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**RE:** Campus Report for the July 2024 Board of Regents Meeting

### **eLearning & Faculty Development**

- Helena College stands as a pioneer within the university system, being among the first to transition to Canvas as our Learning Management System (LMS). As of May, we have seamlessly started utilizing Canvas for our teaching endeavors. [Canvas LMS](#)
- The LMS transition project has prompted the Helena College eLearning Team to formulate a new vision regarding the utilization of our Learning Management System. The expansive array of features and tools provided by Canvas enables us to surpass the capabilities of our previous LMS. By strategically adopting Canvas LMS, our goal is to redefine the boundaries of teaching and learning, empowering our institution, faculty, and students with unparalleled opportunities for growth and success.
- The Helena College eLearning team has developed the following Goals for Canvas Adoption:
  - Modernizing teaching practices and infrastructure.
  - Improving accessibility and ease of use for both instructors and students.
  - Enhancing collaboration and communication within the learning environment.
  - Streamlining administrative tasks related to course management, data analysis, and reporting.
  - Incorporating diverse stakeholders at the college to leverage the Canvas LMS, thereby enhancing support for students.

### **Community Education Center**

- Helena College offered a four-week welding training class in partnership with the Department of Corrections. Cody Torres created the curriculum and taught the course to a group of six students using a mobile welding lab trailer owned by Great Falls College. This is an opportunity for DOC to try out training they plan to move around the state to their facilities to allow people to earn an AWS industry-recognized welding credential in four weeks. [Learning to Weld](#)

### **Second Chance Pell Program at the Montana State Prison**

- Providing access to education for all through our Second Chance Pell program at MSP changes lives. We have one more cohort starting with the students in their General Education courses, and then the auto courses in the fall. After this year, the Department of Corrections will determine the feasibility of continuing the program as a Prison Education Program. [Second Chance Pell program at MSP](#)

### **Bryant Elementary School Students**

- On the Donaldson Campus you cannot have missed the cheering from [the Bryant students](#) as they celebrated their year with us. This program has become one of the highlights of the year. A shout-out to Robyn Kiesling for developing and continuing to make it even better each year!

### **Art Showcase for the Sixth-Year**

- Musical artists including faculty and students played at the event. We celebrated all of our Art Showcase participants with a fantastic award reception. During the evening we enjoyed music and handed out many honors, awards, and scholarships.
- Montana Book Company, has copies of our inaugural anthology, VISION & VERSE. This creative work includes pieces from students, faculty, and staff. [Vision & Verse](#) Thank you to the Lewis & Clark Library Foundation for sponsoring this amazing publication!