

Join Helena College in congratulating **Kris Goss, Library Learning Hub Director**, who will be joining the **Montana State Library Commission** as the University System representative. Kris was recommended by both UM and Helena College and was selected by Commissioner Christian as his nominee, the first time a two-year school representative has been selected. His combination of legal, library, and education experience make him uniquely qualified to serve and an excellent representative of the MUS!

**Congratulations to Cheryl Ravenscroft. K-12 Partnerships**, for her well-deserved recognition from the Helena Area Chamber of Commerce! Cheryl was selected as this year's recipient of the **Driver of Change** award for her outstanding work in workforce development and her exceptional contribution.

The Helena College Library Learning Hub launched a [DIY Library and Creation Lab](#). The concept builds on the Library's traditional collection to offer household items, tools, and creative equipment students may need for single use. Click on the link to [watch the news piece on the project](#).

This academic year, we are piloting a new model for onboarding our new faculty members. We established a **Faculty Learning Community (FLC)** that meets weekly to foster connections among new faculty and introduce them to key campus resources. In addition, FLC members are concurrently completing courses through the **Association of College and University Educators (ACUE)**, to earn certification in [Effective Teaching](#).

**Student Wellbeing and Engagement**, held their biannual **Community Resource Fair** with community organizations such as Helena Food Share, Options Clinic, PureView Health, and many others. We also have 8 clubs going with great engagement in our student government, including 5 new clubs compared to last year!

Helena College Registrar's Office is nearing completion of implementing the **Courseleaf** catalog product for our campus, which will allow for better navigation and help us meet accessibility rules for our website.

**Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety (MMRS)** ran classes from April to September and held 111 courses. 1022 riders successfully completed safety training this year, an increase of over 100 riders from last year.

On October 14, 2025, **K-12 Partnerships** hosted a **dynamic Healthcare Career Exploration event** for over 60 high school students, featuring hands-on activities across two tracks: fire and emergency services, and occupational/physical therapy. Students collaborated with Helena College's communication faculty to craft their elevator pitches and practiced in a mock interview setting with local employers. The day concluded with a **Nursing Career Fair** hosted by Helena College's nursing department, offering students direct exposure to professionals in the health sciences.



Figure 1: Healthcare Career Event