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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Dr. Stacy Klippenstein
President, Miles Community College

RE: Campus Report for the March 3-4 Board of Regents Meeting

- Miles Community College (MCC) is proud to announce that all of the funding is in place to allow MCC to purchase the former Armory site in Miles City. MCC teamed up with the Southeastern Montana Development Corporation to identify, structure, and secure funding for the nearly \$1.49 million project which included the Montana Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for \$650,000; Montana Coal Bard funding of \$50,000; federal Economic Development Agency (EDA) for over \$529,000; \$21,000 from the Eastern Montana Brownfield Coalition; as well as funds from private sources.
- In January, Miles Community College and the MCC Endowment Board exceeded the \$2 million mark in fundraising for the Ag Advancement Center with the latest donation from Miles Gaub, Pat Bishop, and Miles City Motor Supply (NAPA). The \$2 million benchmark has been seen as the number necessary to begin reviewing plans to order the metal building. The Ag Advancement Center will have an indoor arena, three classrooms, seating for over 500 people, and will host rodeo and community events.
- Miles Community College partnered with the Custer Network Against Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault (CNADA) to become the first "Start by Believing" campus in Montana and launched its official campaign in January. "Start by Believing" is a public awareness campaign through the organization, End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI). The goal of the "Start by Believing" campaign is to focus on public response to sexual assault and improve the response and reaction of friends and family members so victims of sexual violence can get started on the path to justice and healing. The MCC Board of Trustees signed a proclamation supporting the campaign in November which paved the way for MCC to become a "Start by Believing" campus. More information about "Start by Believing" can be obtained at www.startbybelieving.org.
- Kim Gibbs, MCC Ag Instructor, took four students from the Ag program to Corpus Christi, Texas the week of January 31 to the Society for Range Management's annual meeting. While there, the students competed in the Rangeland Cup Poster contest and placed 3rd against multiple four-year colleges and one other two-year college from across the nation. Only Colorado State University and California State University-Chico placing ahead of MCC.
- The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program named Miles Community College as one of the nation's top 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the 2017 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. This is the fourth consecutive time Miles Community College has been named an Aspen Prize nominee and a top community college in the nation.

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