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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Jane Karas, Ph.D., President, Flathead Valley Community College

RE: Campus Report for the January 2022 Board of Regents' Meeting

- The physical therapist assistant program reported a 100% pass rate for the national licensing exam in October, which is only achieved by 34 out of 255 PTA programs. The PTA program at FVCC is led by Janice Heil, PT, MAPT.
- More than 850 students were awarded over \$1 million in scholarships through the FVCC Foundation for the 2020-2021 academic year.
- The Broussard Family Library received a generous donation of over 280 rare books and original documents from the Chickering family of Whitefish, MT. The collection tells the story of the Rocky Mountain region and its captivating history through accounts of explorers, trappers, and others that helped shape the American west.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2021/nov/23/fvcc-library-acquires-extraordinary-western-book-c/>
- Logger Sports student athlete, Isabel Kerst, received the Montana Athletes in Service Award from the Montana Campus Compact for her outstanding service and dedication to her community and her education.
- Dr. Marty M. Mullins, Ph.D., Adjunct Instructor, History and Political Science, recently won the 2021 Slovak Studies Association Prize for Best Article. The article titled "Forgotten Velvet: Understanding Eastern Slovakia's 1989," was published in New Perspectives, the Interdisciplinary Journal of Central and East European Politics and International Relations, vol. 27, no. 3, 2019.
- FVCC was recognized as the Best for Community College for Transfer Students by Intelligent.com, a trusted resource for online/on-campus program rankings and higher education planning.
- The nursing program partnered with Montana Technological University to provide nursing students a pathway from an ASN at FVCC to BSN at Montana Tech with a clear course plan, seamless transfer, and up to \$1000 scholarship money to help students succeed.
- FVCC Trades and Industrial Arts received \$24,000 in 2021-2022 scholarship funds for machining program students, courtesy of the Gene Haas Foundation.
 - <https://flatheadbeacon.com/2021/11/08/industrial-partnership-helps-students-become-successful-machinist/>
- FVCC will rename the theatre in the Arts and Technology building the Joe Legate Black Box Theatre in honor of long-time Performing Arts Department Chair Joe Legate. Legate recently retired after 30 years at FVCC and played a foundational role in building the theatre program at FVCC.