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TO: Board of Regents

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

- Dawson Community College is actively working on building its strategic action items as a part of its mission, strategic priorities, and key performance indicators. Building these strategic action items will be a collaborative effort across campus, involving every department.
- Dawson Community College is actively working on identifying its core values and related guiding principles. This will be a collaborative effort, touching every department across campus and bringing feedback from current students, DCC alums, and the community.
- In partnership with Cyber Montana, Dawson Community College held a Cyber Camp over the summer geared towards middle-school-aged youth (6th – 8th grade). Twenty-two local middle-school students attended the five day long Cyber Camp, which was an excellent opportunity to showcase career opportunities in computer technology and cybersecurity.
- Dawson Community College received a donation of \$15,000 from the local Masonic Lodge in Glendive. The \$15,000 donation will be used to assist in purchasing a MILO Range Simulation Trainer. This simulator allows for over 900 real life scenarios for professionals to work through in real-time. The simulator will be used by students in the Criminal Justice program and public safety professionals in Eastern Montana.
- Dawson Community College received a grant from the Community Foundation to purchase mountain bikes that students may check out and use to travel throughout town and Makoshika State Park. Transportation is a barrier many of our students experience, and this serves as a way to eliminate that barrier.
- Dawson Community College had one of its longest-standing employees pass away due to severe health complications. Troy Legato – Maintenance Technician

at DawsonCC - passed away after serving the institution for over twenty years. The College hosted a Celebration of Life for Troy Legato, as DawsonCC was his home.

- Enrollment Update – Fall 2023 enrollment is projected to be flat from Fall 2022. The administrative team continues to work on a formal enrollment strategy that engages students from all walks of life. The enrollment strategy will strongly emphasize ensuring our CTE program offerings are marketed and filled and will intensely focus on dual enrollment opportunities for local Montana students.