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The Physical Therapy Assistant program pinned 16 graduates this summer who will be entering the workforce prepared to help their patients.

GFC MSU hosted the Northcentral Montana Area Health Education Center's <u>MedStart Camp</u> with over 25 high school juniors and seniors combined that were interested in pursuing a career in healthcare.

GFC MSU removed the <u>wind turbine</u> from its campus. Deconstruction was complete by July 18. The wind turbine was operational from June 2010 to November 2017. During that time it produced approximately 258,000 kwh of electricity, which was used to supplement power to the trades building and the chiller units. The concrete pad and electrical conduit will remain, leaving open the opportunity for GFC MSU to explore future renewable energy opportunities.

Great Falls College MSU and Park University signed <u>articulation agreements</u> giving students an additional opportunity to complete a BA, BS, or Master's degrees after completing an Associate of Arts degree or an Associate of Science degree at GFC MSU.

GFC MSU student <u>Ilaya Payne</u> applied for and received an ARES Grant, which funded her project of motorizing a tricycle for a local Great Falls resident who is mobility-impaired due to Polio. Ilaya is pursuing an engineering degree through the 1+3 Engineering transfer articulation GFC MSU has with MSU Bozeman.

GFC MSU hosted the Faculty Welcome Back event on August 22 to engage in discussions about student success, the 8-Week Advantage, and college plans for the upcoming academic year. This year's event was again sponsored by Embark Credit Union.

New this year, GFC MSU hosted Opening Day activities for new and transfer students. The event welcomed students and their families to campus and gave them an opportunity prior to classes to take advantage of tours, trainings, and engage with faculty and staff.

Essential Action Tools (EAT) day was held at the beginning of fall semester, providing an opportunity for students to meet with community organizations that provide information and services impacting financial health, food security, fitness, childcare, medical, dental, and mental health services.

GFC MSU deepened its ties with longtime partner Centene Corporation this summer by providing space and use of computer labs while Centene was undergoing renovations. This brought increased foot traffic to GFC MSU, resulting in new student registrations for continuing education. For the past three years, Centene Corporation has fully funded the Veteran Success Center at GFC MSU.