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The GFC MSU dental hygiene and assisting program students teamed with local dentists and other dental professionals to host the No Smile Left Behind Community Dental Day. The event provided dental services at no cost to the community.

The GFC MSU College and Community Choir presented “Feast of Sweets” in March as a fundraiser for their trip to Carnegie Hall. Attendees were treated to performances by the full 80-voice choir, as well as solos, duets, and ensembles, while browsing and bidding on the live and silent auction items.

The Region II Science Fair took place on campus with over 250 middle and high school students from Glacier, Toole, Liberty, Teton, Pondera, Cascade, and Judith Basin counties displaying their projects. Judges were GFC MSU faculty, staff, and students, as well as community members. Lt. Governor Mike Cooney and Great Falls Mayor Bob Kelly attended to present awards to the winners.

In honor of Women’s History Month, GFC MSU hosted a career forum. A panel of three women from the fields of TV/media, business, and ranching shared their experiences being a woman in their chosen careers.

GFC MSU psychology students presented a Mental Health Awareness week in which the keynote speaker, Matt Kuntz, Executive Director of NAMI Montana, shared information about de-stigmatizing mental health issues in the community. In addition to this session, a vendor fair showcased community organizations and the resources available. Counseling interns from the University of Great Falls were on campus to provide free mental health assessments.

GFC MSU hosted the annual Extended Learning Institute Conference with over 100 instructional designers and faculty from all across Montana. The theme this year was on student learning and engagement using technologies.

GFC MSU was proud to nominate and honor Mr. Lucas Volkomener as its 2016 Newman Civic Fellow. As one of 218 Newman Civic Fellows across the country, Lucas’ impact on the GFC MSU campus has been awe-inspiring. Lucas served in the U.S. Army as a staff sergeant and served three tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. During his service, he was awarded a Purple Heart for his service to our country.

Senator Daines visited GFC MSU as part of his 2016 Made in Montana Energy Tour. An Energy Roundtable was held with several community business leaders focusing on a well-trained, qualified workforce. The Senator noted that GFC MSU is giving students the skills needed for the 21st century economy.

The Second Annual GFC MSU Night Out for Science was held in April. The event, aimed at raising funds to provide scholarships for STEM students, grossed nearly \$21,000 this year with an estimated \$13,000 raised for scholarship.

GFC MSU’s annual employee recognition reception honored several faculty and staff and their contributions to the college. Of note, the CEO/Dean’s Award for Innovation was presented to Dr. Daniel Casmier, chemistry faculty, and the CEO/Dean’s Award for Teaching Excellence was given to Mr. Joel Henderson, emergency medical services program director and faculty.

L’Heureux Page Werner Architecture committed an endowed scholarship in the amount of \$25,000 for students in the 1+3 Engineering Program.

Governor Bullock visited the GFC MSU welding facilities to see the remodeled space in action. While here, he was able to visit with GFC MSU faculty, staff and students, as well as administrators from the Great Falls Public Schools, dual enrollment and adult education students, and students participating in 7th grade tours.

GFC MSU hosted NoMore Violence week April 11-17. Events included speakers on domestic violence, coping with PTSD, human trafficking, and how to find help. The week ended with the Kolor Me 4 Kids Fun Run benefitting the Dandelion Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing child abuse.