



# Significant Results for Semester One-TAACCT

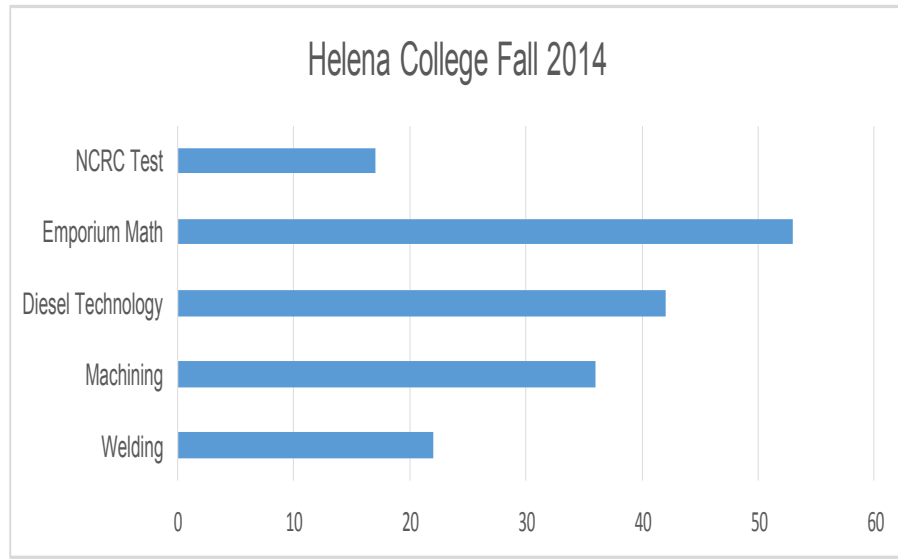
Preliminary numbers are in for the Fall 2014 semester, and Helena College is excited to report some very positive impacts. Specific areas are noted below and include influences from the following:

- Students affected by new equipment
- Modified curriculum and hybrid classes (some online)
- New TAACCCT instructors
- Students receiving additional guidance and support from the Workforce Navigator
- Students evaluated by new, customized testing methods

Our objective is to make it easier for our students to enter our trade programs through updated placement testing, math boot camps, additional student support, more flexible curriculum and access to the most up-to-date equipment and technology for their respective disciplines. At the time of this writing, we have had a positive effect on about 170 students!



*Bad Pun of the Month*

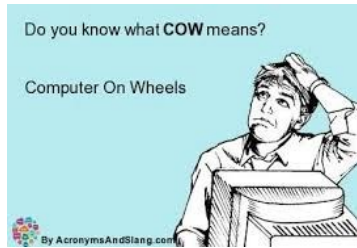


**Number of students affected by the project for Fall 2014**

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Forrest Kramer

## Introducing: Forrest Kramer

Helena College is fortunate to have Forrest come onboard with us from Boeing in his first year as our computer aided manufacturing and machining instructor. He was born in Calgary, then raised locally here in Helena. As Forrest has worked as a CNC machinist in the aerospace industry, he offers excellent experience he can share with his students. He enjoys building and fabricating custom parts for his Volkswagen projects in the small machine shop he has in his garage.

He is mostly interested in the high tech aspects of the machining and CAD/CAM world, with SolidWorks his go to software for project development.

When not instructing, he likes to spend time with his family going camping, hunting, fishing, and prospecting for gold and gems. In short: living the Montana lifestyle.

### The New COW at the Airport Campus

It's a bird; it's a plane! No, it's a COW??? This cow doesn't give milk, but through the grant we rolled out this new piece of equipment which provides our developmental and technical math students added flexibility. This computer on wheels has 20 notebook computers which are utilized in the classroom, allowing each student to use the online curriculum that has been tailored towards their discipline, be it machining, aviation or diesel. This equipment enhances the Emporium instructional method which we have implemented within the math curriculum, and which has been proven to be more effective than traditional teaching methods.

## Wade Ness: New Career Opportunities

Wade Ness had already graduated from high school and worked for a number of years, but he wasn't going where he wanted to go professionally. Wade enjoyed his welding classes during high school, so much in fact that he took three years of it. Over time, he retained the skills and interest.

So when he heard about the opportunities at Helena College and the newly created evening welding program, he jumped at the chance to enroll. By utilizing the workforce navigator, Wade received the extra help he needed to get enrolled in his classes, thus getting services that were "above and beyond" the normal. Wade successfully completed his first semester and he is excited at the prospect of getting his AAS degree in welding. While that happens, he gets a thrill out of using the new Dynasty welding machine, which is one of the many new pieces of equipment purchased for the welding laboratory.

Wade is looking forward to the flexibility his new degree will give him, because we wants to remain in Helena so that he can stay near his family. His newly gained knowledge will also help him pursue work outside of Helena, should he feel the need to venture out.



Wade Ness

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