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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for the May 24-25 Board of Regents' Meeting

- **Miles Community College** was one of 120 colleges chosen to compete for the \$1-Million Aspen Institute Prize for the second consecutive year. This year, Miles Community College was the only Montana school that made the cut. The community colleges chosen represent the top 10 percent in the country. 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 72nd commencement address on May 12, 2012. Degrees were conveyed for Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Science in Nursing, Associated of Applied Science, and Certificates. **Denise Juneau**, Superintendent of Public Instruction, gave the commencement address.
- Recent graduates of the G.E.D. program were honored during a ceremony held on April 21, 2012. **Bill McChesney**, Representative House District 40, Montana House of Representatives, 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.
- **Gary Mathews**, businessman and former Speaker of the Montana House of Representatives, has been awarded the Miles Community College **Alumni Hall of Fame Award** for 2012. 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 will try for their 12th straight Mon-Dak Conference Championship when they travel to Dawson Community College for the Region 9 Tournament May 11-12. The tournament champion will travel to Williston, North Dakota the following week for a district playoff. The winner of the District Tournament earns a spot at the NJCAA World Series.
- Nurses pinning was held on May 11th 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.

- Miles Community College hosted the MCC Energy Summit on March 15-16, 2012. The two-day event featured a Keynote Address from **Russel J. Atkins**, Area Production Manager-Bakken Operations for Continental Resources, Inc. Presentations were also given by Montana's Congressional delegation and Montana State Governor **Brian Schweitzer**. Topics discussed during the summit included "Community Change during the Boom", "Economic Change with a Boom" and three forums focused on Community, Industry and Workforce challenges and opportunities.