



MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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MESSAGE

from the President

Miles Community College has served Custer County and the Miles City community for over 77 years with a foundation of student success and community outreach. During the 2016-17 academic year, MCC held true to our roots and had many great accomplishments in the classroom, in athletics, and in the community. With the opening of the Ag Advancement Center/Champion Arena and the Workforce Readiness Center, MCC is well positioned for continued advancement in agriculture, equine, and career and technical education to serve the workforce needs of eastern Montana. This annual report is created to provide a glimpse of our major accomplishments, our core themes, our support of outstanding student achievement, and our continued desire to remain a strong community partner and contributor to the economy of this great city and region of Montana.

MCC would not be as successful if it were not for the support of our community. Many contributed to the construction of the new Ag Advancement Center/Champion Arena (over \$3,000,000 raised) and many sponsor our athletic programs and student organizations. MCC says *thank you* to the Miles City community for its great support. MCC strives to achieve our motto: Start Here...Go Anywhere!

Go Pioneers!

MISSION

MILES COMMUNITY COLLEGE PREPARES STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS AND PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIFELONG LEARNING THROUGH QUALITY PROGRAMS, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, AND PARTNERSHIPS.

CORE THEMES

1. STUDENT SUCCESS

3. WORKFORCE TRAINING AND PARTNERSHIPS

2. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

4. COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND LIFELONG LEARNING



From left to right:
 Front row: Michael Crews, Jayci
 Lamphere, Melanie Johnson, Jaclyn
 Noll, Koley Schmidt, Alycia Conroy,
 Taylyn Koenig, Back row: Lexi Shipp,
 Wyatt Foulger, & Elli Rankin
 stand together for a picture in the new
 Champion Arena.



ACCREDITATION

- Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
- Montana State Board of Nursing
- Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc.
- National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences

During the 2016-2017 season, Miles Community College athletic teams were members of the National Junior College Athletic Association, Region IX, and the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.

MEN'S TEAMS

Baseball
 Basketball
 Cheerleading
 (non-NJCAA squad)
 Golf
 Rodeo

WOMEN'S TEAMS

Basketball
 Cheerleading (non-NJCAA squad)
 Golf
 Rodeo
 Volleyball (Competition began Fall 2017)



STUDENT SUCCESS

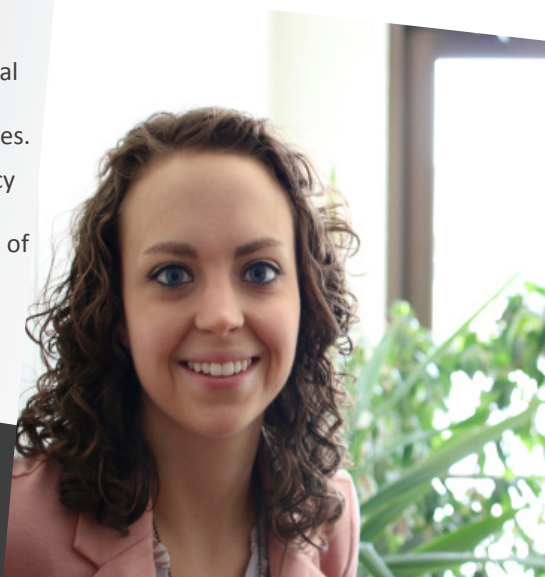
CORE THEME MISSION ALIGNMENT STATEMENT

The core theme, Student Success, supports the Miles Community College Mission of preparing students for success by implementing initiatives to engage and retain students so that they can identify and progress toward their educational goal.

