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IMAGE: Mr. Ron Slinger visits with MCC students during an open forum on Nov. 15

Slinger Selected as MCC's Ninth President

MILES CITY, MONTANA: Miles Community College has concluded the search for its ninth president with the announcement of Mr. Ron Slinger during an all-employee meeting earlier this morning.

Slinger was one of three finalists who interviewed for MCC's top post during on-campus visits that took place in November.

"After reviewing and assessing an extremely talented and deep applicant pool, Mr. Slinger clearly left the most indelible impression on the campus, community, search committee and board of trustees," stated Trustee Jeff Okerman and search co-chair. "His deep-rooted understanding of community and the students MCC serves position Ron to help build upon the storied history of Miles Community College."

Mr. Slinger and his wife have two adult children and presently reside in the Denver metro-area where he serves as Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Strategic Partnerships, and Workforce solutions at Red Rocks Community College (RRCC), in Arvada and Lakewood, Colorado. Slinger oversees government relations, community relations, alumni relations, the RRCC foundation, grants development and strategic partnerships. RRCC is part of the Colorado Community College System and delivers associates and certificate degrees to a student body with an average annual headcount near 10,000.



As Slinger assumes the MCC presidency, he will inherit a campus celebrating its 80th year of excellence and having realized some impressive accomplishments since its 75th anniversary. Over the past five-years MCC and eastern Montana have successfully completed the construction of the Ag Advancement Center, renovated the former armory into the Workforce Readiness Center, added intercollegiate sports in volleyball and softball, celebrated 50-years of nursing school achievement, while also strategically growing overall enrollment.

"We are excited about the diverse and dynamic set of skills Ron will bring to campus, Miles City, eastern Montana and our region as together we take the next evolutionary step toward MCC's centennial," remarked Debbie Morford, MCC Board of Trustees Chair and co-chair of the search committee. "There is no question that Ron can immediately help our community complete MCC's Ag Advancement Center fundraising efforts while also ensuring the vitality of campus and the community by providing support for new academic pathways in career and technical education."

Slinger will formally be introduced as president on Monday, January 27 during the Board of Trustees monthly meeting.

For additional information regarding the search process, please contact Dean Kylene Phipps at phippsk@milescc.edu or call 874-6165.