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TO: Board of Regents

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

RE: Campus Report for the March 2026 Board of Regents' Meeting

- FVCC's Culinary Institute of Montana kicked off another season of its Chef's Table dining series. Culinary students create five unique five-course dinners based off of different regional American cuisine, with proceeds supporting the culinary program.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2026/jan/07/fvccs-culinary-institute-of-montana-holds-chefs-table-dining-experiences/>
- FVCC Theatre presented its latest production, 10-Minute Play Festival, a series of dynamic back-to-back plays, shifting seamlessly from hilarious to heartfelt and from ridiculous to through-provoking.
- The Wachholz Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center at FVCC hosted its inaugural Night at the WIEC event themed, "Clear Your Mind of Can't." The evening featured a panel of speakers from Northwest Montana who overcame the region's challenges to build extraordinary business and careers.
 - <https://nbcmontana.com/news/local/entrepreneurs-to-speak-at-flathead-valley-community-college>
- FVCC Continuing Education opened its spring catalog of non-credit classes, including over 230 topics and 270 sessions like gardening, art, fitness, languages, music, writing, leadership and more.
- The Wachholz College Center's Wanda Hollensteiner Art Gallery welcomed a new exhibition, "Karen Leigh: A Retrospective." A fourth-generation Montanan, artist Karen Leigh is an award-winning master of watercolor painting. She has taught at Flathead Valley Community College for over 53 years, and she offers workshops both locally and abroad.
 - <https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2026/jan/15/a-retrospective-on-the-work-of-water-color-artists-karen-leigh-opens-at-fvcc/>