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TO: Board of Regents

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

RE: Campus Report for the July 2024 Board of Regents' Meeting

- FVCC celebrated the class of 2024 at its 56th annual commencement ceremony on May 10.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2024/may/09/fvcc-graduates-ready-for-the-future/>
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2024/may/11/photos-flathead-valley-community-college-class-of-2024-commencement-ceremony/>
- FVCC's Nursing program pinned 12 nursing graduates at the nursing pinning ceremony on May 10 with seven joining Logan Health in Kalispell and three joining Cabinet Peaks Medical Center in Libby.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2024/jun/05/fvcc-nursing-grads-join-health-care-workforce/>
- The Wachholz College Center's Wanda Hollensteiner Art Gallery on the campus of FVCC unveiled four works by Charlie Russell and three by O.C. Seltzer on loan from Jim Hollensteiner. The gallery also opened a show focusing on Japanese art. The exhibit includes collections of antique Japanese woodblock prints and netsuke, examples of kimono, and hinamatsuri and other traditional Japanese dolls.
- FVCC's Honors Program hosted the annual Honors Research Conference in May. Students competed in three categories: "Science on Stage" Theatre Micro-Plays, STEM Poster Presentations, and Oral Presentations.
- This spring, FVCC hosted 133 high school students from around the state who attempted the rigorous welding test. Sixty-six passed and earned welding qualifications. This included Superior High School, where all 10 students taking FVCC Running Start classes achieved a 100 percent pass rate.
- The Wachholz College Center hosted its second annual open house in June announcing the upcoming season of shows and inviting the community to attend for food, live music, and a chance to win tickets to the Yo-Yo Ma concert and the Mannheim Steamroller show.

- FVCC professor Tim Eichner was awarded the 2024 Montana State Society of American Foresters “Forester of the Year” recognizing his outstanding professionalism in the field of forestry and his active service to the Society of American Foresters. Tim was specifically acknowledged for his dedication to the success of his students and his mentorship of numerous early career professionals.