S U C C E S S E S

- MCC experienced positive enrollment growth for the third year in a row in Fall 2016, with an 11.5% increase in full time equivalent students above the Fall 2015 semester.
- MCC reinstated its women's volleyball program and hired Coach Chase Soennichsen to begin recruiting a team, which began competition in Fall 2017.
- In partnership with the Miles City Police Department and Miles City Fire Department, Miles Community College simulated its first active shooter drill in August 2016. Other agencies in Custer County and the area were present and worked with the MCPD, MCFD, and MCC to debrief afterward.
- MCC completed the Student Satisfaction Inventory (SSI) spring 2017. The SSI measures student satisfaction and priorities with various components of student life and learning. MCC students expressed higher satisfaction (compared to national benchmarks) in areas such as *concern for students as individuals, caring and helpful campus staff, and academic advisors concerned about individual student's success.*
- 125 degrees were awarded during the 2016-2017 academic year. This total includes 70 Associate of Arts or Associate of Science transfer degrees, 24 Nursing degrees, 9 Associate of Applied Science degrees, and 22 Certificates.
- In April 2017, a completion ceremony was held for High School Equivalency (HiSET) graduates, CNA course completers, and CDL program completers. Margaret Bowles, Director of Adult Basic Education at the Montana Office of Public Instruction, served as the ceremony's featured speaker.

Brittany Moats
2015 Custer County District High School Graduate
Pioneer Express Participant
2016 Miles Community College Associate of Arts and Associate of
Science Graduate
Current Montana State University student



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

CORE THEME MISSION ALIGNMENT STATEMENT

The core theme, Academic Achievement, supports the Miles Community College Mission of preparing students for success: first, by engaging in effective educational practices; second, by assessing the entering students' level of academic preparation; third, by placing them in appropriate courses; fourth, by preparing them as needed to enroll in college-level courses; and finally, by providing quality academic programs that prepare students for entry into the job market or for transfer to a four-year college.

S U C C E S S E S

- MCC faculty, led by Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Rita Kratky, completed the Academic Program Prioritization Process (AP3). This comprehensive program review process, based on Robert C. Dickeson's book, *Prioritizing Academic Programs and Services*, gathers information and data to reflect the current status of a program using standard criteria and measures. The overall outcome of the AP3 reflects potential next steps for each program, with alignment to strategic planning and budget processes. Work will continue on the AP3 and resulting recommendations throughout the 2017-2018 academic year.
- MCC successfully implemented a new Learning Management System with the conversion from eCollege to Canvas, greatly enhancing the experience of online student learners.
- MCC attained additional flexibility in the delivery of distance coursework through the implementation of Pexip cloud-based services. Pexip, in conjunction with the campus Learning Management System, Canvas, allows faculty teaching online or hybrid courses to bring in students from any location, including via interactive television (ITV) sites, their home, or anywhere internet is accessible.
- The MCC Nursing Department successfully completed the transition to the state model curriculum.

"I chose MCC because it was a great transition from high school to college. It was close to all my family and friends and the cost was very reasonable for the quality of education that I received. Completing college level classes before graduating high school allowed me to increase my credit load during my time at MCC and finish my degree in one year. Being able to cut out two semesters of college was extremely beneficial both in a time and money aspect, and the only reason that I could do this was by participating in the accelerated degree program. MCC is a great starting point in a college career. The staff are extremely helpful and all the students get individualized attention, which you can't easily get at universities. By obtaining my A.A. and A.S. from MCC, all my credits easily transferred to Montana State University and I was able to continue my education without any complications."

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

CORE THEME MISSION ALIGNMENT STATEMENT

Workforce Training and Partnerships supports the Miles Community College Mission of preparing students for success and providing opportunities for lifelong learning by offering workforce training and continuing education programs; and by establishing partnerships with industries, other higher educational institutions, and secondary schools.

S U C C E S S E S

- Miles Community College opened its Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in August 2017. The Center will assist local businesses with their business strategies. Alex Evans was hired as the director of the Miles Community College SBDC.
- Dr. Rita Kratyk, MCC Vice President of Academic Affairs, attended a DACUM (Developing A Curriculum) training, and its second phase, SCID (Systematic Curriculum and Instructional Development) at The Ohio State University as a part of MCC's work with industry partner Jackson Contractor Group to develop a competency-based construction program.
- MCC hosted an Agri-Energy Symposium in February 2017. The symposium brought together leaders from Miles Community College and other industry leaders to review and address workforce needs in the area of agriculture and energy.
- MCC launched a three-year pilot project to offer free dual enrollment courses to students at Custer County District High School (CCDHS-Miles City) and Sidney High School.
- Campus leadership from four-year institutions, including Montana State University-Billings, Dickinson State University, and Black Hills State University, visited Miles Community College to discuss ongoing partnership opportunities and potential transfer articulation agreements.



