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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Ron Slinger
President, Miles Community College

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

- Miles Community College President Ron Slinger was one of 25 leaders recently selected for the 2021-2022 class of the Aspen New Presidents Fellowship. This program supports community college presidents in the early years of their tenure as they aim to achieve higher and more equitable levels of student success. The 25 Aspen Fellows, who lead colleges that collectively serve more than 280,000 students, were selected through a highly competitive process. Starting later this year, the Fellows will engage over nine months in residential sessions and virtual learning to develop strategies to meet their goals for student success and equity with data to assess challenges and progress.
- Miles Community College Dean of Student Engagement and Auxiliary Services Richard DeShields was recently selected to receive the 2021 NASPA Region V Community College Professional Award. This award is selected based on the following criteria: demonstrated active involvement with the profession; contribution to creating a campus environment that promotes student learning and personal development; and outstanding individual contribution in innovative and responsive services and programs that address varied and emerging needs of students.
- The Miles Community College Athletic Department has announced an initiative to provide free Pioneer Athletics lifetime season passes to area first responders and members of the military. The program was created as a way for MCC and Pioneer Athletics to say thank you to those who serve, protect, and care for our community and country. The discount is extended to active first responders, including law enforcement, firefighters, emergency medical services and local healthcare providers, as well as active duty service members, reserves, veterans, and retired service members.
- Miles Community College will again host the Reverse Trick-or-Treat event this year. Children in Miles City will be able to receive Fall Trick-or-Treat bags delivered to their homes on the evening of Thursday, October 28. This annual Fall/Halloween activities, along with others throughout the year, have been part of the "MCC Cares" program, where students track volunteer hours through community events and civic engagement. MCC hosted an in-person Halloween Carnival for children in 2019, but switched to a no-contact delivery of Halloween treats in 2020.
- The Miles Community College Multicultural and Diversity Club hosted an Indigenous Peoples' Day event, "Acknowledging History and its People," on Monday, October 11. The event featured Dr. Gerard Baker, a former assistant director of the National Park Service, who spoke about the history of the land we live on and the people who are indigenous to the area. Dr. Baker is a full blood member of the Mandan-Hidatsa tribe, and is a widely recognized public figure throughout Indian Country for his work as a mediator and facilitator between the Park Service and tribal governments on an exhaustive range of public policy issues.

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