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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Dr. Ron Slinger
President, Miles Community College

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

- Miles Community College saw growth in overall enrollment and resident enrollment for the Fall 2022 semester, with a 6% increase in total FTE over Fall 2021, and an over 10% increase in resident FTE. MCC also posted a first-time, full-time retention rate of nearly 65%, the highest retention rate in several years. Other enrollment highlights include a 23% increase in high school early admit students from Fall 2021; a 95.5% occupancy rate in campus housing; and enrollment of 17 international students from six different countries.
- Miles Community College is one of the recipients of the Montana's Future At Work grant, funded by the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation and administered by the Montana University System. MCC will work with several high schools throughout Montana to help high school students earn their CNA license, a high-need short-term credential, particularly in rural Montana healthcare facilities. Grants funds will cover fees, books and supplies, and testing costs for students from partner high schools enrolled in MCC's CNA course.
- The Associated Students of Miles Community College (ASMCC) will be hosting Fall Carnival Night on Monday, October 31 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This event, held on the MCC campus, will be a family-friendly Halloween-themed carnival with activities and treats for local school children. The Fall Carnival Night is free and open to the public and children are encouraged to dress in costume. Previous seasonal events, such as the "Reverse Trick-or-Treat" held last October, have been part of the "MCC Cares" program, where MCC students track volunteer hours through community events and civic engagement. This year, the campus has chosen to do the Fall Carnival Night, last held in 2019. ASMCC has spearheaded this carnival-style event, with different student organizations across campus, as well as Pioneer athletic teams, getting involved to host booths and stations throughout the night. Activities will include balloon popping, slime stations, cupcake walks, pumpkin throws, temporary tattoos, and more.
- Miles Community College Agriculture Instructor, Kim Gibbs, was awarded the Educator of the Year Award by the Montana Ambassador's Association at their convention in October 2022. The Montana Ambassadors is a volunteer, not-for-profit association made up of passionate people dedicated to living and doing business in Montana. Members act as official Ambassadors of the State of Montana, both in and out of state, and represent the Office of the Governor and the Department of Commerce. Ambassadors are predominantly leaders in business and education, as well as many other professions.
- The Miles Community College Agriculture Program was recently named the Postsecondary Program of the Year by the Montana Association of Agricultural Educators (MAAE), the professional organization of the agricultural education instructors of Montana.
- MCC President, Dr. Ron Slinger, was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Montana Nonprofit Association (MNA). Montana Nonprofit Association's mission is to provide leadership for Montana's nonprofit sector and partner with charitable nonprofits to promote a sustainable, networked, and influential sector.

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