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A Message from the Board of Directors
Richard Jackson, Chairman FPCC Board of Directors

This year marks the 33rd year of existence for the Fort Peck Community College. The past year at FPCC has been one of both challenges and successes that have allowed the institution to experience growth, expansion and to begin preparing for the future. This document summarizes the highlights of 2011 at FPCC and provides a snapshot of the hard work and dedication of the institution’s faculty, staff and students.

FPCC strives to participate in and provide leadership to the social, community and economic development efforts that are occurring in our communities across the reservation and the greater northeast Montana region. The college is dedicated to the preservation of the history, culture and languages of the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, and have partnered with the Tribes and reservation communities in addressing issues and developing programs that include health, agriculture, business, literacy, economic development and education. Although much has been accomplished, much remains to be done. It is our expectation that the college will continue to grow and develop, contributing to the future of our communities and reservation.

As we approach 2012, the college is looking at an era of unprecedented change. Western North Dakota and Northeastern Montana are the economic focal points for the entire United States. This growth will provide both opportunities and challenges. In addition, higher education is becoming more technologically driven and more essential to our long term prosperity. The college remains committed to take fearless steps for our people into the new future.

A Message from the President
Dr. Shanley, President

In 2011, Fort Peck Community College experienced our 33rd year as a tribally-controlled community college. In 1978, the Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board had a vision of educating our families in vocational and academic studies to ensure that future generations have the necessary skills, knowledge and training to lead our families, our communities and our tribes into this next century.

FPCC’s goal then and continues to be: “to develop a variety of academic and vocational programs that ensure our graduates can be gainfully employed with the soft and technical skills to be an asset to our local business and health industries, administrative agencies, or for a career within the education systems”. The college continues to mature as an institution and each year our standards for excellence continue to increase. Our graduates have achieved success in professional and academic endeavors.

This past year was marked by major achievements, all of which resulted from careful but aggressive planning over the past decade. Through the diligence of our staff, we were able to complete the student dormitory building project adjacent to the main campus in Poplar. This facility addition allows the college to provide housing options to non-local students and others whose distance from the college may have prevented them from considering attending our institution. FPCC was also notified that they were awarded funding from various governmental agencies that would allow planning and construction to begin on a new Library, Information Technology and Community Learning Center facility that will be the showpiece of the campus for decades to come. This project has been on the planning board of the institution for the past few years and will provide a great resource to the college, the reservation and the community of Poplar.

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Fort Peck Community College Academic Programs

- Business Administration
- Education
- General Studies
- Human Services
- Native American Studies
- Psychology
- Biomedical Science Degree
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Technology and Compliance

Fort Peck Community College Vocational Programs

- Automotive Technology
- Building Trades
- Automotive Technician Certificate
- Building Trades Certificate

- Electrical Line Worker Certificate
- Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate
- Truck Driving Certificate
- Welding Technician Certificate

Fort Peck Community College Academic Programs

- General Studies – AS
- Pre-Health/Pre-Nursing
- Business Technology
- Computer Technology
- Accounting Technician Certificate
- Business Assistant Certificate
- Desktop Support Technician Certificate
- Graphic/Web Design – Pilot Program

2011 Graduates Fort Peck Community College

- Ackerman, Charles Landon
  Associate of Applied Science - Automotive
- Baker, Little Crow
  Associate of Applied Science - Building Trades
- Baker, Patrick D.
  Certificate - Electrical Lineworker
- Beaudry, Nathan
  Associate of Arts - General Studies
- Black, Lolis M.
  Associate of Applied Science - Business Technology
- Brown, Jason D. Sr.
  Associate of Applied Science - Building Trades
- Brown, Marlon L.
  Associate of Applied Science - Computer Technology
- Chase, Norman M. Jr.
  Certificate - Welding
- Crater, Sara
  Associate of Applied Science - Business Technology
- DeCoteau, Crystal
  Associate of Applied Science - Business Technology
- DeMarras, Frank M.
  Associate of Applied Science - Business Technology
- Associate of Arts - Business Administration
- Deitsch, Derek Kyle
  Certificate - Welding
- Dionne, Brandie A.
  Associate of Arts - Business Administration
- Eagle, Frankie James
  Associate of Applied Science - Business Technology
- Eder, Russell Paul
  Associate of Applied Science - Building Trades
- Escarcega, Rachel Ann
  Associate of Arts - General Studies
- Firemson, Ingrid Fawn
  Associate of Arts - American Indian Studies
- Foote, Thunderdrum
  Certificate - Electrical Lineworker
- Gilbertson, Cassandra Jean
  Associate of Science - Computer Programming
- Good Bear, Janet A.
  Associate of Arts - Education
- Gourneau, Megan K.
  Associate of Arts - General
- Grandchamp, Taurean
  Certificate - Heavy Equipment
- Certificate - Automotive Technician
- Irwin, Aubrey Rose
  Associate of Arts - Education
- Jackson, Melanie C.
  Associate of Arts - Human Services
- Lauckner, Tyson
  Certificate - Welding
- Lintilhicum, Judy
  Associate of Arts - Business Administration

