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To: Board of Regents

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Subject: Campus Report for the May 2023 Board of Regents Meeting

Art Program

- Our art program continues to shine. The **Art Showcase Reception** in April was very well attended, with great recognition for our students, and fun had by all. Click to view the pre-event interview with [Seth Roby](#), HC Art Instructor and Art Club Advisor.



Figure 1 Special Award Ella Stoddard, Artist

- There were two **exhibit openings at the Holter Museum of Art in April:**
 - One exhibit featured the artwork from faculty around the university system. For the first time, Helena College instructors were included in the exhibit.

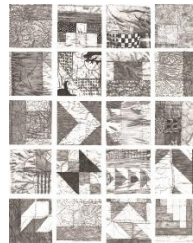


Figure 2 Quilted, Seth Roby, Artist

- The other exhibition featured the capstone works by second year Helena College student artists at the Holter Museum of Art.

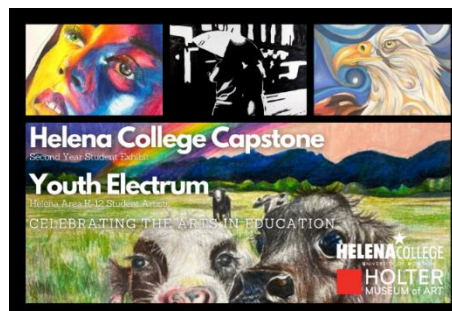


Figure 3 Holter Capstone Poster

Career Technical Education

- The skilled trades campus located at the Airport Campus held a **career fair** in March. The outstanding participation from the vendors is an indication of the need for skilled trades' employees.



Figure 4 APC Career Fair

- For the second year in a row, Helena College hosted the state **Skills USA competition at the Airport Campus**. Over 300 students, advisors, and judges participated in a variety of competitions from diesel technology, automotive technology, and welding to public speaking, job skills demonstration, photography, technical math, and computer applications. We were excited to show off our campus to so many students from throughout the state!

Community Education Center

- The Community Education Center is working with **Accelerate Montana on the JobSite Ready** program. Working with local high schools for construction trades and hands on training.
 - Working with Jefferson County to build a **“tiny home”** for the school district and the county for travel nurses and teachers.
 - Working with Preserve Montana to help with **historical preservation** in and around the Helena area.
- The Community Education Center is working with Accelerate Montana on a **Rapid Training** program to implement a **Bookkeeping program and a Filming Program**.
- The Community Education Center and the department of the SBDC at the CEC is working with **Reach Higher Montana, Accelerate Montana, Montana Business Assistance Connection and Montana Department of Labor and Industry** to visit local communities in the Helena Region to meet with local businesses, community partners, local governments and school systems to present a **Community Forums Program** to let them know what assistance they may have for their areas. So far the Community Forum has been to Townsend and Lincoln with plans to visit White Sulphur Springs, Helena and Boulder and other communities.
- The Community Education Center is working with **American Jobs for American Youth** to implement a program for the **Summer Works Internship Program** that will be provided at Helena College and synchronously delivered to other communities by delivering a new Certified Work Skills and Master Certified Work Skills Training Program.
- The Continuing Education program through the Community Education Center will be hosting a **“Course Brainstorming Session”** to increase ideas, community preferences and leverage community contact information.
- The Community Education Center is attending the **Helena Workforce Innovation Networks IT and Finance Night** and will continue to attend community educational events.
- A second instructor for the Commercial Driver's Licensing Program is currently in training and will be assisting with **April's CDL Class**.



Figure 5 CDL Tractor Trailer with HC Logo

Financial Aid

- Financial Aid hosted the first **Career Pop-up** event to connect a state office directly to **Business and Accounting** students. The event was a success and is a new approach to career fairs that HC will build upon.

Global Initiatives

- Through the Montana University System global initiatives project which we host with **Suhan Chen**, we hosted a cultural art event on Saturday, April 1, at the **Holter Museum of Art**. This was a family friendly event with international craft activities for designed for elementary school aged children. About 60 people turned out to participate in a dance lesson, complete a paper-folding activity, and learn to use calligraphy to write their names in Chinese.



Figure 6 Student writing her name in Chinese



Figure 7 Dance Lesson

K-12 & Dual Enrollment

- Participated in **IT and Finance Night** in partnership with the Helena Area Chamber of Commerce and Carroll College. This event was focused on educating students about careers in the Helena area, connecting them with employers, and educating students about the different educational pathways.
- Began working with **East Helena High** school to explore adding more non-credit bearing credential programs, such as a CMA program and Job Site Ready to a wide variety of high school students.
- In partnership with our financial aid office, the Department of K-12 Partnerships awarded six \$2,000 scholarships to high school students enrolled in our partner high schools.
- Our department has begun to enroll students in a special section of **COMX 115: Intro to Interpersonal Communication**. This section is 100% free to students, and only open to students who participate in **AJAY Montana's Summer Jobs** program. **Reach Higher Montana** will cover the students' tuition, and the Department of K-12 Partnership will provide students with textbooks.
- The Department of K-12 Partnerships hosted a **dual enrollment informational session** which was attended by local high school students and their parents. The Department of K-12 Partnerships also attended the cosmetology program open house, in order to provide high school students and their parents with information about a dual enrollment pathway for cosmetology.

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

- Helena College is in year 3 of a 3-year **NEH grant** focused on exposing high school students to the importance of the humanities using film making as a medium. Helena College has begun its recruitment for the final summer bridge program of the grant cycle. This year's theme is **fishing**.

Nursing

- The **RN pinning ceremony and reception** for 15 RNs was held at St. Mary's Church on May 5, 2023, from 1:30-4:00.
- **MT Simulation in Motion** provided a geriatric simulation experience for our LPN students in April. The LPN students from Hamilton attended a similar simulation at Missoula College. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to practice real life scenarios with a 'standardized patient' (an actor) and coordinated by the MT Simulation in Motion staff.

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Induction

- Former **Governor Racicot** provided remarks at the PTK Induction held at HC in April. Karen Henderson is the PTK advisor and writing instructor at Helena College.



Figure 8 Karen Henderson & Gov. Racicot



Figure 9 Gov. Racicot & Dean Bauman



Figure10 PTK Inductees

TRIO SSS

- TRIO's retention rate for the 2021-2022 cohort was 79% compared to 62% for the 2020-2021 cohort.
- The TRIO SSS Student Leadership Conference held in Helena was a success. Approximately 40 students from around the state participated. Helena College had four students participate.



Figure11 HC TRIO Leadership Conference Participants

- TRIO and MT10 are ending the spring term with a fun event, Celebrate **YOU**. It is a campus picnic with a number of special elements for the TRIO/MT10 participants such as a photo booth and corn hole tournament.