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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Dr. Ron Slinger
President, Miles Community College

RE: Campus Report for the March 2025 Board of Regents Meeting

- 130 Miles Community College students were named to the President's Honor List for the Fall 2024 semester, with 50 of those earning a 4.0 term GPA. Students who are taking 12 or more credits and maintain a term grade-point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher are eligible for this scholastic recognition.
- 16 MCC students were awarded their certificates or associates degrees at the end of the Fall 2024 term. Miles Community College does not host a fall/winter commencement ceremony, but these students will be invited to participate in spring commencement, scheduled for Saturday, May 3.
- Miles Community College President Dr. Ron Slinger has accepted an appointment to the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Rural Community College Resource Development Advisory Council. The purpose of this council is to develop resources and relationships that will enable rural community colleges to better develop their foundations and fundraising activities.
- Miles Community College again hosted the National History Day (NHD) in Montana Eastern Regional contest on Saturday, February 8. NHD is a co-curricular academic program for students in grades 6-12. Students choose and research topics related to an annual theme and present their findings as documentaries, exhibit boards, papers, performances, or websites. This project-based learning emphasizes critical reading, thinking, research, and analysis to draw meaningful conclusions, intending to equip students in middle and high school with skills to succeed in college and careers.
- The Adult Education Program in the Miles Community College Learning Center has launched the Educator Empowerment Workplace Literacy program for paraeducators in the Miles City Unified School District (MCUSD). The school district has partnered with our program and offered each participating paraeducator a stipend upon the completion of their 30 hours of free training. 13 paraeducators have enrolled in the program this year.
- MCC President Dr. Ron Slinger was honored with the Harvey Wolke Award for Community Betterment at the 2025 Miles City Chamber of Commerce Citizens of the Year Banquet on February 6. This award is not an annual award, but instead is presented only when an individual or group is cited for outstanding community betterment, civic vision, and the ability to motivate and guide the community in these efforts.
- Miles Community College has been notified that it will receive an ongoing annual grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation. The grant will support MCC's Opportunity Realized program, which meets educational and workforce needs in part by providing Montana high school students with a free, college-credit bearing course on workplace/soft skills and career exploration – COLS 111, Career Development and Interpersonal Skills.
- The Town Pump Charitable Foundation has awarded \$3,000 to the Miles Community College Foundation. These grant funds will support the Pioneer Pantry, MCC's student food pantry.

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