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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Stefani Hicswa  
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RE: Campus Report for the March 3 - 4 Board of Regents' Meeting

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- Miles Community College is completing the final edits on its Year One Report due in to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities later this spring. The report addresses the college's Mission, Core Themes, and expectations. In addition, the report lays the groundwork for future reports due for years 3, 5, & 7.
- The Miles Community College Nursing program has reported the NCLEX pass rates for the class graduating in 2010. The test rate signifies those students who pass the test on the first try. The pass rate for this year was 86.5%. Miles Community College traditionally has one of the higher pass rates of any college nursing program in Montana.
- Faculty returned to campus January 13 & 14 for professional development opportunities and input into a new advising process. During the two days the faculty helped develop a way to categorize majors and assign them to advisors that will "specialize" in these areas. The purpose of the advising plan is two-fold:

1. It will better balance the advising demands on faculty, and
2. It will enhance transfer advising for our students by assigning them to faculty who know of the programs within the region that have the field of study in which the students' are interested. In this way, the advisor can better create a course schedule for a seamless 2 + 2 transition to the bachelor program of choice.

- Jessie Dufner received the Fall 2010 Blue and Silver Award. The Blue and Silver Award is given to one MCC employee each semester and is nominated by Faculty and Staff. The award comes with a parking space and \$25 check. Congratulations Jessie!
- Miles Community College is currently accepting nominations for this year's Hall of Fame inductee. Alumni of Miles Community College who have gone on to represent MCC and themselves in a positive manner are eligible. Nominations are being accepted until April. The induction ceremony will take place at Commencement in May.
- MCC will hold commencement ceremonies on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. The pinning ceremony for the Nursing program will be held the evening of May 13<sup>th</sup>.