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**RE:** Campus Report for September 2024 Board of Regents Meeting

### **K-12 Partnerships**

- The Summer Jobs program with AJAY Montana held four job skills workshops on the Helena College campus. Participants attended sessions on customer service, communication, conflict resolution, handling feedback, and basic work skills focusing on work ethic. A standout from the workshops was the partial session with Toastmasters. Students could practice extemporaneous speaking and receive productive feedback. Eight of the Summer Jobs participants opted to enroll in Intro to Interpersonal Communication, COMX 115, with Helena College. Reach Higher Montana paid for participants' tuition and books.
- Seven students from Helena High School enrolled in dual credit Industrial Safety for Welding, WLD 107, attended a forklift training on the Airport Campus taught by Derrick Hauer, Helena College Diesel instructor, and were able to become certified for forklift.
- Helena Wins and Helena College hosted Construction Days on the Airport Campus. Local 8th graders were bussed to the event and participated in hands-on activities hosted by local employers. There was a heavy equipment simulator, RDO, Helena Sand and Gravel, and Sussex Construction brought heavy equipment. Students were able to sit in and receive operating directions from the employers, and the Montana Contractor Association brought games and handed out prizes to the students.

### **eLearning & Faculty Development**

- HC is in the first cohort to transition to Canvas within MUS. Our transition over the summer was smooth and successful overall.
- The Canvas training sessions and open labs have been well-attended and will continue throughout the summer. During the fall and spring semesters, all employees will receive monthly training for Canvas and Accessibility Online Materials.

### **Nursing**

- NCLEX-RN first-time pass rate is 89.66% (26/29 students passed on first attempt).
- Approximately 10 HC 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4th-semester nursing students were hired as summer interns at St Peter's Health. This is the fourth summer of this partnership, providing excellent on-the-job experience for the HC RN students.
- During the ACEN accreditation visit in March, the nursing program was found to be compliant with all standards, with three criteria suggesting areas for improvement. Final confirmation of continuing accreditation status will be determined at the ACEN BOC meeting in September 2024.

### **East End Advising – TRIO, MT10 & Accessibility Services**

- The HC TRIO SSS program successfully submitted the 2025-2030 TRIO SSS grant proposal. During the final year of the grant, the program will pilot several new services: timely care for mental health support, GLEAN academic assistance, and Career Launch to help first-generation students develop social capital.
- HC MT10 is recruiting its final cohort for the MDRC study.
- Accessibility Services is moving to Accommodate for student records. This is a collaboration with UM.
- The Accessibility Workgroup wrote its mission and objectives to move forward as an institutional committee. The proposed mission and objectives will go to the Cabinet for approval.