nonprofit organizations to children in need.
- FVCC hosted an author event with Rosella Mosteller in the new Broussard Family Library and Learning Commons on November 21. Mosteller is an award-winning photographer whose latest book, "Montana: Mountains & More," includes stunning black and white images of Montana's wild country.
- In collaboration with the American Association of University Women, FVCC hosted "Smart Start" in November, a free workshop to teach people of all genders and professions how to negotiate a fair salary.