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GFC MSU enrolled 517 new and continuing students for summer semester 2017.

Beginning in fall semester 2017, GFC MSU will offer additional [music](#) coursework leading to a two-year Associate of Arts with music degree.

During the summer months, the Center for [Lifelong Learning](#) expanded its kids' class offerings and camps to help youth stay engaged. Summer classes also cater to adults with a wide variety of courses for them as well.

[Blackfeet language](#) lessons were offered at GFC MSU and taught by Native American studies instructor Don Fish. Classes were free and open to the community for those interested in learning the Blackfeet Language.

The Center for Lifelong Learning is organizing a trip for GFC MSU students, community members and GFC MSU Community Choir members to travel, sing and study in [Italy](#). The 10-day trip is scheduled for June 1-10, 2018, and will include visits to four cities in Italy: Florence, Verona, Venice and Lake Garda.

Mandy Wright, English Faculty was named among the [American Association for Women in Community College's](#) 40 under 40. This award recognized outstanding female leaders under 40 years of age working at community colleges and making a difference for the colleges they serve.

GFC MSU [graduated](#) 356 students who successfully completed their course work to earn an associate degree or certificate. Collectively the 356 students earned more than 480 degrees and certificates. Of the graduates, 86 students earned multiple degrees, 54 graduated with honors, 60 with high honors, 65 were veterans, and nine Dual Enrollment students walked prior to earning their high school diploma.

Following spring 2017 commencement, GFC MSU proudly recognized 188 students as members of the [Dean's list](#) for spring 2017 semester.

[GFCMuse](#), a literary journal published by Great Falls College MSU is now available online. The literary journal was created by English Faculty, Leigh Ann Ruggiero who wanted to give students an opportunity to share their work. It features stories, essays, poems and photography by students, faculty and staff.

Montana Girls STEM Spring Collaboration Forum hosted by the Montana Girls STEM Collaborative and DoD Starbase assembled at GFC MSU. The forum focused on professional development, networking and training for STEM educators, administrators, business people and all who want to grow science, technology, engineering and mathematics in Montana.

Great Fall Symphony's Chamber Fun 101 was held on campus. The event was free and open to the community with interactive performances and demonstrations by the Cascade Quartet and Chinook Winds Quintet. The morning concluded with children trying out instruments they saw in action earlier that morning.

The May 2017 [Board of Regents](#) was held on campus. The meeting included an overview of the 2017 Legislative session, enrollment reports for fiscal year 2017 and enrollment projections and tuition rates for fiscal year 2018.

Senator Steve Daines hosted CFTC Acting Chairman, J. Christopher Giancarlo on campus who spoke on "Dodd-Frank and Commodities Markets".

Association of Higher Education and Disability of the Northern Rockies (AHEAD) conducted their annual meeting on campus. The training conference and annual business meeting hosted Disability Service providers in higher education from Montana.

Montana Institute on Education Technology was held on campus. [MIET](#) Tech Days offered K-12 teachers from across the state two days of tech-related training on virtual reality, robotics, Chromebooks, digital citizenship and more.