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Great Falls College celebrated the [dental expansion](#) with a groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, September 11. The event, [streamed live](#) on Facebook, was attended by several college constituents and the dental program students and faculty. The plan is for the new building to be open for students by fall semester 2021.

The college is grateful to have received funding from the [Governor's Emergency Education Relief](#) program. Funds received will be used to extend the respiratory therapy program, explore remote options in welding, and offer the opportunity for computer professionals to earn industry certification.

The College recently announced the appointment of [Mandy Wright](#) as interim director of the Weaver Library. Ms. Wright also serves as the college's director of assessment and the teaching and learning center.

Because of the option to take the LPN program remotely, Great Falls College student, [Susan Haag](#), was able to complete the program from her hometown – Malta, MT. Her motivation came from her son's final wishes.

The Great Falls College Admissions Department teamed up with Montana colleges to hold live presentations as a part of the [Montana Virtual College Fair](#).

Great Falls College MSU proudly partnered with [Stop the Stigma](#), a week-long event which strives to stop stigmas associated with addictive disorders and mental health issues. The focus of this year's event was on stress. All of the events were provided at no cost, and many offered both in-person and virtual attendance options.

Laramie Smovir, Great Falls College Enrollment Specialist, was recognized as a [College Access Champion](#) in the MUS College Access Newsletter. We are so grateful to have Laramie on our team. Her passion for education is evident in all she does for the college and our students.

In an effort to fill the food pantry to assist our students in need, Great Falls College has joined others across the nation by holding a food drive in honor of Kyona Yeager, a 14-year-old girl from Fairfield who is currently recovering from a particularly severe case of COVID-19 for which she was life-flighted to a hospital in Salt Lake City.

[Tammie Hickey](#), the program coordinator of Great Falls Public Schools' Career and College Readiness Center on Great Falls College MSU's campus, is taking over as interim director of the college's Center for Lifelong Learning in addition to retaining her duties with GFPS.

Students in the Renewable Energy Technician program were tasked with making a part for the [typodont \(model of the oral cavity\) stands](#) for the students in the dental assistant program. The part will allow the dental students to practice their instrumentation skills both at home and in class, and also allow the hybrid students to receive real-time feedback on their skills during individual WebEx meetings. Students in both programs benefitted from this collaboration.

The college was grateful for a day of beautiful weather to celebrate the [tipi setup](#) in preparation for Native American Heritage Month.