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TO: Board of Regents

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

RE: Campus Report for the March 2025 Board of Regents' Meeting

- FVCC's nursing program graduates achieved a 95.6% pass rate for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) in 2024. This rate surpasses both the state average of 92.6% and the national average of 91.1%.
- FVCC's Culinary Institute of Montana began the Chef's Table 2025 dinner series. Chef's Table was created as a course for first year culinary students during their second semester. They learn the five elements of development of American regional cuisines including Indigenous foods and traditions, the cultural diversity and attitudes of our first and second settlers, geographic effects and economic vitality.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2025/jan/23/taste-the-flavors-of-america-with-fvcc-s-chefs-table/>
- FVCC's Theatre Department opened its new production, "The Art of Dining" by Tina Howe, this February in the Joe Legate Black Box Theatre on campus.
- FVCC's Welding and Fabrication Technology program has expanded in response to both industry feedback and student interest, now offering new opportunities for TIG welding training. Instructor Chris Sherman, who earned multiple TIG welding certifications in stainless steel, began incorporating these techniques into the curriculum in January.
- The Wachholz College Center's Wanda Hollensteiner Art Gallery on the campus of Flathead Valley Community College welcomed a new exhibition, works by Missoula-based artist and ceramic sculptor, Adrian Arleo.
 - <https://www.valleyjournal.net/Article/33293/Art-gallery-at-FVCC-presents-ceramic-Adrian-Arleo>
- FVCC's Senior Institute returned for another year, offering 14 different credit classes to community members 65 and up. Topics ranged from Ceramics, Line Dancing, and Bone Health to Geology of the Flathead, Historical Origins of the Bible, and Yellowstone National Park Through the Years.