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To: Board of Regents

From: Les Cook
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RE: Campus Report for the May 26 & 27, 2021 Board of Regents' Meeting

- Dr. Michele Hardy has been hired as the dean of the College of Letters, Sciences & Professional Studies (CLSPS) effective July 2, 2021. She spent 17 years on the faculty at Montana State University where she had a successful research program on viruses that cause gastrointestinal diseases in humans. After a stint serving as the Chair of Veterinary Microbiology and Pathology at the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine, she returned to MSU as Director of Research for the American Indian/Alaska Native Clinical and Translational Research Program and as Assistant Dean for Research Development in the College of Agriculture.
 - Frankie Johnston, a junior from Highwood, Montana who is pursuing a degree in geological engineering, was named a 2021 Goldwater Scholar by the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence Foundation. Johnston conducts research using Montana Tech's state-of-the-art earthquake simulating shake table in Dr. Mary MacLaughlin's research group in the Geological Engineering Department.
 - Dawn Atkinson and Stacey Corbitt, writing instructors, have designed an open textbook, *Mindful Technical Writing: An Introduction to the Fundamentals*, to be used in pairing developmental writing and an introduction to technical writing.
 - Laurel Bitterman, an environmental engineering student from Polson, Montana, participated in the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) 25th annual Posters on the Hill held in a virtual format on April 27-28. She presented her undergraduate research on Microbial Cellulose Capsules Reactions with Solid Particles and Sulfates. She is mentored by Dr. Katherine Zodrow and Dr. Dario Prieto.
 - Baylie Phillips, a metallurgical and materials engineering student, was accepted into the highly selective summer research internship program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) offered through its Materials Research Laboratory and Materials Research Science and Engineering Center.
 - Sean Ryan, Oredigger golf coach, was named the Frontier Conference Golf Coach of the Year and golfer Jace Rhodes earned Freshman of the Year honors. Montana Tech men's team earned the regular season championship for the first time.
 - Grace Mulholland, a junior from Billings studying environmental engineering, was named a 2021-2022 Newman Civic Fellow. As part of the 212 students from 39 states in the cohort, she plans to empower women and educate people on the importance of equalizing the gender gap in the STEM workforce.
 - Montana Tech's nursing program was named the top RN to BSN program in Montana by NursingProcess.org.
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- Chris Danielson received a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program Award to Russia for the spring of 2022. He will lecture at the University of Tyume's School of Advanced Studies (SAS) on U.S. history and his areas of specialization in U.S. relations, the civil rights movement, and U.S. foreign policy.
- The Montana Bureau of Mines was awarded a \$110,000 contract from the U.S. Geological Survey National Groundwater Monitoring Network (NGWM) to install groundwater monitoring wells on the Flathead and Blackfeet Reservations, and in the Summit Valley near Butte.