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TO: Board of Regents

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

RE: Campus Report for the May 2024 Board of Regents' Meeting

- FVCC's Health Sciences programs hosted "Night at the Broussard," a healthcare simulation evening event. Community members in attendance were able to see how an emergency situation is handled from paramedics arriving at the scene, through emergency treatment and then to rehabilitation and discharge.
- FVCC and the University of Montana's Mansfield Center hosted Mansfield Dialogues speaker Peter Hessler for a VIP reception followed by a public evening talk titled, "From the Reform Generation to Generation Xi" on campus in Kalispell. The event was made possible through a partnership between FVCC and the Mansfield Center.
 - <https://flatheadbeacon.com/2024/03/25/renowned-journalist-to-discuss-chinas-transformation-from-reform-generation-to-generation-xi/>
- The Wachholz College Center's Wanda Hollensteiner Art Gallery on the campus of FVCC welcomed Montana artist Rand Robbin and his "Retrospective Exhibition." Among the many works Robbin has created over his long and varied career are etchings, hardwood carvings, paintings and more.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2024/mar/13/bigfork-artist-opens-exhibit-at-wachholz-gallery/>
- FVCC Career Services hosted an IT Employer Panel where students took part in an energetic question-and-answer hour followed by career chats with six local employers. Students majoring in IT, Programming & Game Design, Computer Science, Accounting, and Web Technology attended.
- FVCC Foundation's Festival of Flavors spring event, Golden Gate Gala, was held on April 11 and raised over \$70,000 for student scholarships.
- FVCC faculty Dawn Rauscher worked on an interactive Instructional Technology project with Kalispell Middle School 7th grade students and FVCC education program students creating short stories and accompanying images. FVCC students created custom tutorials and visited the 7th graders to help with generating AI imagery for the stories. FVCC faculty Conrad Rauscher also presented the 7th grade class with a talk about using dialogue to enhance storytelling.

- FVCC's Surveying program has transitioned to online classes combined with field work in partnership with Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors. Students can pursue a two-year associate of applied science degree or the new 10-week career credential, both positioning graduates to immediately enter the workforce.
- Two FVCC STEM students traveled to Morro Bay, California to take part in on-site fieldwork as a part of their undergraduate research project to explore the chemical and biological differences of the bay. Their research is driven by exploring why restoration efforts of eel grass around the bay have had different levels of success. The trip was funded by an FVCC Enhancement Grant, " Morro Bay, A Fieldwork Experience and Opportunity For Sample Collection For CHMY 290 Students."