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**TO:** Board of Regents

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President, Flathead Valley Community College

**RE:** Campus Report for the Sept. 13-14, 2017 Board of Regents' Meeting

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- FVCC held a ribbon cutting ceremony for **Founders Hall**, the new on-campus student housing facility, on Aug. 23. The 124-bed facility opened to students on Aug. 25 with 100 percent occupation.
- FVCC student **Kristine Pye** was a member of the [UM-based Radiosonde Team](#) that was sponsored by NASA to livestream aerial video footage and gather scientific atmospheric data during the Great American Eclipse on Aug. 21.
- FVCC hosted a **solar eclipse viewing** for the public. Safety viewing glasses and interpretive information about the eclipse were provided to guests.
- The [Early Childhood Center](#) at FVCC was recently awarded a \$150,000 grant from the **Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services** to improve the quality of programming in our preschool classroom and to influence the quality of preschool available in Northwest Montana.
- In honor of the college's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, FVCC released a [new license plate design](#) to support student scholarships. The license plate is available through the Montana Department of Justice Motor Vehicle Division and can be requested when registering a new vehicle or renewing an existing registration.
- [Kalispell Regional Healthcare](#) recently awarded three \$10,000 scholarships to FVCC students enrolled in the **Medical Assistant** program.
- The **Student Health Clinic** at FVCC is now offering **MMR immunizations** to students who are applying for admission to the college and planning to register for six or more credits. The walk-in clinic also provides primary and urgent care services, including health evaluations and treatment of minor injuries and illnesses.

- FVCC held **pinning ceremonies** this summer for seven Licensed Practical Nursing graduates, 11 Registered Nursing graduates and 12 Physical Therapy Assistant graduates.
- This summer, FVCC Botany Professor Dr. Mirabai McCarthy and FVCC student Danner Pickering published “**A Pocket Guide to the Whitefish Trail Wildflowers.**” Proceeds from sales of the guide benefit FVCC study abroad programs.
- **Kid’s College** returned to FVCC this summer, offering 27 week-long, half-day classes for children in grades K-8. **Grandparents College** returned for its sixth year, providing an opportunity for grandparents to participate in learning activities with their grandchildren or other young relatives.
- Faculty and students from **The Culinary Institute of Montana at FVCC** presented [Summerfest on Flathead Lake](#) in July, raising \$50,000 for student scholarships.
- The FVCC **Summer Experience** program returned this summer, offering 43 local incoming **high school juniors and seniors** a unique new way to earn up to four **free college credits** while providing an authentic college experience.
- For the fourth consecutive July, the **Governors’ Cup Golf Tournament Reception and Sandbagger Barbecue** was held on FVCC’s Kalispell campus.
- **FVCC’s Foundation**, in partnership with the **Bibler Foundation**, hosted summer tours and a Garden Party at the Bibler Home and Gardens to raise money for student scholarships.
- FVCC employees donated hundreds of hours volunteering at the **Event at Rebecca Farm** in July, an internationally recognized equestrian event in the Flathead Valley that raises money for breast cancer research and services to patients.