The Small Business DC (SBDC) opened on the MCC campus in August 2017. From left to right: Chad Moore, Alex Evans, Linetter Silvernail, Lt Governor Mike Cooney, State Representative Ken Holmlund, John Donovan, Pam Haxby-Cote, Stacy Klippenstein



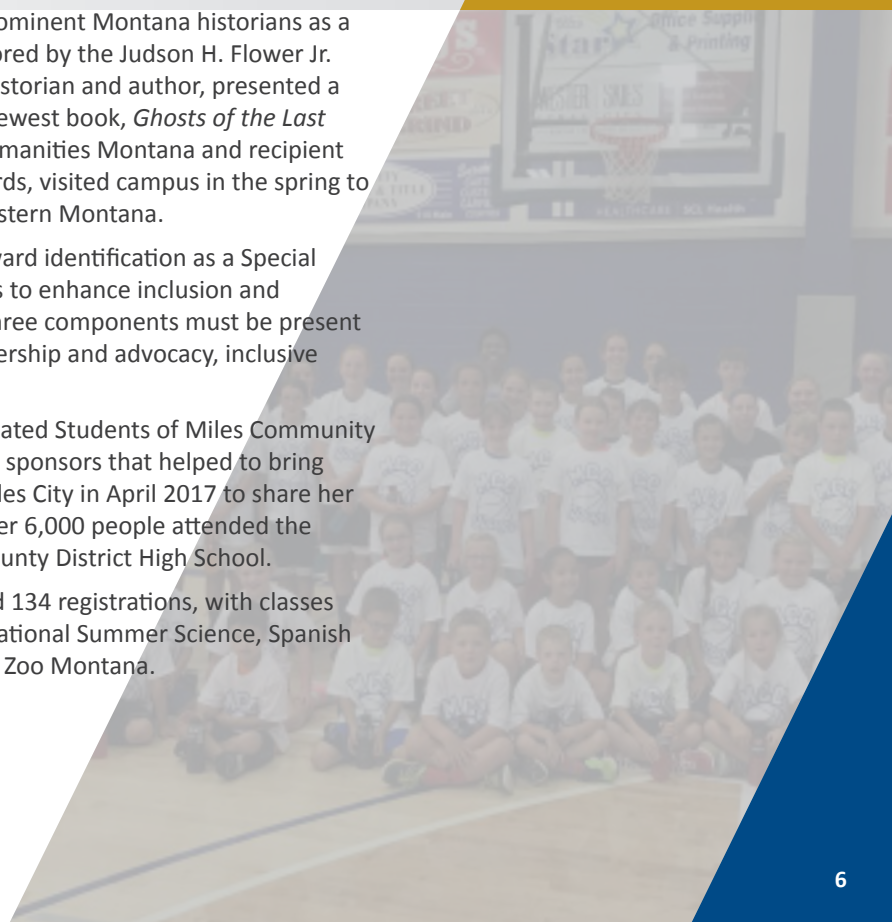
COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND LIFELONG LEARNING

CORE THEME MISSION ALIGNMENT STATEMENT

Community Outreach and Lifelong Learning supports the Miles Community College Mission of providing opportunities for lifelong learning by engaging area residents through community outreach and personal enrichment activities.