- LaBelle, Elston
  Certificate - Building Trades
- Lone Bear, Nathan Dean
  Associate of Applied Science - Building Trades
- Long Hair, Darren
  Associate of Applied Science - Computer Technology
- Certificate - Desktop Support Technician
- Madison, Guy
  Certificate - Accounting Technician
  Certificate - Business Assistant
- Martell, Jessica Paige
  Associate of Applied Science - Business Technology
- Hudgett, Brett Lee
  Associate of Arts - General Studies
- Necklace, Benjamin Jerome
  Certificate - Heavy Equipment
- Plummer, Amber
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- Plummer, Randy Dale
  Associate of Science - Environmental Science
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- Steele, Freda
  Associate of Arts - General Studies
- Tuttle, Debra Elaine
  Associate of Arts - American Indian Studies
- Yellow Hammer, Jennifer G.
  Associate of Applied Science - Small Business Management
- Youngman, Kristian M.
  Associate of Arts - General Studies
- Youpee, Dyan Rose
  Associate of Arts - American Indian Studies
- White Bear, Andre
  Associate of Applied Science - Building Trades
Cheri Nygard

**Business Manager, Wolf Point Schools**

Cheri moved home to Wolf Point in 1994 after spending two years at MSU - Billings. She started taking business classes at Fort Peck Community College in January 1995. In May 1997, she received her Associate of Arts degree in Business Administration and began her Bachelor degree studies in Applied Business Management from Rocky Mountain College through a Distance Learning Collaboration with the Fort Peck Community College. She did not have to leave home or family to continue her education. She was hired as the District Clerk/Business Manager for the Brockton Community College. She did not have to leave home again and started in August 2011. She thanks the FPCC system.

Rainey Azure

**FPCC Teacher**

Training Graduate

Rocky Mountain College

Bachelor in Elementary Education

**Teaching: Wolf Point Southside School – 2nd Grade**

Rainey Azure graduated from Poplar High School and within three years received her Bachelor Degree in Elementary Education from Rocky Mountain College through FPCC’s Distance Learning Program. Rainey began taking courses from FPCC while still in high school and after graduation she entered FPCC full-time. When asked what made her pick FPCC, she stated, “FPCC has great instructors, it’s right at home and the cost is one that I can afford…I admit that I really wasn’t ready to leave home and I knew I wouldn’t make it without my family support so FPCC was the best choice for me and look, I’m already teaching school and many of my classmates still have a year left at the University”. Rainey was selected as one of the Teacher Training program students and with the program assistance she was able to complete her four-year degree loan free and while at home with her family and in less than 4 years!

Rainey is teaching 1st grade at Wolf Point Southside school and is considered one of the top teachers in the school. One parent states, “Ms. Azure is a great teacher, since my grandson has been in her class he has caught up and doing great, they wanted to hold him back last year but with her help he is right where he needs to be.”

Rainey Azure is just one case of the many exceptional teachers FPCC has helped produce and sent into the community. She resides in Wolf Point, MT with her husband Matt and children Blue & Maddie.

Samuel L. Red Star

**FPCC Teacher Training Graduate**

Rocky Mountain College

Bachelor in Elementary Education

** FPCC Teacher Training Graduate, BS from Rocky Mountain College, Endorsement in Special Education**

Teaching: Poplar Schools, 8th Grade Special Education

Samuel Red Star graduated from Fort Peck Community College the first time in 2007 with an AAS in Auto Mechanics and again in 2009 with an AAS in Building Trades. He also has a Class B CDL. Sam worked on the student dorms as a student at the college. He has been employed at the college since graduation and was instrumental in the construction of the three bedroom faculty house. He is currently working for C & A Contracting on the new Library/IT Center being constructed adjacent to the main campus. According to Noel Sansaver, Facilities Director at FPCC, Sam has proven to be a self-starter in taking on the lead role in the layout of the new building.

