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FROM: Ron Slinger
President, Miles Community College

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

- Dr. Molly Magestro, MCC English Faculty, has been selected as one of the 2020-2021 cohort of Montana University System (MUS) Teaching Scholars. "It means a lot to be accepted into the program," commented Dr. Magestro. "It will provide me the opportunity and support to shine a spotlight on an equity-minded approach to teaching and learning at MCC." Dr. Magestro says she is also excited to work with and learn from the cohort of instructors chosen from across the state.
- Associate Dean of Instruction and Distance Learning, Sarah Kloewer, held four training sessions for faculty throughout fall in-service days at the start of the semester: 1: Pedagogy & Methods: HyFlex Course Design & Delivery; 2: Software & Hardware: Zoom; 3: Pedagogy & Methods: Online & Hybrid Course Design versus Course Delivery; 4: Software & Hardware: Meeting Owl Pro and other webcam options & Voice amplification while wearing face coverings.
- Elizabeth Patten was recently hired as MCC's Director of Institutional Advancement. This position provides leadership and strategic direction for private resource development, public and private grant development, internal and external communications, and marketing. Elizabeth was most recently the Executive Director of the Miles City Area Economic Development Council (MCAEDC). Her experience with local business owners, financial institutions, community organizations, city and county officials, area economic development organizations, and state level government employees will help her get off the ground quickly and be an asset to MCC and the MCC Foundation.
- Faculty and administrators from Miles Community College were invited to a roundtable discussion and luncheon with Congressman Greg Gianforte (R-Mont.), held at the Miles City Livestock Commission in late August. Representatives from MCC, including President Ron Slinger and Agriculture Instructor Kim Gibbs, were in attendance to promote the recent development of the new Meat Processing Program at the College. Other area community guests were staff members from the local Bureau of Land Management office, county commissioners, and business owners. Gianforte was briefed by the attendees on local Miles City area happenings, including the impact of COVID-19, cattle market and beef prices, and the importance of valuing our small colleges and businesses. MCC was recently the recipient of a \$117,000 Montana Meat Processing Infrastructure Grant to help aid in the development and funding of the certificate degree in meat processing that will be offered as early as this fall. In addition to the discussion, Congressman Gianforte informed MCC that the new Meat Processing Program would be eligible for the Gianforte Trade Scholarships, which are available to Montana residents seeking a degree in trade programs at colleges throughout the state. Other degrees offered at MCC that qualify for the Gianforte Trade Scholarships include Heavy Equipment Operations, Networking & PC Maintenance, and Networking Technician.

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