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To: Board of Regents

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Subject: Campus Report for September 2022 Board of Regents Meeting

K-12 & Dual Enrollment

- Thirteen high school and first-year college students participated in the Humanities Through Film program, July 11-22 on the Donaldson campus. Students produced a 20-minute documentary film, *The People's House*, exploring Montana's Capitol. The film will premiere at the Myrna Loy Theater on September 8, 2022 at 8 p.m.
- Fourteen students from the Helena Area Summer Jobs Program completed COMX 115, a 3-credit Interpersonal Communication class with instructor Virginia Reeves. Students were able to apply communication concepts on-the-job in their summer positions.
- A new Dual Enrollment Coordinator will start at Helena College on August 26 which will mean two staff dedicated to dual enrollment students.

Nursing Department

- All sixteen ASRN May 2022 graduates passed their national licensing exams (NCLEX). The nursing program is at a 96.15% pass rate for first-time attempts for this calendar year. Most of the graduates are working in hospitals in Helena and Bozeman.
- The application process for the fall semester is complete and 16 qualified applicants have accepted their place in the ASRN program.
- We have hired two full-time nursing faculty and now have all faculty positions filled.

TRIO SSS

- TRIO partnered with K-12, Admissions, and the Community Education Center to host the [Study of the U.S. Institutes of Global Scholars](#) (SUSI) scholars from the Mansfield Center twice this summer. The SUSI program is a U.S. Department of State-sponsored program for mid-career foreign scholars and educators designed to improve teaching about the United States in academic institutions abroad. Their visit was to explore the role of the community college in community and workforce development while learning about the various programs offered.
- The TRIO Opportunities Matters Book Club finished its reading of *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros. Staff from the Library and the Business Office joined TRIO staff throughout the summer in the reading of this book. Though at times the topics were difficult to consider, we all felt the experience was a meaningful one.

MT 10

- Helena College's MT10 staff have been attending the MT10 Academy throughout the summer to learn more about the program and better serve our students. We are finishing the recruitment for our 3rd cohort of MT10 students.
- Virginia Reeves, along with the MT10 staff, will be teaching the First Year Experience class this fall. In addition, we are developing a capstone class to be taught in the spring of the second year. The capstone class will support students transferring or entering the workforce.
- We are developing two positions with MT10 for peer educators trained last year through the NASPA Certified Educator program: one dedicated to community building and wellness and the other to supporting student financial sufficiency.

Student Life:

- Four student positions have been created in this department: Student Work Study, Mental Health and AOD Peer Educator, Physical Wellness Peer Educator, and Rape Prevention Education Peer Educator.
 - All peer educators will be provided the opportunity to attend the MUS Mental Health Summit in Billings, September 20-23, 2022.
- Student Life is still seeking qualified applicants for an AmeriCorps Vista position to build program capacity for the Helena College Campus Pantry.
- Safe Zone LGBTQ campus training will launch in fall 2022 for faculty, staff, and students.
- QPR Suicide Prevention Training will continue for faculty, staff, and students
- 2022-2023 ASHC Executive Officers
 - President: Nick Worsley
 - Vice President: Cyrus Cannon
 - Secretary: Aubrey McMaster
 - Business Manager: Thai Nguyen

Community Education Center

- The Community Education Center has been working with Accelerate Montana to utilize the Rapid Retraining Program Grant to lease three new diesel trucks and a trailer for use in the CDL Program. The Helena College CDL Program serves both non-credit and degree-seeking students.
 - The CDL Third Party Testing program has hired a second examiner to assist with the CDL Program.
- The Community Education Center has created an internal program for *Certified Medical Assisting* and will be implementing it starting in the fall semester.
- The *Fundamentals of Banking Course* has been established and has successfully completed its first cohort of students in partnership with Opportunity Bank of Montana and the next class begins this fall.
- We were able to successfully hire a new position for the Community Education Center. The SBDC Senior Business Advisor/Workforce and Community Engagement Coordinator. The position will take on additional community outreach and assist with customized training as well as provide assistance with consulting small businesses with the Small Business Development Center hosted at Helena College.

Information Technologies

- Multiple new Smart Classrooms are now online, including a specific room for the Second Chance Pell Automotive Technology collaborative program.
- Helena College and the University of Montana Western are working smarter by implementing a shared CIO model.

Career Technical Education

- Aviation students completed their summer block on Friday, August 12 with Aviation Covering and Finishes (AVMT 155). This course introduces the student to the application and maintenance of fabric-covered aircraft. They will learn about how a fabric covering is properly attached to aircraft structures. The student will become familiar with the different types of covering materials that are used to cover an aircraft plus the dope fillers, paints, and rejuvenator finishes used on the fabric.



Figure 1: Eagle and Flag on Airplane Wing