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IMAGE: MCC Dean Richard DeShields with the NASPA Award

MCC Dean Awarded Community College Professional Award

MILES CITY, MONTANA: Miles Community College is proud to announce Richard DeShields as the 2021 NASPA Region V Community College Professional Award winner. Dean DeShields is currently the Dean of Student Engagement and Auxiliary Services on the MCC Campus and has worked for the college since 2018.

NASPA is the Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education association, formerly known as the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. NASPA is a member-centered association supporting a diverse network of 15,000 professionals and 1,200 institutions across the globe, working to provide resources to a community of professionals who are dedicated to student success.

Dean DeShields was selected as the Region V Community College Professional Award winner, which includes members across the Northwest United States and Western Canadian Provinces. Dean Deshields has been presented with the award based on criteria including demonstrated active involvement with the profession, contributing to the creation of a campus environment that promotes student learning and personal development, and outstanding individual contribution to innovative and responsive services/programs that address varied and emerging needs of students.

"I value the role of community college education for our community, state, and region," comments Dean DeShields. "It is an honor to receive this award but I know that it is really a representation of all the support my colleagues at MCC provide, which allowed me to be recognized. MCC is such a great place for our students, faculty, and staff!"

Dean DeShields was recognized during a virtual celebration of the NASPA Community College Professional Awards.

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