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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for the September 12-13, 2018 Board of Regents' Meeting

- Flathead Valley Community College received a [\\$2.5 million gift](#) from an anonymous donor in July to support the development of a new **College Center** on campus. The gift was made to recognize the life and legacy of FVCC Founder **Bill McClaren**.
- **AT&T Aspire** awarded the FVCC Foundation **\$15,350** to support scholarships for **Running Start** students during FY19. The Running Start program provides eligible high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to get an affordable start on their education by earning college credits while still in high school. The AT&T Aspire scholarships will be awarded to low-income, underserved and underrepresented students.
- Grandparents and grandchildren enjoyed a unique opportunity to connect with each other while learning a new skill at FVCC's **Grandparents' College** on July 18. FVCC's Continuing Education Center offered four new intergenerational classes this year.
- This summer, the **FVCC Foundation** awarded nearly \$14,000 in "Enhancement Grants" for **innovative projects** that shift student learning experiences and for **student travel** to present original research and work at regional and national conferences. Among the innovative projects funded is a collaborative effort between students and faculty at FVCC and Colombia, South America's SENA Caldas to build remote-sensory robots that will be used to detonate dangerous IEDs in the Colombian countryside.
- [Montana Institute for the Arts](#), an immersive filmmaking school, held a two-week seminar at FVCC in July featuring actress Kate Bosworth and director Michael Polish as the primary instructors.

- In response to recent changes in the global recycling industry, FVCC hosted a community discussion in June about **practical solutions for reducing waste** in the Flathead Valley.
- FVCC held pinning ceremonies this summer for **12 Physical Therapist Assistant** graduates, **11 LPN** graduates and **12 RN** graduates. Three of the LPN and two of the RN graduates are from FVCC's Lincoln County Campus in Libby.
- **Kid's College** returned to FVCC this summer, offering 37 week-long, half-day classes for K-8 students. Total enrollment for Kid's College this summer was **420** students.
- 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 66 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 fifth 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.