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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Jane Karas, Ph.D.
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RE: Campus Report for the January 7-8, 2019 Board of Regents’ Meeting

- Biology students Skye Hatfield and Kyle Montgomery attended the Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative Conference in Glendale, Arizona with Dr. Ruth Wrightsman to present their research on the antibiotic potential of flora and fungi growing in the Flathead Valley.

- Thirty-four FVCC students presented their research projects during the college’s fall Conference on Student Research on December 11. Project topics included botany, biology, biotechnology, chemistry, psychology, agriculture, literature and theater.

- FVCC’s Agriculture Program Director Dr. Heather Estrada was quoted in a November article in “The Boston Globe” about her students’ experimentations with cross-breeding and growing different varieties of wheat on the FVCC Campus Farm for use in baking nutritious and delicious whole-grain bread, pasta and desserts.

- FVCC’s Service Learning program hosted a holiday cookie decorating event for local non-profit agencies. Members of the community were invited to help decorate the cookies. Service Learning students also collected holiday gifts for children represented by Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Kids.

- FVCC’s Veterans’ Association collected items for Toys for Tots, and AICE (Appreciating Individuality, Challenges and Excellence) collected new socks and gloves for local people in need.

- FVCC’s Student Wellness Team hosted a “Stress-Less Day” to help students manage anxiety and stress before final exams began.

- FVCC’s Fine Arts department held a student show and holiday art sale in December.
• Twelve graduates of The Culinary Institute of Montana at FVCC were honored at a graduation ceremony on December 15.

• FVCC’s Music department produced several free community concerts this fall, featuring the vocal and instrumental talents of students and faculty members.