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MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | GREAT FALLS

Great Falls College MSU held two **welding information sessions** in November and December. Attendees ranged in age from high school students and parents, displaced workers, and retirees. Students currently in the program shared their experiences with the potential new students.

GFC MSU received 93 applications from 22 high schools across Montana during **College Application Week** in November.

In the GFC MSU General Education and Transfer Division, students in the **Developmental Psychology** course are involved with the AmeriCorps Montana No Hungry Kid Project. Following several well-attended local performances, the **College/Community Choir** held its debut campus performance December 11 in partnership with the Great Falls Young People's Choir and the Office of Great Falls Mayor Michael Winters, who declared the day College Community Choir Day in Great Falls at the December 2 City Commission Meeting.

The GFC MSU simulated hospital welcomed its newest piece of equipment in late November. A state of the art computerized human patient simulator was delivered to the SIM Hospital thanks to funding from the CHEO grant. Students in the EMT and paramedic programs will be the primary users of the technology, but other programs will have the opportunity to include its use in clinical assignments. Faculty were trained during the intersession on the functionality of the completely wireless **Sim Man** and will be able to instruct students without the fear of risking the lives of real patients.

GFC MSU nursing student, **Tegan Maynard-Hahn**, hosted a documentary to educate students about HIV prevention. The event took place on December 1 at the College and was in honor of World AIDS Day. According to the *Great Falls Tribune*, "Although the numbers in Great Falls are fairly low Hahn says it's her job as a nursing student to prevent those numbers from rising by increasing awareness."

GFC MSU is partnering with the **Montana Space Grant Consortium**. This will allow students the opportunity to apply for summer internships or scholarships to work on NASA-related projects such as the Space Science Engineering Lab at MSU in Bozeman. A GFC MSU nursing student recently received a NASA research scholarship.

GFC MSU is continuing to work with Malmstrom Air Force Base on the **Air Force Community Partnership-Training Co-Op**. The latest development is the creation of an All Partners Access Network (APAN), which allows members of the co-op to share announcements, training calendars, and workgroup contacts. Also included on the website is a discussion room in which members can develop ideas and learn more about shared resources. The group is developing an Executive Leadership Council Charter and a Training Cooperative Charter for the members.

The GFC MSU Health Sciences students incorporated service learning into their studies. The **Physical Therapist Assistant program** students served at the Great Falls Rescue Mission and volunteered with the "Make a Wish Foundation" at the Rainbow Assisted Living Center. They also assisted with the Special Olympics' Buddy Walk. The **Medical Assistant program** students provided small gifts for all Certified Medical Assistants in Great Falls. The **Dental Hygiene program** students provided oral screenings and mouth guard fabrication for the Special Olympics' Special Smiles program. At the Veterans' Stand Down, they shared oral hygiene and tobacco education. The Head Start program received oral screenings and oral health education. The dental hygiene students also participated in the dental assistant program's Give Kids a Smile Sealant Program and volunteered at the Great Falls Animal Shelter, Eaglemount, and Meals on Wheels programs. The **Nursing** and **Paramedic program** students participated in the Veterans' Stand Down, and the nursing students also provided flu shots at the employee WellCheck.

The GFC MSU Student Government held a **Can the Cat/Can the Griz** food drive. This year, the Cat fans won with a donation of 140 pounds of food! The Griz fans contributed a respectable 85 pounds. The true winner was the food pantry gaining 225 pounds of food for our students in need.