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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Dr. Ron Slinger
President, Miles Community College

RE: Campus Report for the November 2023 Board of Regents Meeting

- The Associated Students of Miles Community College (ASMCC), along with other MCC student organizations and athletic teams, hosted the annual Fall Carnival Night on October 31, 2023, with nearly 500 children in attendance. The annual event, a family-friendly Halloween themed carnival with activities and treats for local school-aged children, is part of the “MCC Cares” program, where MCC students log volunteer hours through community events and civic engagement. ASMCC has spearheaded this annual event since 2019, with shifts to a reverse trick-or-treat community event/treat distribution in 2020 and 2021. Back on campus since 2022, activities this year included balloon popping, slime stations, cupcake walks, pumpkin throws, face painting, and of course lots of trick-or-treating.
- The Miles Community College Athletic Department hosted its first ever PioneerPalooza on October 28, 2023. The event, which included dinner and both live and silent auctions, was held to raise money for all NJCAA-sanctioned teams at the college, which includes Pioneer Men’s and Women’s Basketball, Pioneer Baseball, Pioneer Softball, and Pioneer Volleyball. Funds raised will be used for athletic scholarships and to help offset team costs throughout the year.
- As part of a National Day of Service in September, MCC students, volunteers, and friends of the Miles City Public Library came together to present care packages to military veterans at the Miles City VA Community Living Center (CLC), located adjacent to the MCC Campus. Montana Campus Compact/Americorps member and MCC Career Service Facilitator, Raymond Knight, organized the event and worked closely with the local library, which provided handmade cards and flags from area children as well as staff and volunteers.
- Miles Community College is again one of the recipients of the Montana’s Future At Work grant, funded by the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation and administered by the Montana University System. MCC will continue its work with several high schools throughout Montana to help high school students earn their CNA license, a high-need short-term credential, particularly in rural Montana healthcare facilities.
- Miles Community College continues to experience enrollment stability for the Fall 2023 semester, with total FTE down just 1.8% from Fall 2022. Headcount, however, continues to grow – MCC posted a nearly 14% increase in total headcount over the previous fall. Resident headcount was up 15.7%, largely due to dual enrollment students. MCC also posted a first-time, full-time retention rate of 64.2%, just a few tenths of a percent off of last year’s near-record high first-time, full-time retention rate of 64.4%.

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