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The Physical Therapy Assistant Program had a 100 percent pass rate with the Class of 2016 passing all of their boards.

GFC MSU student, Jen Oaks, won a \$900 grant from the Montana Space Grant Consortium's Award for Research in Engineering and Science program to study how flowering plant seeds respond to radiation.

U.S. Senator Jon Tester hosted a town hall meeting at GFC MSU on healthcare. He was joined by health care experts representing rural Montana, veterans, and Indian Country.

The College hosted the Montana Region II Science and Engineering Fair with over 350 K-12 students representing eighteen schools and several home-schools. More than 150 community members volunteered as judges for the event.

GFC MSU conducted its fourth armed intruder scenario in partnership with Great Falls Public Schools and the Great Falls Police Department. The training is designed to offer practical measures to utilize and help ensure safety until law enforcement arrives.

To celebrate Women's History Month, the college hosted a career panel discussion featuring former Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau; Katie Cunningham, Great Falls Police Department detective; and Kristen Inbody, Great Falls Tribune reporter. Topics included how their career paths started, unique challenges they faced as women, and rewarding aspects of their work.

GFC MSU, the University of Great Falls, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) collaborated to bring Mental Health Awareness Day to Great Falls. The event focused on raising awareness and educating students and the community about mental disorders and providing information on resources available in the Great Falls area.

The Annual Scholarship Reception Luncheon honored 85 donors and scholarships recipients for Academic Year 2016-2017.

The 3rd Annual No More Violence Week kicked off the month of April. There were seven days of community presentations, symposiums and panel discussions with a 1-mile and 5K Kolor Me 4 Kids Fun Run closing out the event. Highlights included the opening address by Governor Steve Bullock; a keynote by Attorney General Tim Fox; and Vice President of Domestic Services for YWCA of Nashville & Middle Tennessee, Tracy DeTomas, who discussed what men can do to prevent sexual assault. There were several sessions focused on cyberbullying, suicide, and what parents should know to protect their children from human trafficking.

The Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop, co-sponsored by the AAUW Great Falls Branch and the GFC MSU Weaver Library provided information on how to reduce the gender wage gap, how to research and benchmark salaries, create a personal budget, and negotiating starting salary and benefits.

GFC MSU partnered with Bitterroot College to provide Commercial Drivers' License training in Great Falls. Bitterroot College has been offering a CDL program for three years, owns its own tractor trailers, and has experienced instructors.

Faculty and staff were celebrated at GFC MSU's annual Employee Recognition Reception. Three CEO/Dean's awards were presented, two of which were awarded for the first time. The CEO/Dean's Awards went to: Outstanding Adjunct Faculty – Ms. Michelle Brown, Staff Excellence – Ms. Julie Freshly, and Teaching Excellence – Mr. Doug Zander.

GFC MSU hosted the 3rd Annual "Night out for Science." This unique fundraiser highlights Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields and the faculty who teach them.

GFC MSU held its annual student award luncheon. This faculty-driven event recognized outstanding students who were selected by their program director and/or faculty within each program.

The College partnered with the GFDA to host the Montana Economic Developers Association Spring Conference. The association sponsors educational seminars, workshops and conferences to advance the economic development profession. This year's theme was "Charting the Course in the Winds of Change."