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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Dr. Ron Slinger
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RE: Campus Report for the November 2025 Board of Regents Meeting

- The Aspen Institute named Miles Community College (MCC) as one of the 200 institutions eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's premier recognition of high achievement and performance among two-year colleges. The 200 colleges were selected based on their student outcomes data, including retention, completion, transfer, and bachelor's attainment rates. The 200 eligible colleges have been invited to submit an application and participate in a rigorous review process that will culminate in the naming of the Aspen Prize winner in the spring of 2027. MCC was also an Aspen nominee in 2011, 2013, 2015, and 2017.
- Miles Community College was one of five community colleges nationwide selected for the first cohort of the Rural Community College Alliance (RCCA) Fund Development Academy. This is a one-year project with a focus on goals such as donor and sponsor cultivation, grant writing and fund management, philanthropy-driven culture building, and alumni engagement and strategies. MCC President, Dr. Ron Slinger, attended the first Academy meeting during the RCCA National Conference in September, along with Vice President of Student Engagement Dr. Richard DeShields and Director of Institutional Advancement Dolly Ferris.
- The Associated Students of Miles Community College (ASMCC), along with other MCC student organizations and Pioneer athletic teams, hosted the annual Fall Carnival Night on October 29, 2025, 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, and it is a favorite Halloween holiday event in the local community.
- The third annual Pioneer Palooza was hosted by the MCC Athletic Department on October 18, 2025. 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 13. Montana radio personality Rocky Erickson emceed the event. This year's Hall of Fame class included the 33-1 Women's Basketball team of 2018-2019, coached by Nate Vogel, Frank Irvine (Men's Basketball), Marta Micula (Women's Basketball), Ryan Dennehy (Baseball), and Autumn Porter (Softball).

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