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TO: Board of Regents

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

Cosmetology

- We are thrilled to announce the grand opening of the Salon at Helena College! Located on the Donaldson Campus of Helena College, our salon is a cutting-edge facility designed to provide top-notch services while offering hands-on learning opportunities for our students. Visit [The Salon at Helena College](#) to view the services.

eLearning & Faculty Development

- Progress on our Canvas Transition project is going well. All components, including SSO setup, data provisioning, admin settings, production site configuration, Canvas support setup, course template implementation, course migration, and faculty training, are proceeding smoothly and aligning with the expected timeline. We have created both [Canvas LMS](#) and [Canvas Training](#) webpages for tracking and providing Canvas-related information to our stakeholders.
- The eLearning & Faculty Development Department has joined the campus' accessibility workgroup. We are actively involved in shaping the accessibility review process and establishing timelines for courses and programs. Moreover, we have also joined the MUS LMS Accessibility workgroup where our focus lies in selecting an advanced accessibility checker tailored for Canvas. We are currently working on drafting the RFP and will be evaluating responses.

Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety

- Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety schedules training classes from April through September at sites around the state. Registration is now open. Enrollment is limited to space available. Register early to reserve your seat. Visit [Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety](#) to find your course.

Nursing

- NCLEX RN pass rates: 14 of our December RN graduates have taken and passed NCLEX -1 more to go. (Currently at 100% pass rate for the year) All 11 Helena and 2 (of 4) Hamilton LPN December Graduates also passed their NCLEX exam. The remaining two have not taken the test, so the LPN pass rate is also 100% for the year. [Helena College Nursing Programs](#)
- The Nursing Department hosted three Peer-evaluators from the Accreditation Council for Education in Nursing (ACEN) in March. The evaluators were on campus touring the facility, meeting with groups including nursing faculty, nursing students, administration, support staff, and employees. A meeting was held for public comment on the program, and a meeting with all clinical affiliates.
- MT Sim in Motion was on campus to hold geriatric simulations using standardized patient actors for our second-semester students as part of their Adult I Gerontology class. These simulations use real people acting out roles of geriatric situations (delirium, confusion, dementia, depression, anxiety) and the students assess the situation, try to provide care and safety for the 'patient' and determine how to intervene. A debrief by the team follows the group simulation to encourage the positive and suggest other interventions to try. They were in Hamilton to repeat this activity for the 6 Helena College LPN students there. The cost for this is generously subsidized by a grant from the Montana Geriatric Education Center at UM (MTGEC).

SkillsUSA Competition

- The Montana SkillsUSA State Leadership Competition was hosted at Helena College March 24-27. Close to 300 students competed in competitions including public speaking, CNC machining, interviewing, welding, and much more. Photos from the four day event can be found [here](#).