

DATE: June 17, 2020
TO: Board of Regents
FROM: Karas, Ph.D., President, Flathead Valley Community College
RE: Campus Report for the June 30, 2020 Board of Regents' Meeting

- FVCC celebrated its 52nd annual commencement ceremony on May 15 with an online video to recognize 339 graduates who earned a combined 370 degrees and certificates. Members of the Class of 2020 will be invited to walk across the stage and be recognized at the 2021 spring commencement ceremony.
- Eleven students completed graduation requirements in May for the Registered Nursing (RN) degree at FVCC.
- FVCC has adjusted the fall semester calendar to begin Monday, August 24 and conclude Wednesday, November 25. Courses that require offsite clinical experience and/or cannot be compressed into a shorter time period will begin on August 24 and conclude in December when all course requirements are completed.
- Peter Akey and Kelly Stimpson were re-elected to serve three-year terms on the FVCC Board of Trustees. Akey and Stimpson represent the Bigfork, Columbia Falls and Whitefish school districts. Their terms begin May 2020 and expire May 2023.
- Allison Linville is FVCC's new Executive Director of Marketing and Communications. Linville came to FVCC from North Valley Hospital, where she was the marketing and community relations manager, and also worked in government relations for Kalispell Regional Healthcare.
- Madison Wambeke has been named a 2020 New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar. Sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the New Century Transfer Pathway Scholarship supports high-performing students who are transferring to four-year institutions to pursue a bachelor's degree. Wambeke graduated from FVCC in May with an Associate of Arts degree and will attend MSU this fall to pursue a bachelor's degree in performing arts. Wambeke is one of 50 students in the nation and the only Montana student to receive the award this year. More than 2,000 students from across the country were nominated.

- Campus Compact selected Gracelyn Abel to participate in the 2020-2021 cohort of Newman Civic Fellows. President Jane Karas nominated Abel for the fellowship based on her work to educate people about where food comes from, how agricultural production affects the environment, and how we can make the best food choices for our personal health and the sustainability of the planet. Abel graduated in May from FVCC with an Associate of Science degree and will attend MSU this fall to pursue a bachelor's degree in agriculture.
- Construction has begun on FVCC's new College Center, which will include a performance and lecture hall, multi-purpose activity complex, art and exhibition gallery, recital hall and outdoor amphitheater. Swank Enterprises was awarded the construction bid for the 58,000-square-foot building. The FVCC Foundation is continuing to raise funds to complete the College Center.
- In response to the growing national unrest concerning racism and human rights violations, FVCC has updated resources online regarding diversity and inclusion. The information is published on the college's home page and on fvcc.edu/diversity-and-inclusion.
- The FVCC Foundation raised more than \$12,400 for the FVCC Student Emergency Fund during the Giving Tuesday: Day of Giving & Unity event. Students who are experiencing pandemic-related financial hardship can apply for funds to help pay for housing, food, health care and other basic necessities. The Giving Tuesday event was organized by the Whitefish Community Foundation.