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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Ron Slinger
President, Miles Community College

RE: Campus Report for the March 2020 Board of Regents Meeting

- President Ron Slinger's contract was ratified by the MCC Board of Trustees on Monday, January 27. President Slinger will serve as the ninth president of Miles Community College.
- Three years after the Miles Community College nursing program posted its lowest first-time pass rate score for graduates taking the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX), the institution and its nursing graduates have made significant strides, posting the programs highest score in last six-years. From 2016 through 2019, the first-time pass rate for MCC nursing graduates taking the NCLEX has steadily risen from 53.85% to 66%, 73.68% and now 75%, respectively. However, having failed to reach the expected 80% benchmark set by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), MCC has chosen to withdraw from ACEN and start fresh by reapplying with the accrediting body. MCC's sole ACEN accreditation hurdle has been the NCLEX pass rate. During a site visit to Miles City by ACEN in October the accrediting body noted that all standards had been successfully met, with the exception of the cumulative first-time pass rate. To that end, MCC has been operating under "warning with good cause" by ACEN. MCC was accepted for Candidacy with ACEN beginning February 3, 2020.
- The Miles Community College Learning Center was recently awarded with a \$5,000 grant as a recipient of the 2019 Mid-Rivers Educational and Tech Grants, sponsored by Mid-Rivers Communications. Grants totaling \$50,000 were given to a total of 14 applicants throughout Eastern Montana. The staff at the Learning Center applied for the grant in October by creating and submitting an informational video about the resources available at the center. The Learning Center offers resources for a large portion of Southeast Montana for both adult and non-traditional learners, along with MCC students. Some of those services include free one-on-one tutoring, high school equivalency education, and English as a Second Language which are available to both MCC students and area community members.
- Miles Community College continues its "Year of Service" into the spring 2020 semester. For the fall 2019 semester, MCC students logged 1,115.25 hours of service to the community.
- Miles Community College has finalized an agreement with OneHealth, Miles City's community health center, to provide mental health counseling services to students on the MCC campus. Counseling services will be available on campus 12 hours per week, with appointments available at the OneHealth facility at alternate times.
- Miles Community College and the Miles City Area Economic Development Council partnered to sponsor a free board leadership training to the community on January 16, 2020. The training was presented by Dan Clark from the MSU Extension Local Government Center. Over 70 community members attended.

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