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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Stefani Hicswa
President, Miles Community College

RE: Campus Report for the May 28 -30, 2008 Board of Regents' Meeting

- President Stefani Gray Hicswa, Dean of Administration Tad Torgerson, and Presidential Scholar student Kristina Murnin attended the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) National Legislative Summit in Washington D.C. The summit was held February 10-13 with presenters and national policy experts from across the nation. First year pre-nursing student Kristina Murnin of Miles City was introduced as the first Miles Community College Presidential Scholar to Senators Baucus and Tester and Congressman Rehberg. Krissy was instrumental in presentations to the congressional group with her testimonial as a student role model of high academics and leadership. The Miles Community College Presidential Scholarship award has a selective criterion that includes a 4.00 grade point average in high school, minimum composite ACT score of 26 or SAT score of 1180, Montana residency, and a first-time College freshman.
- Miles Community College was the host for the Region IX Championship women's basketball tournament March 1-4, 2008. Lady Pioneers Head Coach, Dwight Gunnare, received both the Region IX and the Mon-Dak Coach of the Year Award. Under his leadership, the Lady Pioneers were the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 Mon-Dak Conference Champions and 2007-2008 Region IX Championship runners-up. The Region IX conference includes community college teams from Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, and Colorado.
- The MCC Lady Pioneers basketball team received recognition in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Women's Basketball Top 25 Poll, ending the season ranked 12th in the nation. They were ranked as the #1 defense team and #7 offense team in the country.
- Donna Faber, Miles Community College Communications and Photography Instructor, was recently named as one of the top winners in the 2007/2008 Montana Magazine annual photography contest with the theme "**How We Get Around in Montana.**" Two of Donna's award-winning photos have been published in the March/April issue of Montana magazine. Ms. Faber has been employed at Miles Community College since 1991. She teaches Business Communications and Technical Writing classes and is the computer graphics instructor for Desktop Publishing. Donna also teaches Photography I and II, Foundations of Art, Design I and is active in taking candid pictures of students and events for campus marketing publications.

- Lynette Brown, MCC Montana AgroEnergy Plan-WIRED Entrepreneurship and Workforce Development Coordinator, resigned her position March 1. Lynette established new partnerships and developed precedents for workforce training, student internships, and distance education curriculum development. She was greatly respected by all of her colleagues and is truly missed for her positive outlook and professional work ethic. Lynette is now employed in the Montana Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education.
- Miles Community College Centra Athletic Center was the site for the Miles City Job Fair on Thursday, March 27. Thirty-six community and eastern Montana area businesses participated in the job fair providing employment opportunities and miscellaneous information in job training assistance. Miles Community College, Miles City Job Service Workforce Center, Miles City Career Development Workforce Center, and Job Service Employer's Committee were community partner agencies for the event.
- The MCC Montana AgroEnergy Plan-WIRED "*Today's Fuels for Tomorrow's Growth*" project sponsored the extemporaneous speaking competition at the State FFA Convention April 2-5 in Bozeman. Montana high school FFA members across the state competed for the opportunity to represent their district at state FFA convention. Maddie Felts of Red Lodge FFA received first place in the competition. The Miles Community College MAP-WIRED project sponsored \$500 in cash and prizes for the top contestants.
- Spurr Watson, Miles Community College student, was honored as a Phi Theta Kappa New Century Scholar and a member of the All-USA Academic Team at the combined convention of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACCC) and the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society of Two-Year Colleges on April 5-8 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Spurr was one of 50 award winners out of 1,700 applicants. President Stefani Hicswa attended the AACCC convention and the Phi Theta Kappa New Century Scholar award ceremonies with Spurr.
- Spring Pioneer Preview Day was held on Monday, April 7. Fifty prospective students and parents attended to learn about MCC academics and advising, housing, campus life, admissions information, and financial assistance. The Student Ambassadors organization provided campus tours for participants.
- Michael Durnam, MCC Psychology Instructor, presented a poster on Friday, April 10 at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Annual Convention. The conference was held April 10-12 in Boise, Idaho. Dr. Durnam presented the learning/memory poster entitled "Hypnotic Suggestibility, Distractibility, and Working Memory Capacity" with four students from Mount Marty College in South Dakota. Michael has been employed at Miles Community College since the Fall 2007 semester. He teaches classes in psychology and humanities.
- The MCC Players student drama group presented "The Apparition Inn" on April 11-13 at the Montana Veterans Administration Healthcare System auditorium in Miles City. Four performances were given with approximately 200 people in attendance.

Ms. Robin Gerber, Miles Community College History and Social Science Instructor, wrote and directed the comedy performance.

- Lindsay Woolley, MCC Head Golf Coach, was named 2008 Mon-Dak Conference Coach of the Year on April 17 in Bismarck, ND. He has coached the Pioneers and Lady Pioneers golf teams for the past four years.