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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for the November 15-16, 2018 Board of Regents' Meeting

- Rollins residents [**Jim and Wanda Hollensteiner**](#) recently donated \$1 million to support the development of an art and exhibition gallery in FVCC's new **College Center**. Jim Hollensteiner's great grandparents arrived in the Flathead Valley in the 1880s as one of the valley's pioneer families. To date, nearly \$16.6 million has been raised toward the ONE Campaign's \$18 million goal.
- Former Ambassador to China and U.S. Senator **Max Baucus** delivered the 2nd Annual [**Mansfield Lecture**](#) at FVCC on September 5. Drawing from his personal and professional relationship with Mansfield, Baucus used his lecture, "Mike Mansfield and the Issues of Today," to compare the legacy of Mansfield to that of the late Senator John McCain, both of whom were devoted to working across party lines to achieve the best possible outcomes for all Americans.
- FVCC's Theatre Department produced an original verse-play by Montana Poet Laureate and FVCC English Professor **Lowell Jaeger** September 6-8. "[**Someday I'd Write This Down**](#)" is Jaeger's first play and represents his attempt to make poetry more accessible to a variety of learning styles.
- The FVCC Foundation hosted the 11th Annual **Festival of Flavors** in October, a series of nine culinary events across the Flathead Valley that showcased the talents of local and regional chefs, as well as students from the Culinary Institute of Montana and the Brewing Academy of Montana. Proceeds from the Festival of Flavors benefit **student scholarships**.
- FVCC's **Veterans' Association** hosted Trunk or Treat on campus as a safe and family-friendly trick-or-treating venue.
- FVCC's Kalispell and Libby campuses hosted **free workshops** this fall to help college-bound students and their families complete the necessary forms to apply for **federal financial aid**.
- FVCC hosted an **exploratory evening of science, technology, engineering and math** for the community on October 23. STEM faculty members were

available to answer questions and provide information about their respective programs, current students presented their research projects, and event attendees had the opportunity to engage with hands-on exhibits.

- The FVCC Bookstore hosted an author reading and book signing event for the release of John Fraley's newest book, "**Rangers, Trappers, and Trailblazers: Early Adventures in Montana's Bob Marshall Wilderness and Glacier National Park.**" Fraley is an adjunct instructor at FVCC and recently retired from a 40-year career with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.
- FVCC Chemistry Professor **David Long** was one of the featured presenters on the **MUS Research Roadshow** in October. Long presented findings from FVCC's undergraduate research on ocean pH levels in French Polynesia.
- FVCC's Art Department hosted an **exhibit opening and reception** for art faculty members from **UM Western** on October 23. The exhibit will be on display at FVCC until November 20.