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TO: Board of Regents

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

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

- FVCC Medical Laboratory Technology celebrated graduates at a July pinning ceremony. All graduates hail from Montana while several have already accepted positions in labs that hosted them during the FVCC program.
- FVCC Physical Therapist Assistant program honored our graduates at a July pinning ceremony. Program graduates have historically achieved a 100% pass rate on their national licensure exams as well as a 100% employment rate upon licensure.
- FVCC's Adult Education program held its annual commencement ceremony to honor 85 graduates. Honors were given for completion of High School Equivalency subjects and Integrated Education and Training Pathways.
- FVCC has renamed its Occupational Trades building the FVCC Trades Institute. The new name reflects the evolution of FVCC's trades programs over the past decade and signals a bold future of innovation, technical training and career readiness. It also highlights the college's expanding partnerships with local industries seeking highly skilled employees.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2025/aug/06/trades-institute-name-change-reflect-s-evolution-of-program-at-fvcc/>
- The FVCC Library introduced a free virtual reality and recording student weekly workshop series offering new topics each week like podcasting, audio/video editing and virtual reality games and educational apps.
 - <https://www.kpax.com/news/local-news/flathead-county/flathead-valley-community-college-launches-free-virtual-reality-recording-studio-workshop-series>
- FVCC announced the 2025 Eagle Award recipients and the new Transformation Scholarship recipients at its annual President's Dinner in June. Four students were awarded the Transformation Scholarship of up to \$10,000 each. Jennifer and Justin Sliter were awarded with the 2025 Eagle Award for their generosity and service that has transformed FVCC's campus and the Flathead Valley community.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2025/jul/09/fvcc-honors-slitters-for-support-of-community-college/>

- FVCC's Adult Education program launched two new short courses in August. "Introduction to Construction Trades" and "Construction Trades Fast Track" were both designed to prepare students for in-demand skilled trades careers.
- The Wachholz College Center announced its upcoming 2025-2026 season of shows and performances, including the new "Made in Montana" film series of seven lesser-known films shot almost entirely under the Big Sky.
 - <https://flatheadbeacon.com/2025/06/19/fvccs-wachholz-center-announces-2025-2026-season-lineup-including-new-film-series/>