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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Ron Slinger  
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RE: Campus Report for the May 2021 Board of Regents Meeting

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- MCC is set to host an in-person, outdoor Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 8, and expects to award 125 degrees to 111 graduates. In addition to the honor graduates, the following students will be recognized as outstanding graduates from each division – Favour Chukwukelu, General Education Division; Jakim Ricketts, Career and Technical Division; and Belinda Forman, Nursing Division. Dr. Eileen A. Hemman, COL (Ret.) will provide the commencement address.
- Dr. Hemman will also be honored as the 2021 MCC Distinguished Alumni Award recipient. Dr. Hemman was a member of MCC's first ever Nursing class, graduating in 1971, and went on to earn a BSN from Montana State University, an MSN from the University of Colorado Medical Center, and an Ed.D. from Seattle University. In 1977 she entered the Army Reserves and eventually transitioned to Active Duty, retiring at the rank of Colonel in 2004. Dr. Hemman has held numerous positions during her military and civilian careers including Perinatal Clinical Research Nurse and Chief of Managed Care at Madigan Army Medical Center, Senior Clinical Educator and Faculty at the University of Washington, Director of Hospital Education at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, and Director of Mobilization, Education, and Training at Bassett Army Community Hospital.
- The Miles Community College Learning Center/Adult Education Program hosted its annual HiSET graduation on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. HiSET graduates from the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 years were invited to attend, as the event was unable to be held in spring 2020.
- The Pioneer Women's Basketball Team traveled to the NJCAA National Tournament in Lubbock, TX, for the second time in three years. Their first-round win over 2019 defending champs Gulf Coast State was the program's first ever win at the national tournament. The Pioneers lost to 2-seeded Trinity Valley Community College in the second round, finishing their season 24-2. Pioneer Rebekah Dallinger was named the 2-Year Player of the Year by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association and also a member of the 10-person All-American team. Dallinger had already been named the World Exposure junior college player of the year, Region XIII player of the year, and MonDak Conference player of the year. Dallinger led the NJCAA D1 in points per game (25.8), total points (644), field goals made (212), and free throws made (163).
- Miles Community College hosted its first ever MCC Pioneer women's softball game on Saturday, March 27, at its field at Bender Park in Miles City. While the Pioneer softball program launched during the 2019-2020 academic year, the MCC softball team had yet to play the inaugural game on their new home field due to the postponement of their first season by the COVID-19 pandemic. The ribbon cutting ceremony held before the inaugural game recognized key businesses and individuals that donated to the construction of the field, and featured commemorative/promotional giveaways for the first 100 fans in attendance.

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