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GFC MSU student, Mackenzie Dwoznik, won a \$900 grant from the Montana Space Grant Consortium to build a telescope out of PVC pipe, parts made by a 3D printer, and a Raspberry Pi, which is a small, inexpensive computer. Dwoznik's ultimate goal is to work as a physicist, researching the unknown, undiscovered elements of space.

Montana Joining Community Forces (a statewide collaboration supporting Montana service members, veterans and their families) hosted a career mini summit at GFC MSU in January. The summit provided a free opportunity for those who have served and their dependents to learn more about veteran small businesses, education benefits and training programs.

The College hosted its third armed intruder training in January on campus. The trainings have been an incredibly useful tool for faculty and staff.

GFC MSU and MSU Bozeman met to discuss and review the OneMSU program addressing Suicide Prevention and Student Mental Health Task Force. Current practices as well as needs for support were discussed.

Dr. Darryl Stevens, history professor and CFO at GFC MSU, presented "Civil Rights: What it means to all of us" which focused on Martin Luther King, Jr. and other Civil Rights Leaders along with the Legacy they left for future generations.

182 students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester.

Bringing The U to You Series began in January. The U to You is a combined effort between the MSU Alumni Foundation and the UM Alumni Association.

The College hosted the Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, which featured Great Falls College MSU Lifelong Learning. The event showcased many of the courses offered through Lifelong Learning and had several instructors providing onsite demonstrations available.

An art installation featuring student work from Jennifer Volkmar's visual drawing class was on display in the College's Administrative Suite in February. Each semester, new and aspiring student and community artists are featured. To showcase the collections, receptions are held with live piano music by Cynthia Stevens.

GFC MSU, in partnership with MSU's College of Engineering, hosted the "Think Like an Engineer Engineering Information Session." 50 area high school students learned about engineering and the 1+3 articulation agreement between GFC MSU and MSU. That evening the college hosted a parent session and offered the information to parents, caregivers, and prospective students.

GFC MSU dental students hosted the No Smile Left Behind Community Dental Day for community members in need of dental cleanings and extractions. The students worked with local dentists and other dental professionals to provide services at no cost, including free health screenings. Preventative health resources were also provided by local healthcare providers. The event was free and open to all ages.

The GFC MSU College and Community Choir held their "Feast of Sweets" fundraiser in February. Attendees were treated to performances by Great Falls College Community Choir while enjoying delectable desserts.

Black History Month was celebrated with acclaimed author Ken Robison. The event showed the impact of Black History in Montana and the positive contributions of African Americans in Great Falls and across the state.

Tax Help Montana utilizes GFC MSU as one of several sites in Great Falls and across Montana to offer no-cost tax preparation as well as access to other financial services through the VITA program. Faculty member Kerry Dolan acts as a liaison between the College and Tax Help Montana, helping to handle many of the logistics for the program.