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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for the May 19-20 Board of Regents' Meeting

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- Miles Community College was one of 120 colleges chosen to compete for the \$1-Million Aspen Institute Prize. The community colleges chosen represent the top 10 percent in the country. President Obama announced the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence during the White House Summit on Community Colleges, in October 2010. The purpose of the prize is to recognize community colleges with outstanding academic and work-force outcomes. By focusing on student success and lifting up models that work, the prize will honor excellence, stimulate innovation, and create benchmarks for measuring progress.
- Miles Community College held its 71<sup>th</sup> commencement address on May 14, 2011. Degrees were conveyed for Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Science in Nursing, Associated of Applied Science, and Certificates. Taylor Brown, State Senator and owner of the Northern Ag Network, gave the commencement address.
- Recent graduates of the G.E.D. program were honored during a ceremony held on April 30, 2011. President Stefani Hicswa, Vice President of Student Success Darren Pitcher, and Program Director Erin Niedege spoke to the graduates and a number of friends and family in attendance.
- Tony Harbaugh, Custer County Sheriff since 1986, has been awarded the Miles Community College Alumni Hall of Fame Award for 2011. To receive this award the candidate must be a Miles Community College alumnus who has exhibited high professional achievement, has an established legacy of community service and overall gives evidence of lifetime achievement and service since they began their education career at Miles Community College (or Custer County Junior College as was the prior name). Candidates for the award include alumni that have attended Miles Community College a minimum of one full academic year.
- The Miles Community College Intercollegiate Baseball Team won the Mon-Dak Conference Championship for the 11<sup>th</sup> straight season. They will host the Region 9 Tournament on May 14-15, 2011 at Denton Field in Miles City. The tournament champion will travel to Iowa for a district playoff positioning them just three wins from the World Series.
- Nurses pinning was held on May 13<sup>th</sup> in the Kailey Gymnasium. Students who have completed the requirements for the Associate of Science in Nursing received their pins

from friends and family during the ceremony. The students are now eligible to take the State Board Exam for licensure.

- The Banner software conversion is continuing. Some of the highlights include Student Services connecting to the Data Warehouse with the help of Kevin Turner. As of January 2011, the Human Resource department began processing payroll from Banner. Students are successfully registering through self-service and are able to view their academic progress and access unofficial transcripts through their accounts. The Business Office continues to work with The University of Montana and SunGard to fully implement Banner within their module. The University of Montana has graciously given us permission to use Info Griz, which will enable MCC administration and staff to access Banner reports that are user-friendly. Ray Ford from U-M continues to work with our campus in forging ahead with access to the Northern Tier.