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TO: Board of Regents

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President, Miles Community College

RE: Campus Report for the May 23-24 Board of Regents Meeting

- Miles Community College GED Graduation was held on Saturday, May 4 at 10 a.m. This year's speaker was Miles Community College Board of Trustees Chair, Sue Stanton. Twenty-seven students received their GEDs this past year and 13 of those students attended the graduation ceremonies.
- Commencement ceremonies at Miles Community College were held on Saturday, May 11 at 10 a.m. The graduation speaker was Phi Theta Kappa Executive Director, Dr. Rod A. Risley. The pinning ceremony for the Nursing program was held the evening of Friday, May 10.
- The Miles Community College Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Award was presented to Pamela Hurr during Commencement ceremonies on May 11. Pamela graduated from Miles Community College in 1998 with an Associate of Science degree in Nursing. Pamela is a registered nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at Holy Rosary Health Care in Miles City. She is the co-founder and vice president of Erin's Hope Project, a not-for-profit organization designed to give a dream outdoor adventure to children with life-threatening illnesses.
- The Miles Community College Board of Trustees has begun the presidential search process. In April, forums were held for the Miles City community and the Miles Community College faculty, staff, and students to identify the qualities valued for the next President at Miles Community College. President Stefani Hicswa's final day on

campus will be Friday, May 31. The Board of Trustees has appointed Vice President of Administrative Services and Finance, Lisa Watson, as the interim President effective June 1.

- The students in the Heavy Equipment Program partnered with Fish, Wildlife, and Parks in a stream-bank stabilization project in April. The project was the first of its kind to be completed in eastern Montana and was partly grant-funded. The securing of grant funds for the project was possible because of the project coordination and involvement of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks with an educational institution (Miles Community College).
- Miles Community College hosted the Miles City Job Fair on Thursday, April 11. The event was co-sponsored by Miles Community College and the Miles City Job Service. There were a total of 51 businesses and resource agencies as well as 187 attendees at the job fair.
- Seven Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR) sessions are currently open for new students attending Miles Community College Fall 2013. All new students are required to attend a SOAR session. Students become acquainted with Miles Community College procedures and support services, complete placement testing, meet with an advisor, and register for fall courses during SOAR.