

## FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### AGENDA ITEM 7

#### V. COLLEGE ISSUES

##### A. Student Success: S-STEM Scholars

#### BACKGROUND:

In January 2023, FVCC was awarded a National Science Foundation (NSF) Scholarship in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM) Grant to provide support for the recruitment, retention, and successful transfer of STEM students to baccalaureate programs. This grant funds three main initiatives. 1. To provide \$500,000 in scholarships to NSF scholars in FVCC's STEM Experience which brings together a community of scholars working toward academic and professional success in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. 2. To increase STEM student success by providing holistic wellness support to STEM scholars through integration and adaptation of services such as providing them with one-on-one STEM faculty mentorship and wellness support. 3. To develop a STEM community that focuses on STEM identity building and belonging. Dr. Jessica H. Ennist is serving as the lead Principal Investigator for the grant and is leading the study and reporting of measurable outcomes from the implementation of this model. She will present some of the student success highlights of this first academic year of the program.