

Student Activity Report

December 2023

Student Organization Reports –

Gun Enthusiasts Guild – The club meets twice a month and is planning an event to attend a local trap shooting range.

Appreciating Individuality, Challenges, and Excellence (AICE) – During the second week of November the club members distributed 150 care packages to students. They also helped assemble the student Thanksgiving food baskets on November 21st. Plans are being made for a club Christmas party.

Music Club – Club members and their advisor served at the Community Kitchen on November 28th from 5:30 -7:00 p.m. The club members hosted a party for the choir after their performance on Friday, December 1st. The last Karaoke night is on December 15th.

Chess and Games – Game nights are on Monday and Thursday evenings each week in the student lounge. Two members of the club assisted with assembling the Thanksgiving Food Baskets on November 21st. A final game night is planned for December 7th and will include dinner.

Genders and Sexualities Alliance (GSA) – Every Thursday at 3:00 p.m. in the student lounge, the club hosts an art or craft activity. The last activity for the year is candle painting. The club is currently planning activities for Week of Welcome in January.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship – A weekly bible study continues to be held on Mondays at 4:00 p.m. in the student lounge. Operation Christmas Child was selected for a service project this semester. The group assembled 15 gift boxes for children in poverty. A Thanksgiving dinner for club members was held on Monday, November 20th.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society - An open house was held on November 22nd and the Fall Induction Ceremony was held on November 29th. A service project is planned for the Warming Center in Kalispell.

Mask and Hammer - During weekly meetings, club members have been discussing a rehearsal schedule for the spring semester shows. The club is partnering with the Soroptimist Club to host a play entitled “Body and Sold” in January. The play will raise awareness of human trafficking.

Student Government – In November, Student Government reviewed and revised their bylaws, sent out a survey to collect the student voice, discussed a student lounge furniture proposal, purchased a Star Wars pinball machine for the lounge, and served at the Thanksgiving Friendsgiving event on November 22nd. Student Government donated \$400 to purchase food for the holiday event.

Student Wellness Team (SWT) - The Student Wellness Team members are paid peer educators that design and implement student-focused health and wellbeing initiatives. While staffing the fitness center, the SWT is working hard to program out the semester. Through November, the SWT hosted a variety of events. On November 14th, a nutritional tabling event was hosted called

“Good Mood Food” highlighting the health benefits of this month’s food, pumpkin. Pumpkin pie was also given out and there were 25 students in attendance. On November 16th, the Student Wellness Team recognized the Great American Smokeout, a day to start your journey towards a tobacco free lifestyle. Tobacco quit kits as well as educational infographics were available to students in the fitness center throughout the day. The team also facilitated a Wellness Wednesday on November 29th for the student body. This event included a fire pit, s’mores, and hot drinks all while having an educational conversation about the dangers of alcohol and other drugs. There were 20 students in attendance.

Campus Recreation - The Campus Recreation program hosted basketball and volleyball intramurals twice a week through the month of November, seeing an average of 15 students each evening. A staff vs students volleyball game was hosted on November 14th and had 2 staff teams of 8 players and 4 student teams of 8 players that participated. Trivia Thursday and Friday, an air frying food event, alternated weeks throughout the month with an average of 3 in attendance.

The Furlong Smith Fitness Center is staffed by the Campus Recreation and Wellness Coordinator and 5 student workers. Through the month of October, there were 165 members enrolled; 158 students; 7 staff/faculty. There was a total of 217 check-ins, with Wednesdays being the busiest day and 3:00-5:00 p.m. being the most popular time.

Community Involvement - For November to December 4th, 2023, Community Involvement programming included two service projects, set-up three tabling booths, and hosted one recreational activity. These events were coordinated by Parag Desai, a Montana Campus Compact AmeriCorps member serving at FVCC.

Four volunteers served at the Flathead Food Bank during their Thanksgiving Holiday Distribution by checking in guests, handing out meal kits and frozen meats, and assisting in clean-up. Precisely 531 families in the local community were supported by the joint effort.

Students and staff (11) volunteered at the Community Kitchen and assisted with setup, serving patrons, and cleanup between 5:30 -7:00 p.m. on November 28th. Approximately 40 patrons in the local community were supported by the joint effort.

A Grocery Bingo event was hosted on December 4th with 11 students in attendance.

Student Engagement – Additional activities for November included hosting a Thanksgiving Friendsgiving on Tuesday, November 28th. Baked chicken and all the trimmings were served to 63 students in the student lounge. Attendees enjoyed great conversation and themed activities.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets were given out to 9 families this year. Distribution was need-based and not open to all students.

The FVCC Food Pantry received 21 visits and distributed 224.2 pounds of food.