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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Dr. Stacy Klippenstein  
President, Miles Community College

RE: Campus Report for the January 2019 Board of Regents Meeting

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- Miles Community College has been able to update its equipment used by the Heavy Equipment Operations program as a result of a partnership with RDO Equipment Co. out of Billings. MCC will be provided with an excavator, loader, motor grader, and bulldozer, thanks to the five year contract between MCC and RDO, in which RDO will provide new equipment for the students to work on and MCC will pay a significantly reduced rental rate for the equipment. The addition of RDO's equipment means that MCC students will be able to stay up-to-date with industry-specific technology, greatly benefiting the area workforce; most of MCC's heavy equipment graduates stay in Montana or western North Dakota after graduation.
- Miles Community College Agriculture Instructor Kimberly Gibbs traveled to India in November for a 12 day trip as a part of the 2018 Resource Education & Agriculture Leadership (REAL) Montana program. For Ms. Gibbs and the other members of REAL Montana Class III, this was the eighth seminar in their two-year educational program. Eighteen of Montana's emerging and established leaders were competitively selected from a pool of qualified candidates representing a wide variety of agriculture and natural resource industries across the state to take part in Class III of REAL Montana. The mission of REAL Montana is to build a network of informed and engaged leaders to advance the natural resource industries in Montana. REAL Montana is funded through a partnership with Montana State University Extension and private industry.
- Miles Community College conducted an outreach and listening tour to Circle and Sidney on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Attendees from MCC included President Dr. Stacy Klippenstein, Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Rita Kratky, Dean of Enrollment Management Erin Niedge, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Garth Sleight, Nursing Program Director Pauline Flotkoetter, and SBDC/Workforce Development Director Tracy Baker. Very productive meetings were held with school district personnel, as well as with local leadership in each community. Public forums were also held. Outreach to additional eastern Montana counties is planned for early spring 2019.
- Miles Community College hosted its first ever campus wide advising day on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Identified as a campus priority for retention and student success, advising days for spring and summer registration and fall registration were added into the academic calendar beginning this year. No classes were held, and in addition to dedicated time to meet with advisors, MCC students were able to participate in various workshops and activities, including career and transfer planning, financial literacy, and scholarship search and application. 132 students, nearly a third of all eligible degree seeking students, registered on advising day. Feedback and suggestions for improvement are being collected from students, faculty, and staff, in preparation for the fall semester advising day scheduled for March 21, 2019.

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