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TO: Board of Regents

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

- A team of **Industrial Machine Technology** capstone students from FVCC recently placed 1st in the Phillips Machinist Cutting Edge Parts Competition: Student Edition. The students' entry was a concept foot shifter for a manual automobile transmission that they designed and produced last semester. In addition to bragging rights, the students have won an expense-paid trip to the Haas Automation headquarters in Oxnard, Calif. where they will tour the company's 1.1 million-square-foot manufacturing facility and connect with professionals in the machining industry.
- The [2018 President's Report](#) and the [2018 FVCC Foundation Report](#) were published in January. The reports highlight achievements over the past year and recognize the generous contributions of community members and local businesses to FVCC.
- Since January, 2018, the **FVCC Foundation** has raised **\$17 million** toward the ONE Campaign's \$18 million goal for construction of a new **Library & Learning Commons** and a **College Center**. The Library & Learning Commons is scheduled to open later this spring.
- As part of the **Natural Resources Conservation & Management A.A.S.** program, FVCC has added three new practical skills courses to the curriculum: Wilderness First Aid, Chainsaw & Crosscut Saw Operation & Maintenance, and Stock Packing Skills.
- FVCC employees donated nearly 750 pounds of nonperishable food items and personal hygiene products to the [Student Food Pantry](#) in February as part of a campus-wide food donation drive organized by the Student Engagement Office.
- In January, the **FVCC Foundation** announced \$28,305 in **Enhancement Grants** to faculty and staff for projects and initiatives that shift the learning experience for students. These grants are made possible through generous donors who support the Foundation's annual fundraising events.

- FVCC's **Art Department** held an opening for visiting ceramic artist Albert Pfarr on February 12. A selection of Pfarr's works will remain on display in the Arts and Technology Building until March 19.
- FVCC's **Music Department** and the **Kalispell Area Music Teachers Association** cohosted a skills building workshop at the college on February 2 for student and community musicians.
- FVCC's Career Services organized an **Opportunity Fair** for students on February 7. The event provided an opportunity for students to connect with local employers and campus partners with part-time job and volunteer openings.
- Pastries and other baked items made by students enrolled in FVCC's new **Advanced Baking & Pastry** program can be purchased in the campus bookstore and cafeteria. Proceeds from the sale of the items help purchase supplies for the program and benefit student scholarships.
- The Student Engagement Office organized a "**Week of Welcome**" for students during the first full week of classes this semester. Activities were designed to introduce students to campus clubs and resources, as well as foster a greater sense of belonging among students.
- FVCC **Paramedicine** program recently acquired an [ambulance simulator](#) and other advanced training equipment thanks to Perkins grant dollars.