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The college received a \$112,000 investment from Benefis Health System for its nursing and surgical technology programs. The gift will support \$100,000 in nursing program salaries and \$12,000 for surgical technology program salaries.

Students and science faculty launched a 10 foot wide helium weather balloon into the atmosphere from the college campus. The high-altitude balloon launch recorded atmospheric conditions and attempted to reach the altitude record for Montana.

Commissioner Bucy and Dr. Susan Wolff were the keynote speakers at the Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Quarterly Luncheon in October. They addressed how the Montana Department of Labor & Industry and the Montana University System have strengthened their partnerships, including how programs such as RevUp Montana and HealthCARE Montana are helping to build our state's workforce in the fields of advanced manufacturing, energy development, and healthcare.

GFC MSU celebrated Native American Heritage Month throughout November. The Native American Student Group hosted several activities highlighting the importance of cultural understanding and awareness.

Psychology students and faculty at Great Falls College MSU hosted 'Suicide Prevention Day' to raise awareness about the risk factors of suicide and to educate people on how to help those at risk. Students displayed poster projects on prevention and awareness, while several community organizations had resource tables with additional information.

GFC MSU hosted Health Science Exploration Day in which local high school students had the opportunity to tour the health science programs and learned about occupations available in the region.

GFC MSU recognized and honored veterans on campus with a full week of veteran's activities. Military students, including spouses and dependents, make up 14% of the student body at GFC MSU. Various events took place including – Breakfast with CEO/Dean Dr. Susan Wolff, a talk on PTSD, and a Veteran's appreciation cookout.

The college was again recognized as a Military Friendly institution by Victory Media who recognizes colleges and universities for their work with veterans and military spouses.

As part of the Great American SmokeOut, the Great Falls City-County Health Department spent time at Great Falls College-MSU educating people on the dangers of using tobacco.

The Center for Lifelong Learning presented a by Constant Contact Workshop for the Community: Grow Your Business with Email & Social Media which offered tips and tricks to improve email marketing while gaining insight on how to use social media.

Kids from across central Montana got to perform on the big stage as GFC MSU hosted the Montana Choral Directors Association, Central Montana Youth Sings Event. The students were divided into two choirs: grades four to six and grades seven to eight. The day was spent learning the music and rehearsing. The concert performance was held in the evening with 147 students that participated.

GFC MSU Anatomy and Physiology students collected items for the Grace Home, a new facility for homeless veterans in Great Falls. Students collected donated food, coats, socks, hats, gloves and other items to help homeless veterans get back on their feet.

The Great Falls College Community Choir performed their holiday concert in partnership with renowned composer Philip Aaberg and the University of Great Falls Choir, Cantus.