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### **MCC and MTDLI Focus on Completion Through 'Become an Alum' Program**

MILES CITY, MONTANA: Miles Community College (MCC) and the Montana Department of Labor & Industry (MTDLI) have partnered to help build Montana's workforce. Through the "Become an Alum" program, MCC and Job Service Miles City work together to assist individuals who have attended a Montana institution of higher education in the past but did not acquire a degree or certificate. Statistics from MTDLI show that 120,000 people in Montana have some college education, but no degree.

The Become an Alum program seeks to re-enroll students who left college before obtaining a degree or credential. The program targets former Montana college students (not just former MCC students) who would have additional opportunities with a credential or degree and offers intensive academic counseling and other resources to encourage student success. Depending on need and available resources, Job Service Miles City can assist with the cost of books, supplies, tools, and other fees as well as provide guidance in career preparation.

The Become an Alum program launched as a pilot program at the University of Montana, but has now expanded to include other colleges and universities in Montana, including Miles Community College. MCC and Job Service Miles City have already enrolled several students in the program during the current academic year. Local employers are a key part of the program, as students completing degree and certificate programs can help fill vacancies in in-demand field and good-paying fields.

While MCC and Job Service Miles City will be reaching out to former students who have some accumulated credits, any former student is welcome to inquire about the Become an Alum program to see if they're eligible for financial assistance. The goal is to re-enroll anyone interested in completing a degree or credential, regardless of the life circumstances that led to their withdrawal from higher education. Together, MCC and Job Service will work with students to remedy any setbacks as the rejoin campus, whether the courses are in person or online.

If you would like more information, please complete the online inquiry form below, or call the Miles City Job Service at (406) 232-8340 and ask about the 'Become An Alum' program.

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