Sam is enrolled on the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota. Sam relocated to Fort Peck in 1982, three years after his mother moved here in 1979. His father graduated from high school and was a mechanic. His mother went as far as 11th grade. As a first generation student, Sam is a success story and an inspiration to all.

When asked if he had any words of wisdom for other students, Sam said, “Stay in school and finish what you start. I learned a lot from my instructors and I like the FPCC system.”

Twilia Stafne Bear Cub

**FPCC Teacher Training Graduate, BS from Rocky Mountain College, Endorsement in Special Education**

Masters in Special Education from Montana State University - Billings

Teaching: Poplar Schools, 8th Grade Special Education

She always knew she wanted to become a teacher when she realized the shortage of Native American teachers on her own reservation where she grew up. Her parents always encouraged her and her brothers to go on to become whatever they wanted to accomplish in life. With this upbringing, a blessed life, she waited until her own children were in school to finish her education.

There are many people she would like to thank for helping her achieve her goals. Parents, family, friends, were all great cheerleaders. If it wasn’t for Fort Peck Community College and the distance learning program, this dream would not have become a reality. She would have never considered leaving her home, family, and way of life. With the program, she didn’t have to. She had to do a few summer school stints on campus, but it was only for 6 weeks at a time. She didn’t have to leave her way of life for years to attend college and get her degree work done.

Twilia achieved her AA in Education from FPCC, BS from Rocky Mountain College and an Endorsement in Special Education at Montana State University. She has been teaching and loving her job since 2001 at Poplar Middle School, Poplar, Montana. If you love what you are doing, you never have to work another day in your life. This is Twilia Bear Cub’s motto, this is what she lives.
Fort Peck Community College has spent the past three decades investing and enhancing its academic and vocational offerings. The board members and administrators continue to recognize the need for expansion of the college’s physical facilities and student amenities to attract and accommodate more students from a larger geographic region. This forward thinking secured funding from Title III ($300,000), U.S. Dept of HUD ($800,000), and an FPCC Match ($200,000) for a total project cost of $1,300,000 for phase one of the Library/IT center. FPCC held a traditional ground breaking ceremony on June 22, 2011 and construction began in July. Architects, contractors and local construction workers are involved in the construction. The first phase will begin with an open veranda that will welcome students and visitors to the 6,000 sq. ft. library with private study carrels, wireless network, digital resources and hard copy books for entertainment and study. A large community classroom will accommodate students, faculty, staff and community members with digital resources, computer technology and a quality learning space for study and remedial education. This phase of construction has been designed to add on the IT Center and Tribal Archives. It is projected in the year 2013 that the Auditorium will be added on to complete the overall facility.

As a part of the college expansion, FPCC found they needed a recruitment tool to entice future faculty and staff to become a part of our FPCC family. The Board of Directors decided to go after funding to build faculty housing. The end result was a single family unit complete with three bedrooms, two baths, full basement, a double car garage, fenced in yard and patio, and complete landscaping. The second unit is a single family town house duplex. These are two bedroom/two bath units, complete with a full basement, double car garage, fenced in yard and patio and complete landscaping. Funding sources for this project came from the U.S. Dept. of HUD ($800,000), FPCC-EC match ($9,180) for a total project cost of $809,180. Architects, contractors, and the students of the building trades division completed this project in June 2011. The units were ready for occupancy in the fall of 2011. FPCC regards these facilities as a meaningful faculty and staff recruitment incentive provided to NE Montana.

With a growing number of students wishing to attend Fort Peck Community College it was decided by the FPCC Board of Directors to build co-ed student housing to meet those needs. Funding for the project came from U.S. Department of HUD ($600,000), USDA-RD ($200,000) and an FPCC Match for ($87,195) for a total project cost of ($887,195). Architects, various local contractors, and specialty contractors were used in the planning and construction; and under the direction of the building trades instructor, FPCC students were able to get some real world experience under their belts and satisfaction of a job well done. The project was completed in June 2010 and occupancy began that fall. The dormitory has 10 double occupancy rooms and a single room for the R. A. This Facility is safe, secure, accessible, and affordable. Complete with state of the art technology, a kitchen and commons area, on-site laundering facilities, handicap accessibility, and within close proximity to the main campus; it is an attractive addition to our growing campus. Fort Peck Community College believes that a strong and healthy learning environment will provide the cornerstone for success.
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