

## THE DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES

Some key factors that helped DCC grow by 39 students 294 (F16) to 333 students (F17):

- A clear vision
  - An Action Plan with clear measurable outcomes
- Empowerment
  - Letting people act on their ideas
  - Divide and conquer
- Meeting student needs
  - Stacked credentials
    - Welding
    - Corrosion
    - Rural Organizational Employee Management
    - Outdoor Recreation
    - Agriculture Sales
    - Meat Science
- Expanding programs and partnerships
  - o Business
  - Agriculture
  - Chemical Dependency
  - $\circ$  Education
  - Align with Montana Colleges and Universities
    - Articulations
    - Program partnerships
    - Workforce
  - Hiring highly-qualified faculty and staff
    - o Recruiters

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- Faculty from diverse backgrounds and cultures
  - Sri Lanka
  - Iran
  - Taiwan
  - USA
- Increase student life initiatives
  - New RA program
  - New look to dorms
  - Develop a campus community



- Perfecting the recruitment funnel
  - Focus on making the transition seamless for all students
    - Currently 25% convert to enrollment we are moving towards 60% conversion
- Focus on Montana students (16.6% increase for fall 17)
  - High School visits
  - Promote specialty programs
  - o Build Dual Credit opportunities
    - Fall DE students (19 enrolled) first time
- Expand athletics
  - Volleyball
  - o Ranch Rodeo Team
  - Expanded athletic rosters and participants

Future expectations:

- Spring, Summer and Fall 2018
  - Thirty (30) to 40 FTE in Dual Enrollment grow
  - Reach out to non-completers and invite them back
  - o Reach out to Students who showed interest and invite them to come to DCC
  - Focus on non-traditional students
  - Perfect the recruitment/admissions/enrollment funnel
  - Expand program offerings that align with business and industry
  - Expand stackable credentials
  - Expand housing options with local partnerships
  - Develop strategies to work with high school graduates that do not attend college
  - Focus on small rural high schools
  - 10% growth each fall for 2 years level out and maintain a 2% to 3% growth
  - Be in the top third among Montana Colleges and Universities in relation to retention and graduation rates.
  - Find the perfect mix for DCC regarding In-State, Out-of-State and International enrollments.
  - Current and future increases in programs, athletics and certificates is based upon industry and student feedback forms.