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From: Les Cook  
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RE: Campus Report for July 11, 2023, Board of Regents Meeting

- FedEx Freight donated a single-axle tractor and a 28-foot trailer to Highlands College's Commercial Driver's License (CDL) program. This industry partnership will strengthen our students' knowledge and skills while complementing our commitment to providing a stable workforce.
- The Wall Street Journal named Montana Tech #7 on its 2023 list of Top 20 Public Colleges for Engineering Salaries. The rankings consider the salary data of graduates over their first 10 years in the workforce following commencement. Montana Tech graduates posted an average annual salary of \$104,082, a premium of \$13,908 over the national average. Montana Tech is the smallest school in the Top 10. It is ranked alongside powerhouse universities with multi-billion-dollar endowments including the University of California campuses at Berkeley, Santa Cruz, Los Angeles, and Santa Barbara, the United States Naval Academy, San Francisco State University, the University of Texas at Austin, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- Montana Tech earned the 2022-23 Bandy Memorial All-Sports Trophy presented each year to the Frontier Conference institution that has accumulated the most points based on its regular season finish in football, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, women's volleyball, men's and women's golf and men's and women's outdoor track and field. Tech won regular season titles in men's basketball, volleyball, and men's and women's track & field.
- Montana Tech's American Society of Civil Engineers Club brought home top honors for the timber-strong design-build competition and for its Building Information Modeling (BIM) model at the Pacific Northwest ASCE Student Symposium co-hosted at MSU, with Carroll College, MSU and MSU-Northern. The Tech team also placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in concrete canoe for the women's sprint and 3<sup>rd</sup> in surveying. The Orediggers were the only team to compete in all six competitions.
- The Montana Tech Lunabotics team brought home numerous awards from the NASA Lunabotics competition at the University of Alabama. The competition simulates mining on the lunar surface using robots that students design, construct, and program over the academic year. They mined .35 kg of regolith, just missing the qualification for an award with the third-highest amount mined. They placed fourth in Autonomy and were also awarded the Smallest Robot award, and received honorable mentions in Innovation and On-Site Mining.
- Four Montana Tech students, Brie Birkenbuel, Jenna Maroney, Sadiq Inuwa, and Allison Wasley, were honored with national awards at the American Industrial Hygiene Association conference in Phoenix, AZ. The students received a combined scholarship amount of \$15,500.