S U C C E S S E S

- Miles Community College hosted two prominent Montana historians as a part of the MCC Speakers' Series, sponsored by the Judson H. Flower Jr. Library. Ellen Baumler, award-winning historian and author, presented a lecture in the fall and talked about her newest book, *Ghosts of the Last Best Place*. Hal Stearns, instructor for Humanities Montana and recipient of the 2017 Governor's Humanities Awards, visited campus in the spring to present a lecture on homesteading in eastern Montana.
- Miles Community College took steps toward identification as a Special Olympics College in Montana. The goal is to enhance inclusion and acceptance at the college community. Three components must be present to be deemed an SO College: youth leadership and advocacy, inclusive sports, and whole school engagement.
- Miles Community College and the Associated Students of Miles Community College (ASMCC) were among eight local sponsors that helped to bring Eva Mozes Kor, Holocaust survivor, to Miles City in April 2017 to share her message of survival and forgiveness. Over 6,000 people attended the event, which was organized by Custer County District High School.
- MCC's summer Kids Kollege program had 134 registrations, with classes including Microwave Mug Cooking, Sensational Summer Science, Spanish Language Skills, and a presentation from Zoo Montana.



RESOURCE, FACILITIES, AND AUXILIARY MANAGEMENT

CORE THEME MISSION ALIGNMENT STATEMENT

Resource, Facilities, and Auxiliary Management support the Miles Community College Mission of preparing students for success and providing opportunities for lifelong learning by offering updated educational and living facilities, auxiliary services that promote positive student life, and possessing the resources necessary to monitor, manage, lead, and improve the learning environment.

S U C C E S S E S

- MCC installed a new point of sale system in the Café and Pioneer Mercantile. With the new system came functionality for a declining balance account, giving students and families additional flexibility for spending funds on campus.
- MCC implemented salary increases for faculty and staff.
- With increasing demand for science course offerings across a variety of academic programs, an additional science faculty was successfully budgeted for FY18. Daniel Lolos was hired and began teaching during the Fall 2017 semester.
- With the help of the Southeastern Montana Economic Development Corporation (SEMDC), \$1.4 million in grant dollars was secured to help purchase and renovate the old National Guard Armory building. The newly remodeled facility opened in August 2017, and was renamed the Miles Community College Workforce Readiness Center.
- MCC held a groundbreaking ceremony on August 4, 2016 for the new Agriculture Advancement Center. The new facility officially opened on April 4, 2017.



WORKFORCE READINESS CENTER

The Workforce Readiness Center houses the Summerfeld and Julie Baldridge Simulator Room, home to a simulator lab where students are able to virtually drive five different types of heavy equipment. Summerfeld and Julie Baldridge pose in the lab with Jeff Okerman, MCC Trustee, and MCC President Dr. Stacy Klippenstein.



The Miles Community College Workforce Readiness Center opened its doors in August 2017. After acquiring the old National Guard Amory building, the facility was renovated to provide additional space for Miles Community College to expand its Heavy Equipment Operations and Commercial Drivers License programs. These programs train students and help bridge the employment gap with regional heavy equipment, transportation, and construction operations. MCC worked with the Southeastern Montana Economic Development Corporation to identify and submit grants to purchase and remodel the building to meet the needs of MCC students. These grant funds provided \$1.4 million of the nearly \$1.8 million project.

AG ADVANCEMENT CENTER

SPECIAL THANKS

BILL & JAN CHAMPION

PLATINUM (\$100,000)

ALBERT & ETHEL BENDER FOUNDATION

STOCKMAN BANK BAIR RANCH FOUNDATION

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DR. RAY & BETTY WOODWARD

J.E. & EILEEN STANTON

MCC SILVER (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

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MILES CITY VETERINARY SERVICE

WAYNE & TRACIE HIRSCH

JULIE & BRIAN NOWICKI

MARK & POLLY PETERSEN

CLINTON & LANA WORMAN



Bill & Jan Champion stand for a photo in the new Champion Arena. Bill & Jan are long time supporters of Miles Community College and who the arena is named after.

MCC BRONZE (UP TO \$4,999)

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ANDERSON CATTLE CO.

