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TO: Board of Regents

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

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

- Kalispell businessman Paul Wachholz donated \$2.1 million to FVCC to continue his support of the Paul D. Wachholz College Center. Wachholz made a \$4 million donation as part of the initial fundraising efforts for the project in 2018.
- FVCC Occupational Trades hosted its inaugural “Night of the Trades” community event in October. Over 200 prospective students and their parents attended hands-on career sessions led by FVCC instructors as well as information sessions outlining pathways for success in the trades. A dozen different local employers were present to share current job opportunities available in the Flathead Valley.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2024/oct/06/fvcc-highlights-their-trade-career-opportunities-at-night-of-the-trades/>
- The Wachholz College Center’s Wanda Hollensteiner Art Gallery on the campus of FVCC opened their new fall exhibition of works by former FVCC painting instructor and surrealist painter, Marvin Messing (1922-2015). The show features a selection of his oil paintings, sculptures and intaglio prints.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2024/sep/25/fvcc-gallery-features-surrealist-painter/>
- FVCC’s Foundation recently wrapped up its 17th annual fall Festival of Flavors, held from September 13 through September 28. This series of events helped bring the community’s contributions supporting student scholarships to over \$400,000.
- As part of Manufacturing Month, FVCC’s Occupational Trades hosted “Coffee Connect,” a Kalispell Chamber of Commerce event held at businesses across the valley for people to network and learn about local employers.
- Experience FVCC was held in October for prospective students to visit campus and learn about FVCC. Seventy-five students and parents attended.
- FVCC Career Services and FVCC Nursing and Health Sciences partnered to host the Mini Healthcare and Human Services Career Fair on campus. Fifteen local employers participated to share career opportunities with attendees.