

Date: August 2025
To: Board of Regents
From: Sandra J. Bauman, Dean/CEO,
Re: Campus Report for the Sept. 2025 Board of Regents Meeting

The second cohort of students in the **Cosmetology Program** completed their requirements on August 8. All four graduates successfully passed the Montana Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists exams to receive their state license to work in the industry.

Boeing Helena hosted six students for their 2025 Machining Student Development Program from June 20 to July 31. This program is designed to provide students with a comprehensive experience, including hands-on training, job site exposure, and career planning support. Students spent time at Helena College as well as the Boeing Helena site, were employed by Boeing Helena, and were paid a stipend to participate.

The **DIY Library** is an extension of the **Library Learning Hub's** collection that includes items that may be of use in everyday life outside of the academic setting. The DIY Library collection includes household items, tools, and other equipment students may need for single use. The **Creation Lab** is a designated location within the library where patrons can utilize specifically acquired tools, equipment, and supplies to create projects. The Creation Lab allows students to develop and generate items for academic pursuits, personal use, gifts, or imaginative exploration in a way that limits financial commitment while maximizing available creative outlets.

The most recent RN graduates passed their NCLEX on the first attempt, giving Helena College a **100% NCLEX pass rate**.

Helena College had an opportunity to showcase its spaces and academic programs in June, hosting **educators from Ecuador in a cultural exchange run by the US State Department and organized through the Mansfield Center at UM**. The participants raved about the technology and tools we have to train our students.



Figure 1: Airplane Hangar at Helena College

The **Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety (MMRS) Program** continues to deliver high-quality rider education statewide, helping Motorcyclists develop the skill and confidence needed for safe and enjoyable riding. This year, we focused on expanding access, improving training, and strengthening public awareness all while keeping our message clear: **Ride smart. Ride safe. Ride again tomorrow.** As of August 15, 936 riders have completed the training with 30% being female. MMRS added courses in Sidney, addressing the significant need for training opportunities in rural and remote areas. The program is also piloting a high-impact safety awareness activity for high school driver's education programs, using a mock intersection to show how motorcycles can "disappear" from view when behind the wheel of a car.