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More than 2,000 area eighth- and 10th-grade students visited campus as part of a hands-on-learning [Worlds of Work](#) jobs exploration event that was jointly held across the street at the University of Providence. