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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Dr. Ron Slinger
President, Miles Community College

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

- Miles Community College held its 84th annual commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 4, at the MCC Centra Kailey Gymnasium in Miles City and presented 135 degrees to 122 graduates/candidates from Fall 2023, Spring 2024, and Summer 2024 (pending). 74 graduates were recognized as honor graduates, earning a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. One student with a 4.0 GPA was named valedictorian – Cassidy Bagnell of Frenchtown, MT. Todd O’Hair, President and CEO of the Montana Chamber of Commerce, provided the commencement address.
- Each year at MCC, the Distinguished Graduating Student awards are given based on the individual’s time as a student and includes their academic and co-curricular involvement. Nominations are submitted in the spring by faculty and staff. These awards are presented at commencement and given in the three academic divisions: Arts and Sciences, Career and Technical, and Nursing. The student award winners also lead in the student portion of the processional at commencement.
This year, the award honorees were:
 - Arts and Sciences: [Rylee Deming](#), an Elementary Education major from Colstrip, MT. Rylee also served as a Resident Assistant on campus, and will continue her education at Dickinson State University in Dickinson, ND.
 - Career and Technical: [Tyann Graham](#), a Graphic Design and Business graduate from Glasgow, MT. Tyann was also a member of the women’s basketball team, and a Resident Assistant. Tyann also received the Campus Compact Montana Athlete in Service Award.
 - Nursing: [Jordan Hagemeister](#) a Nursing graduate from Miles City, MT. Jordan has accepted an RN position at Holy Rosary Healthcare in Miles City.
- MCC’s Adult Education and High School Equivalency Program hosted its annual HiSET Graduation on Wednesday, April 24. All HiSET completers from the previous year were invited to attend; while the group is smaller than the MCC College graduation, the ceremony is no less meaningful for the graduates and their families, and is an event the MCC community looks forward to every year.
- Miles Community College Nursing and EMT students participated in a disaster drill scenario on campus on February 28-29, with the help of local agencies/entities Miles City Fire and Rescue, Garfield County EMS, Prairie County EMS, Holy Rosary Healthcare, and Jason Mahoney of 373 Consulting. Students were involved in a fake emergency multiple-vehicle accident that included scripted patients and a makeshift hospital on campus, where they learned triage skills and how to properly assess patients. This annual event assists in training both MCC Nursing students, as well as professional development for local EMS and fire/rescue organizations.
- Miles Community College student Katie Pickering, from Miles City, MT, was recognized with a Montana Campus Compact Montana Student Volunteer Award.

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