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In April, GFC MSU introduced the [8-Week Advantage](#). The program transitions the traditional 16-week semester into two, 8-week blocks. The 8-Week Advantage focuses on increasing retention, on-time graduation and overall student success.

GFC MSU hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Night Out for Science on Saturday, April 14. The sold out fundraiser engaged attendees in numerous hands-on science based activities while raising funds to support scholarships for students pursuing STEM fields of study.

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual [NoMore Violence](#) conference took place on campus the week of April 2-6. NoMore Violence raises awareness on issues like domestic violence, child abuse, human trafficking and drug addictions that plague communities.

The college hosted over 800 Great Falls seventh graders on April 3 and 5. Students broke into smaller groups and were toured through campus by GFC MSU faculty and staff. Through tours, students learned first-hand about all program degrees and certificates offered at GFC MSU.

Over 100 students attended an awards banquet at GFC MSU on April 16. Students were joined by faculty, staff and family and were recognized for their outstanding achievement within their programs.

In March, GFC MSU hosted the [Montana Region II Science and Engineering Fair](#). Nearly 500 middle and high school aged students converged on campus and presented their projects. The top high school project moves on and will now participate in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh.

The college hosted its annual Scholarship Reception where it recognized the generosity of donors and the hard work and determination of the students who won scholarships. The event provided the opportunity for donors and recipients to meet and interact.

For several years, GFC MSU's Center for Lifelong Learning has worked with Dick Anderson Construction on customized training projects, giving employees an opportunity to gain required new skills and education. With this successful model of on-the-job training, Dick Anderson Construction recently became an official [Montana Registered Apprenticeship](#).

The Weaver Library hosted an [open house](#) in April to Celebrate National Library Week. The open house provided a chance for campus and the community to learn more about the Weaver Library offerings. In addition to the open house, the library hosted workshops for youth with local author and illustrator Ryan Acra.

GFC MSU held commencement on May 5. This year's commencement speaker was District Judge Greg Pinski. 302 students graduated and 53 received multiple degrees. 46 students graduated with honors and 70 graduated with high honors. The graduating class also includes 54 veterans and 12 dual enrollment students who will be receiving a certificate or diploma prior to graduating from high school.

Artist Innovation Award winner, Dr. Sam Krahn, gave a presentation and performed his graphic score [Tetractys Study](#). His presentation is made up of 15 charcoal and graphite sketches that performers react to in the moment. Dr. Krahn is music instructor and composer at GFC MSU.