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2016-2017 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

Revenue	Budget
Tuition	\$927,456
Appropriations	\$2,895,077
Retirement	\$415,459
General Fund Mill Levy	\$893,032
Other	\$56,000
Total Revenue	\$5,187,024

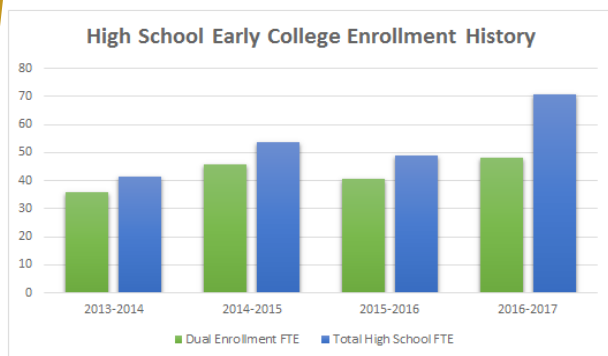
Expenses	Budget
Instruction	\$2,035,597
Academic Support	\$394,563
Student Services	\$1,077,306
Institutional Support	\$1,081,093
Operation/Maintenance Plant	\$598,465
Total Expenses	\$5,187,024

MCC Young Farmer and Rancher Club members Alyssa Hart, Laura Duchsherer, Jasmine Evans, and Chantz Hubing pose with a Farm Bureau representative at the American Farm Bureau Federation FUSION Conference in Pittsburgh, PA, in February 2017.





Amy Blaquiére became the fourth consecutive Miles Community College Phi Theta Kappa student to be selected from the All-State American Team to represent Montana as a New Century Scholar.



FAST FACTS

ENROLLMENT GROWTH

Fall Semester Enrollment Trends Based on 15-Day Census Data

	Headcount	FTE
Fall 2014	415	327.2
Fall 2015	481	350.9
Fall 2016	503	390.3

FALL 2015 STUDENT PROFILE

Residency

- 143 Custer County Residents • Average Age: 25
- 426 Montana Residents • Male/Female: 174/329
- 77 Out-of-State/International

Retention

- Fall 2015 to Fall 2016: 54%
- Fall 2016 to Spring 2017: 80.5%

Throughout 2016-2017, MCC continued to enhance dual enrollment and high school early start opportunities. “Dual Enrollment” includes high school courses taken for college credit at partner high schools; “Total High School” numbers include both dual enrollment and college-credit only early start enrollments offered through the Jump Start and Pioneer Express programs.

2017 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

DANNETTE CREMER

Dannette Cremer of Miles City is the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame inductee. Dannette grew up in northeastern Montana and graduated from Peerless High School. She received a basketball scholarship to play at Miles Community College and graduated with an Associate of Applied Science – Legal Secretary in 1983.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

- Licensed Insurance Agent since 1986
- Member of the Program for Public Information
- Member of the Miles City Chamber of Commerce
- Member of the Custer County Educational Foundation Board



LEGACY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Known for her teamwork, integrity, and dependability, Dannette has volunteered hundreds, if not thousands, of hours to various organizations in Miles City. During her time at Miles Community College, Dannette received a basketball scholarship and was a member of the women's basketball team. Immediately upon graduating from Miles Community College in 1983, she began working at W.A. Mitchell Agency. She has been a licensed insurance agent since 1986 specializing in personal insurance such as auto, home, and flood. Through her work connected with the floodplain issues in Miles City, she became a member of Program for Public Information.

She is the president of the Miles City Chamber of Commerce and is an active member of the Custer County Education Foundation Board, which provides scholarships to local seniors in high school. Dannette is an active member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church where she volunteers time toward various activities and roles within the church.

Dannette is married to her husband, Craig, and they have two daughters, Danielle and Jessica. Craig and Jessica are also MCC graduates! Throughout her children's younger years, Dannette was very involved in the Custer County Sports Boosters and remains an active volunteer for MCC's Pioneer basketball teams, keeping the scorebooks since 2000. In her spare time, Dannette enjoys working in her garden and making homemade salsa and other goodies that come from her garden. She and her husband, Craig, enjoy cruising on the Caribbean waters as much as possible.



2016-2017 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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DEBBIE MORFORD, VICECHAIR	2013-PRESENT
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