



DATE: February 10, 2021
TO: Board of Regents
FROM: Les Cook
Chancellor, Montana Technological University
RE: Campus Report for the March 11-12 Board of Regents' Meeting

- Montana Tech's heavy civil team placed 2nd in the 2021 Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) region 6/7 annual construction bidding competition. The virtual competition saw the team compete against 15 universities including Montana State, Colorado State, Northern University of Arizona (3rd place), Brigham Young University (1st place), and the University of Alaska. The team included captain George Shick, Colton Eliason, Logan Kolodejchuk, Archie Lind, Brock MacDonald, and Brent Tezak. The team was given the Kiewit-sponsored problem of closing a landfill in Hawaii.
- Montana Tech faculty members Dr. Charie Faught and Dr. Susan Schrader will participate in the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) Mission Fulfillment Fellowship program.
- Montana Technological University's Institute for Educational Opportunities (IEO) and the Clark Fork Watershed Education Program (CFWEP) received an additional allocation of \$1 Million in funding. The new funding will allow CFWEP to continue its educational outreach program at least through the 2023-24 school year.
- An interdisciplinary team from Montana Tech received a People, Prosperity, and the Planet (P3) grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Montana Tech's team is one of five teams to receive funding to develop and demonstrate projects that help address environmental and public health challenges. The group includes students Amber Freebourn, professional and technical communication; Sam Butcher, biological sciences; and environmental engineering students Kris Bosch, Kelsey Parker, and Mami Sherman. Dr. David Hutchins, Montana Tech visiting assistant professor of Environmental Engineering, is the project lead. The team is mentored by Montana Tech faculty members Dr. Katherine Zodrow, Dr. Richard LaDouceur, Dr. Robert Pal, and Dr. Dario Prieto.
- The athletics department is excited to welcome the addition of men's and women's track and field to its varsity sports. Current cross-country coach Zach Kughn will coach the track and field team, which will compete in the spring of 2022.
- Montana Tech is pleased to announce the hiring of Jodie DeLay as our new chief of staff. Jodie joins the university after a very successful seventeen-year career at Montana State University.