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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Dr. Ron Slinger  
President, Miles Community College

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

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- Miles Community College enrollment increased significantly for the Fall 2024 semester, with Fall census numbers showing an 8% increase in FTE and a 14% increase in student headcount.
- The Miles Community College Speaker Series, with assistance from Humanities Montana, hosted Montana's Poet Laureate Chris La Tray for a free public event and conversation on October 29.
- 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 29, 2024, 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 due to the pandemic).
- Miles Community College President, Dr. Ron Slinger, and MCC leadership team members traveled to Dawson Community College on October 17 for the annual legislative luncheon, an event co-hosted by the two community colleges every two years for eastern Montana legislators and legislative candidates. Dr. Slinger and DCC President Chad Knudson were both on hand to discuss concerns and current needs for the Montana community colleges as both a whole and as individual campuses.
- The second annual Pioneer Palooza was hosted by the MCC Athletic Department on October 19, 2024. 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.
- The MCC Athletic Department also hosted its annual First Interstate Bank Athletic Hall of Fame induction banquet Saturday, September 21. Montana radio personality Rocky Erickson emceed the event. This year's Hall of Fame class included the 2007-2008 Women's Basketball team coached by Dwight Gunnare, Richard Dionne (Men's Basketball 1999-2001), Berta Monroe (Women's Basketball 1984-1986), Coach Wally Badgett (Rodeo 2004-2019), and Craig Parry (Baseball 2004-2006).
- The Miles Community College Nursing Program, in conjunction with Intermountain Health-Holy Rosary Hospital, hosted a free community clinic to address skin concerns on October 4. Students assisted with check-in and initial screenings before participants met with a licensed provider who addressed their skin concerns. This event was free and open to the public as a service to the community and an opportunity for MCC students to develop their patient care skills.

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