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

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- Miles Community College (MCC) was recently gifted funds from a local family estate to be used towards registered nursing and certified nursing assistant (CNA) scholarships at the college. The Evangeline “Eve” M. LeVeque Estate has donated over \$550,000 to MCC as dedicated funds to benefit students in Eastern Montana who are pursuing specific healthcare careers at MCC. The LeVeque family ranched in the Sonnette area of Powder River County in Southeast Montana for more than 100 years, before Evangeline’s death in 2020 at age 97. These endowed scholarship funds will be available to incoming and current MCC students enrolled in the MCC Nursing Program and CNA course and will be open to students from Custer, Carter, and Powder River Counties in Montana. Jennifer Pluhar, Successor Trustee of the estate and a distant member of the LeVeque family, presented a check on the MCC campus on August 7 and was joined by MCC administration, faculty, staff, and both Board of Trustee and Foundation members. Jennifer spoke of the family and their desire to support healthcare in rural Montana. “They were incredibly interested in education and wanting to see more kids go to college,” she stated. “As they all got older, healthcare was a big deal to them, as well as education. They noticed healthcare was a need in our part of the world, so they wanted to help students with that.” The full LeVeque family story is available on the [MCC News page](#).
- The Associated Students of Miles Community College (ASMCC) has selected its officers for the 2024-2025 academic year. They are: President Walker Bennett, of Helena, MT; Vice-President Katie Pickering, of Miles City, MT; Secretary Hattie Bumgarner, of Belt, MT; and Treasurer Rian Ferriter of Butte, MT.
- Dr. Lynette Svingen was officially approved as the Miles Community College Director of Nursing at the Montana State Board of Nursing Meeting on August 21.
- Miles Community College held its annual Welcome Wagon August 25-28. The event kicked off with move in day on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, with student, staff, and faculty volunteers on hand to welcome new students to campus and assist residential students and their families with residence hall move in. The Welcome Wagon also included educational sessions, orientation programs for athletes and international students, many social events, and concluded with an all-campus BBQ on August 28. Fall classes at MCC began Thursday, August 29.
- In conjunction with Workforce Development, Miles Community College hosted its annual Teachers Institute classes in July 2024. These professional development opportunities featured one- and two-day courses, focused on a variety of subjects, and aimed at teachers seeking OPI credit renewal. They were also open to the public to those interested in the subjects offered. This year’s courses featured subjects including solar power, youth mental health, student engagement, Montana history, and educational leadership.

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