As of Monday, its Helena College University of Montana

July 30, 2012 4:46 pm  •  As of Monday, there is no such institution as The University of Montana-Helena College of Technology. The new name, Helena College University of Montana, became effective Monday, and the college also launched a new version of its website Monday, complete with new logo and colors. The logo, featuring new college colors orange and gray along with a star, signifying the college’s place in the capital city, was unveiled last week. The school also put its new look on a billboard Monday on North Montana Avenue featuring a student with its new theme, “We are Helena College.” Other versions of that message will feature other students, stressing diverse backgrounds of the student body. “Our name has changed, but our mission and vision has not,” said Daniel Bingham, the college’s dean and CEO. The Montana Board of Regents picked the name May 25 following a lengthy discussion period and market research. The re-branding of the system’s two-year colleges is part of a greater effort to increase the mission and reach of the colleges. There was dissent about the change within the college community, and even some ridicule. Now, Bingham prefers people just call the institution “Helena College” and end it there, with no use of a dash. “We’ve always been known as Helena College,” he acknowledged. “We are an integral part of the Helena community.”

Helena College looks beyond new name, eyes growth

Some changes in the way we bring upon ourselves. Other changes, perhaps the majority of them, happen all around us. And how we accept and adapt to those changes goes a long way toward whether we’re happy and successful.

For many people in Helena, the recently completed name change of our two-year college falls in the latter category. Prior to the decision to change the names of many of the state’s two-year colleges as part of a broader branding, marketing and awareness effort, we didn’t hear a lot of people complaining about what ours was called. Throughout his several years in charge, Dean Daniel Bingham and his staff worked hard to make UN-Helena the name everyone knew, giving the local college and easy-to-remember moniker and cementing the relationship between our two-year school and the four-year flagship in Missoula.

But once the name change became inevitable, it needed to be embraced, and with this week’s unveiling of the official new name — Helena College University of Montana — and logo, it’s clear that local leaders will do just that. Despite some internal grumbling, ours is the first of seven
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