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**TO:** Board of Regents

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President, Flathead Valley Community College

**RE:** Campus Report for the March 9-10, 2017 Board of Regents' Meeting

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- FVCC kicked off its **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration** on Feb. 2 with a community presentation by boxer, entrepreneur (Pink Gloves Boxing) and international speaker **Garret Garrels** on how ordinary people can change the world with their extraordinary ideas. About 150 people attended the event, including one of the college's founders, **Bill McClaren**.
- A poem written by FVCC English Professor **Lowell Jaeger** was featured on NPR's "**The Writer's Almanac with Garrison Keillor**" in January. This is the second time Keillor has selected one of Jaeger's poems to read on his show.
- FVCC's Music Department hosted the **Women's Choral Festival** Feb. 6-7 at Flathead High School for female students from seven Northwest Montana high schools. The festival offers students the opportunity to work with an accomplished guest conductor and perform in a large concert hall.
- Thirty-six FVCC students were inducted into the Alpha Iota Pi Chapter of **Phi Theta Kappa Honor's Society** based upon their academic performance last semester. Phi Theta Kappa applicants must have earned at least 12 college credits last semester with a minimum grade point average of 3.4 in order to be considered for membership.
- FVCC's **application for student housing** is now available online. Students will begin receiving notifications in April for fall semester housing assignments.
- FVCC's student engagement office organized a "**Week of Welcome**" for students during the first full week of classes this semester. Activities were designed to introduce students to campus clubs and resources, as well as foster a greater sense of belonging among students.

- The FVCC Music Department's **Spring Concert Series** began Feb. 3 with a performance by FVCC faculty members and visiting musicians from Taiwan. All concerts are free and open to the community.
- The **Center for Advanced Manufacturing** at FVCC hosted a Manufacturing & Technology Expo at the Flathead County Fairgrounds in February as a way to showcase the work of regional manufacturers and educate middle and high school students about careers in advanced manufacturing.
- In honor of FVCC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the **FVCC Theatre Department** produced the 1967 Tom Stoppard play "Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead".
- The **2017 Honors Symposium** began Feb. 23 with the first of six scheduled lectures addressing the theme, "The Way Forward: Why Change is Inevitable." Dr. Steven Running, University Regents Professor of Global Ecology at the University of Montana, launched the series with his presentation titled, "Global Warming Could Bring Crisis... or Opportunity".
- **Senior Institute**, a six-week educational program for people ages 65 and older, opened Feb. 17. Participants choose from 18 different classes on subjects ranging from agriculture to history to creative writing. The program is popular among Flathead Valley senior citizens, offering them intellectual stimulation as well as the opportunity to connect with other seniors.
- FVCC Culinary Arts students rolled out the annual spring **Chef's Table** events on Feb. 3. The program allows guests to experience exceptional fine dining while supporting students.