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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Ron Slinger  
President, Miles Community College

RE: Campus Report for the May 2020 Board of Regents Meeting

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- Miles Community College students nominated faculty and staff for the annual 'Faculty of the Year' and 'Staff of the Year' awards, with 13 faculty and 6 staff being nominated. The Associated Students of Miles Community College (ASMCC) selected the recipients of the award – Garth Sleight, Communications and Spanish Instructor, was named Faculty of the Year and Dolly Ferris, Financial Aid Specialist, was named Staff of the Year.
- The Miles Community College Nursing Program was approved for ACEN Candidacy Status on April 15, 2020. The Montana State Board of Nursing approved MCC's variance on NCLEX pass rates as well as the substantive changes with ACEN status at the quarterly meeting on April 15, 2020.
- The following is a brief summary of actions taken as a part of the COVID-19 response on the Miles Community College Campus:
  - Spring Break was extended by two days (March 16 and 17), with a vast majority of classes converting to online or remote delivery and all instruction resuming on March 18. MCC ran very minimal face-to-face instruction before and during Governor's Bullock's stay-at-home order, in subjects such as automotive technology, heavy equipment operations, and commercial driver's license instruction.
  - 107 students checked out of MCC campus housing and were offered the option of a credit voucher to next year's bill or a refund. A total of \$101,905.27 in refunds or credit was issued. A small number of students remained on campus throughout the semester and housing and dining staff remained open to serve them, observing all appropriate safety guidelines.
  - Miles Community College contracted with the company MarchingOrder to provide a virtual graduation celebration for MCC graduates. Though students will complete their degrees on May 2, the virtual celebration will be held May 23.
  - MCC's summer term was already 90%+ online offerings, so little change was needed for summer instruction.
- The Miles Community College family was saddened to learn of the passing of alumnus and former trustee, Mr. James "Jim" Lucas, age 93, of Winter Garden, FL, and formerly of Miles City. Mr. Lucas served on the Board of Trustees for Miles Community College for 59 years, including serving as the President of the Endowment Board. Mr. Lucas was a prominent local attorney, and served five terms in the Montana House of Representatives, including as Speaker of the House from 1969-1972. He was honored with distinguished alumni awards at both Miles Community College and the University of Montana. The James P. Lucas Hall administration building at MCC was named in his honor in 2009.

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