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To: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for November 20-21, 2025, Board of Regents Meeting

Montana Technological University's **total fall semester enrollment increased by nearly four percent**, reaching 2,516 students. The student body represents 52 Montana counties, 45 states and territories, and 19 countries. The university also reported a **3.8 percent increase in new degree-seeking undergraduate** students across 31 certificate and degree programs offered on campus.

Lance Energy Chair Bob Morris was appointed by Governor Greg Gianforte to the *Unleashing American-Made Energy Task Force*. Established by executive order, the task force is charged with providing policy recommendations to advance Montana's energy independence and innovation. Morris brings extensive global experience in the electric power industry and will contribute an independent, solutions-focused perspective to the task force's work.

Montana Technological University was **ranked the number one college in Montana by Niche.com**, a leading platform connecting students and families with colleges and universities. Rankings are based on more than one million verified reviews from students and alumni. Montana Tech received an "A" grade for value and safety, and an "A-" for student life.

Montana Tech **alumnus Kyle Haustveit (B.S. Petroleum Engineering, 2013)** was confirmed as the **16th Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Fossil Energy (FE)**. In this role, he oversees the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) and a \$5 billion research and development portfolio encompassing coal, oil, natural gas, and critical minerals. His leadership will help advance affordable and reliable energy solutions for the nation.

Assistant Professor of Business Sebastian Perduss was appointed to the **SAP University Alliances North American Academic Board**. SAP—Systems, Applications, and Products in Data Processing—is the world's leading enterprise resource planning software, used by more than 425,000 companies globally. The board shapes strategies to enhance faculty engagement, strengthen university-industry relationships, and expand learning opportunities across a network of more than 300 universities.

John LaFave was named **interim director of the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG)**. LaFave has been a member of the MBMG research staff since 1993 and currently serves as the research division chief. A national search for a permanent director is underway.