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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Ron Slinger
President, Miles Community College

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

- Miles Community College was awarded \$58,406 from the SCL Health Montana Mission Fund, which will be used for the purchase of three adult health nursing skills simulators and three Meeting Owl 360° cameras. Projects funded by the SCL Health Montana Mission Fund must demonstrate a commitment to the SCL Health Mission, Vision, and Values, and address one or more community benefit objectives, such as improving access to health services, enhancing the health of the community, advancing knowledge through education or research, relieve or reduce the burden of government or other community efforts, and benefit the community rather than SCL Health Organizations. The equipment will allow MCC to create clinical simulation labs at MCC clinical site partner locations in Glendive, Sidney, and Billings (St. John's).
- The Miles Community College Learning Center was recently announced as a recipient of the 2021 Education Technology Grants funded by Mid-Rivers Communication. The MCC Learning Center received \$2,500 to use for the purchase of Chromebooks, Essential Education software, and outreach for adult education. The Learning Center offers resources for a large portion of Southeast Montana for both adult and non-traditional learners, along with MCC students. Services include free one-on-one tutoring, high school equivalency education, English as a Second Language, all of which are available to both MCC students and area community members. The Mid-Rivers Educational Technology grants are awarded to educational facilities, including private, public, and home schools, as well as non-profit entities with an educational mission benefitting members and customers within the Mid-Rivers service area.
- Samantha "Sam" Burke, from Cut Bank, Montana, was named MCC's Athlete in Service Award Winner by the Montana Campus Compact. Burke is a sophomore at MCC and an outfielder for the Pioneer Softball team. She has been a volunteer with the "Raising our Community Kids Safely" (ROCKS) program in Miles City, MCC's Reverse Trick-or-Treat event, and numerous other opportunities that serve children. Burke has also been active in supporting the food pantry and is currently promoting mental health awareness on campus and in the community. She is currently studying Elementary Education at MCC, with plans to transfer to the University of Montana-Western in Dillon upon graduation.
- Miles Community College, in collaboration with Humanities Montana, hosted a live webinar as part of their Speaker Series on December 6. Dr. Rob Saldin, director of the Mansfield Center's Ethics and Public Affairs Program and professor of political science at the University of Montana, was the featured speaker at the live virtual event, with a presentation titled "Our Rural Urban Political Divide".

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