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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Dr. Ron Slinger
President, Miles Community College

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

- 123 Miles Community College students were named to the President's List for the Spring 2023 semester. Students who are taking 12 or more credits and maintain a term grade-point average of 3.5 or higher are eligible for this recognition. 41 students earned a 4.0 GPA.
- Miles Community College was recently named as one of the seven Custer County organizations to receive over \$98,000 in combined grants from the first cycle of Grid United's Community Investment Program (CIP). MCC was the recipient of \$34,500 to support its Opportunity Realized Program, which was launched last year. The CIP grant is sponsored by Grid United and administered through the Montana Community Foundation. This grant offers funds to Custer, Rosebud, and Fallon Counties of Eastern Montana, where the company's high-powered transmission lines are routed. According to a press release by Grid United, the company is dedicated to the well-being and vitality of the communities through which the NPC is routed. "We are so thankful for this support," stated MCC President Ron Slinger. "Our Opportunity Realized Program is another great example of how Miles Community College is fulfilling its mission and serving the community." The Opportunity Realized Program allows the college to partner with regional school districts to provide a one-credit college course to high school seniors, at zero cost to the student. The Career Development and Interpersonal Skills class involves career exploration, resume writing, and interview skills. Students also learn employability skills such as emotional intelligence, conflict resolution, interpersonal communication, teamwork, and professionalism.
- Raymond Knight, an AmeriCorps member serving Miles Community College, has been awarded the President's Lifetime Achievement Award. The President's Volunteer Service Award, presented by AmeriCorps and Points of Light, recognizes individuals who have dedicated their lives to positively impacting their communities. Knight's service accounts for more than 6,500 hours served, focused on promoting higher education opportunities to underserved communities. Knight has served through AmeriCorps in several areas of the country including Georgia, Washington, Arizona, and now Montana. He has helped hundreds of students navigate the admissions process, secure financial aid, enroll in college, and find meaningful employment by providing them with the tools and resources they need to succeed. "Raymond makes a difference on our campus and in our community," commented Richard DeShields, MCC Dean of Student Engagement and Auxiliary Services. "During his time here, he has helped counsel students who once thought college wasn't a possibility. His work in helping connect students' academic experiences with real-world applications through career development has positively impacted MCC students and high school students throughout Eastern Montana." Knight received a certificate of achievement and an official coin from AmeriCorps and letters of recognition from both Montana Governor Greg Gianforte and the President of the United States.

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