



DATE: March 10, 2022

TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Jane Karas, Ph.D., President, Flathead Valley Community College

RE: Campus Report for the March 2022 Board of Regents' Meeting

- FVCC's most recent Physical Therapist Assistant class achieved a 100 percent pass rate on their national licensing exams.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2022/jan/13/fvcc-students-achieve-100-pass-rate-national-exam/>
- The 2021 FVCC President's Report was published in January, highlighting student achievements in STEM research and community partnerships with the trades programs at FVCC. In addition, the report features stories on the construction of the Paul D. Wachholz College Center and student scholarships funded by generous donors.
- The nursing department graduated nine registered nurses and five practical nurses in December. Most of the RNs plan to join the Nurse Residency program at Logan Health in the Flathead Valley. Additionally, the department welcomed a class of 12 new RNs in January.
- FVCC's Culinary Institute of Montana partnered with Dirt Rich Compost in Columbia Falls and now collects their food waste for pick up by Dirt Rich. The project diverts waste from the landfill and will eventually supply compost to the FVCC campus farm.
- Dr. Wendy Felese's article "Reorientation in the Field: Why Religion Matters" was published by The Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory in the Fall 2021 edition. Dr. Felese, Adjunct Instructor of Native American Studies and Comparative World Religion, also presented her paper "Ourselves Alone: Falls Road and The Shankill in the Wake of Brexit" at the American Conference for Irish Studies held at the University of Colorado.
- Three FVCC students were selected for scholarship awards through the Montana Campus Compact.
 - Two FVCC students received the Montana Student Volunteer Award from the Governor's Office of Community Service for showing exceptional service to their community while seeking a higher education: Savannah Phillipson from FVCC's Lincoln County campus in Libby and Kylee Dougherty from the Kalispell campus.
 - FVCC student Jennifer Hvizdak was awarded the George M. Dennison Civic Engagement Scholarship for her volunteerism, service, and civic engagement in her local community.
- Continuing Education and Trades & Industrial Arts worked together on the annual Pursuing the Trades event in January where area high school students toured three local employer partners (Applied Materials, ClassOne Technology and Nomad GCS).



- Last fall, Matt Laughlin joined FVCC as the director of the Paul D. Wachholz College Center. Matt brings 14 years of experience managing and directing concerts and special events venue, Benaroya Hall, in Seattle.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2022/jan/17/show-fvcc-taps-seattle-pro-new-college-centers-dir/>
- The FVCC Board of Trustees voted to name the main entryway of the new Paul D. Wachholz College Center the Jane A. Karas Reception Hall after long-time FVCC President Jane Karas.
 - <https://flatheadbeacon.com/2021/12/27/fvcc-names-reception-hall-after-longtime-president/>