

Faculty Activity Report December 2025

Karla Ryan, M.S., Anatomy and Physiology

On Friday Nov 7, Columbia Falls High School brought 45 students to FVCC for an Anatomy & Physiology “Student-for-a-Day” field trip. Students started their day with a 50-minute lecture on muscle growth and function that provided information to help them with the remainder of their time with us. After that, they transitioned to the A&P department where student volunteers broke them into small groups and helped them learn practical material using both models and cadavers. The volunteers set up different stations and moved students from one learning area to another every 10-12 minutes. Their morning ended with students taking a practical exam to see how much they retained during their time in the department. Student volunteers graded their exams before they left. Because it takes some time to work all students through their practical exam, both Kyle Krebs in Paramedicine and Julie Robertson in Physical Therapy Assistant welcomed students into their departments for short presentations while others completed their test.

On Monday Dec 8, Glacier High School brought 50 students to FVCC for an Anatomy & Physiology “Student-for-a-Day” field trip. Their lecture will cover disease processes, cancer formation, and epigenetics. The rest of their field trip functioned as the one from Columbia Falls did. Many of the volunteers are current Radiological Technology students who volunteered in the past and jumped at the chance to volunteer again.

On Friday Nov 21, the health sciences programs hosted 85 total students from Columbia Falls High School, Glacier High School, Flathead High School, and Lincoln County High School, in Eureka. Students were split into 6 groups and provided with student volunteers. The volunteers guided their groups from presentation to presentation throughout the division. Each 20-minute presentation involved a short introduction about their profession and an interactive activity. Presenters were Kyle Krebs in Paramedicine, Janice Heil and Julie Robertson in Physical Therapy Assistant, Hannah Kimmel in Medical Assistant, Colleen Bench and 2nd year students in Radiological Technology, and Robyn Hoggatt and Tana McIlhargey in Surgical Technology.

Nicole Sanford, M.A., Music

On Friday, November 7, the FVCC Music Program hosted an Afternoon Student Recital where there were 6 student performers. On Wednesday, November 12 FVCC music students performed in the Flathead Valley Community Band concert at 7:30 pm at Flathead High School. On Friday, November 14 the FVCC Music Program hosted an Afternoon Student Recital where there were 21 student performers.

Amy Chisholm, B.A., B.M., M.M., Music

On Thursday, November 20, the FVCC Music Program hosted the Opera Theatre Workshop concert where 11 students performed a total of seven various opera scenes excerpted from quite varied larger works, and some of these scenes were really quite musically challenging. They worked hard all semester to put this performance together and the students had both an educational and enjoyable experience. Amy taught the allied course (MUSI 194x) and directed the scenes and her Music Program colleague, adjunct instructor Eunhwa Park, was the piano accompanist.

Jordan Neiman, DMA, Music

In early November, Jordan Neiman toured with the Regal Ensemble, a Hamilton/Missoula based chamber music group. The group played concerts in Hamilton and at the historic St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Missoula. With the Regal Ensemble, Jordan made his Montana Public Radio debut on Live From Studio B. He played pieces by Vasily Barvinsky, Gustav Mahler, and Antonin Dvorak. Later in November, Jordan travelled to Great Falls to perform as guest artist with the Cascade String Quartet. The quartet is sponsored by the Great Falls Symphony. He played the Gabriel Faure Piano Quintet.

Dr. Ranell Mueller, Psychology

On November 16th, Dr. Mueller and one of her Developmental Psychology students volunteered with Glacier Village for their Generations Over Brunch discussion. The intent of the discussion is for multiple generations of individuals to hear from each other regarding their lifespan experiences. Volunteers from all different backgrounds and ages were present to discuss their lives and thoughts on the ever-changing environment in which we are all currently living.

Dr. Jacoba Rock, Social Work

Dr. Rock had a chapter titled "Innovative Grading and Critical Feedback Processes" published in a new educator book edited by Dr. Jill Chonody, "Teaching Activities in Social Work: Creative Pedagogies to Engage Students".

Jessie Smith, B.S., M.S., Biology

November 21-23, Jessie attended the American Society for Microbiology Conference for Undergraduate Educators (ASMCUE) in San Antonio.