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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Dr. Ron Slinger
President, Miles Community College

RE: Campus Report for the July 2022 Board of Regents Meeting

- Miles Community College held its 82nd annual commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 7, at the MCC Centra Gymnasium in Miles City, and presented degrees to 112 graduates from Fall 2021, Spring 2022, and Summer 2022. 27 graduates were recognized as honor graduates, earning a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher. Students with 4.0 GPAs who were named valedictorians were Hazel R. Eaton of Belgrade, MT, Abigail Johnson of Hamilton, MT, Rose Marie Rychner of Miles City, MT, Darcy K. Dahle of Busby, MT, and Kelbee N. Denham of Malta, MT.
- Each year at MCC, the Distinguished Graduating Student awards are given based on the individual's time as a student and includes their academic and co-curricular involvement. Nominations are submitted in the spring by faculty and staff. These awards are presented at commencement and given in the three academic divisions: Arts and Sciences, Career and Technical, and Nursing. This year, the award honorees were Sydney Johnstone of Miles City (Arts and Sciences), Blayne Hubing of Circle (Career and Technical), and Samantha Bonenberger of Billings (Nursing).
- During the 2022 Commencement Ceremony, two awards were given to staff and faculty members for excellence in the workplace and enhancing student success. This year's Excellence in Teaching Award winner was Sarah Kloewer, M.F.A. Serving as both Writing Faculty member and the Associate Dean of Instruction and eLearning, Sarah also recently concluded her term as chair of the General Education Division. Her tireless work in many areas of campus has helped to ensure that Miles Community College is a "student-ready" institution. Sarah played and continues to play a pivotal role in the College's response to the COVID pandemic, guiding faculty and others through the adoption and implementation of new technologies to better serve students.
- The 2022 Staff Excellence and Innovation Award was given to Anne Anderson, M.S. Anne serves as the Director of Student Success and Retention, supervising the MCC Learning Center and all of its functions, including the adult education and HiSET program college student support services and tutoring, disability support services for students, at risk student outreach, and more. Anne is also an adjunct faculty member at MCC, teaching Education and advising Education majors. She was instrumental in the development of a 2+2 transfer agreement with Dickinson State University that allows MCC students to finish their bachelor's degrees in Elementary Education remotely, without leaving Miles City or their home community.
- The Miles Community College Nursing Program has been granted Initial Accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). The next evaluation visit is scheduled for Fall 2026.
- Montana Senator Jon Tester visited the Miles Community College campus on May 27, meeting with MCC President Dr. Ron Slinger, the MCC Board of Trustees, and faculty. Senator Tester and MCC representatives toured the MCC Ag Advancement Center and Champion arena, and discussed topics including CTE programs like the College's Meat Processing program, and their role in developing the Eastern Montana workforce.

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