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**TO:** Board of Regents

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**RE:** Campus Report for the January 2023 Board of Regents' Meeting

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- Dawson Community College hosted a Live2Lead event on campus, a part of the John Maxwell Leadership Program. It was an excellent opportunity for future leaders to engage with current leaders here in the community. Several employees of Dawson Community College attended.
- Dawson Community College hosted an exhibition titled Native Voices to honor Native American Heritage Month. The art collection was comprised of work made by students and community members. It was open to the public and attended well by students, employees, and the community.
- Dawson Community College hosted a Veteran's Day breakfast and flag folding ceremony in honor of Veteran's Day. The event was an excellent opportunity for students and employees to have breakfast with a local veteran and learn more about the sacrifices they have made. Additionally, students learned more about the thirteen symbols of folding the American Flag.
- Dawson Community College continues to hold Buccaneer Day each month. This special day provides potential students and their parents with a first-hand experience of what it is like to be a college student at Dawson Community College. They meet with faculty in their areas of interest, attend a class, socialize with current students, visit the dorms, and eat a meal in the cafeteria.
- Dawson Community College and Miles Community College hosted a legislative luncheon to share the two institutions' impact with local legislators. The event's focus was workforce development and a high-level overview of how these two entities operate. Legislators, local officials, and employees of both institutions attended the event.
- Dawson Community College has been the benefactor of two substantial donations totaling roughly **\$3,200,000**. One gift is reserved for scholarships to

students interested in programs with higher-level science courses, and the other is focused solely on students living in Eastern Montana and Western North Dakota. Approximately \$400,000 is designated to update the science labs while the remainder will be endowed scholarships.

- Dawson Community College was recently notified that it would be the recipient of an eight-foot-tall bronze statue of a Buccaneer. A local sculptor has selected Dawson Community College as their next project, number fourteen in the community. Both fundraising by the individual and the building of the sculpture has begun.