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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Ron Slinger
President, Miles Community College

RE: Campus Report for the March 2021 Board of Regents Meeting

- 125 Miles Community College students were named to the President's Honor List for the Fall 2020 semester. 9 students were awarded their degrees at the end of the fall term.
- The Miles Community College Nursing Program was officially moved from conditional status to full approval status with the Montana State Board of Nursing (SBON) in January 2021. The SBON has also conferred Marlys Eggum as the MCC Interim Director of Nursing. She began the interim position in early January after the passing of former MCC Nursing Director Pauline Flotkoetter in October of 2020. Currently, official pass rate of the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for MCC nursing program students is 88.89%, which falls higher than the national average at 86.58% (as of January 2021). These scores also meet requirements for further professional accreditation criteria set by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), in which MCC is currently in candidacy status.
- Miles Community College is now offering an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course held on the Miles City campus. This course is open to both credit and non-credit students looking to fulfill requirements for paramedicine programs along with those looking to earn their EMT certification to work or volunteer in their own communities. The new EMT course will also serve as a pre-requisite for the Paramedicine program at Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC). MCC has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with FVCC to allow students to complete courses and pre-requisites through MCC before applying for the year-long Paramedicine program at FVCC.
- Miles Community College will be represented at the upcoming National Collegiate Discussion Meet, sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Federation of Young Farmers and Ranchers. MCC Student Kelly Rehm, of Miles City, will compete at the national collegiate event, after having competed at the state level. Rehm faced three other collegiate clubs before placing second in the Montana State Discussion Meet last fall in Bozeman. The first-place winner was not able to attend the national event, and Rehm was chosen in place. Rehm will be the first student from MCC to compete at the national level. While normally held in person, this year's national event will be held virtually March 9-13, with one college student representing each of the fifty states. The meet consists of students preparing for 20 to 25-minute discussions on a variety of subjects given ahead of time. Each student is given five questions in advance to research, but only given one of those topics chosen randomly to discuss in front of a panel of judges. Students must win four rounds of discussions spread out among five days to win the entire competition. Topics include agriculture, climate issues, broadband technology, and international or global trading. Rehm is currently completing the Ag and Natural Resources pathway program at the college and plans to transfer to the University of Wyoming upon graduating, where she will be pursuing a degree in Ag Business.

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