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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Jane Karas, Ph.D., President, Flathead Valley Community College

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

- FVCC received a \$4 million donation from local businessman Paul D. Wachholz to support a new entrepreneurship center on campus.
- On June 26, the FVCC Foundation Summer Festival of Flavors event, “Swan River Soiree,” raised \$45,000 for student scholarships.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2023/aug/04/fvcc-foundation-festival-flavors-event-raises-4500/>
- FVCC’s Heavy Equipment Operators program received a \$50,000 grant from Green Diamond Resource Company, a family-owned forest products company committed to sustainable use of forests and forest products. The grant funds will support a logging simulator to advance training that supports Montana’s workforce industry needs.
- The Wachholz College Center on the FVCC campus partnered with the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce to host one of the monthly “Coffee Connect” networking and relationship-building sessions for local businesses.
- FVCC Surgical Technology program graduates achieved a 100% pass rate on their national licensing exams for the third year in a row.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2023/jun/28/fvcc-program-readies-new-surgical-technologists/>
- FVCC’s HVAC program was awarded Montana’s Future at Work grant funds to support the launch of two new HVAC courses for high school juniors and seniors as part of the Running Start program. The grant funds also funded learning facilities upgrades on campus so FVCC HVAC students can learn on modern, state-of-the art equipment.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2023/aug/18/fvcc-fall-semester-begins-aug-28/>
- The FVCC Student Engagement team launched a student engagement app called “FVCC Connect” this fall semester as a way for students to stay up to date with campus groups and events, find available resources, and connect with the campus community all from their mobile device.