

Faculty Activity Report February 2026

Hannah Kaufmann, Writing and English

On January 8, Hannah served as a judge for Poetry Out Loud at Whitefish High School, where she had the opportunity to listen to approximately 20 students recite poems from memory. She has judged the regional contest before, but this was her first time being invited to one of the high school competitions. She enjoyed meeting the students, teachers, other judges from the community, and representing FVCC's interest in the students' success and in the Arts.

Victoria Nytes, History

On January 20, Victoria presented a 1-hour Professional Development (with colleagues) to K-12 teachers showcasing Under-Told Stories in Montana History. This was provided through the Montana Historical Society. She focused on African American and Chinese experiences in the state. Victoria had about 15 participants in attendance.

Frank Hale, Criminal Justice

On January 14 Frank met with Flathead County Sheriff, Brian Heino, to determine what kinds of program adjustments or changes could be in the future based on the Sheriff Department's input and feedback. Frank will continue to meet with the sheriff to coordinate with local law enforcement regarding future program and curriculum development.

Kelly Kissane, Biology

Jan. 3-7 Kelly attended the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB) conference. Kelly shared that she attended a lot of good talks and judged graduate student posters for an award in the Invertebrate Zoology section of SICB. Kelly also donated invertebrate-themed jewelry that she made for an auction fundraiser for the Invertebrate Zoology travel student scholarship.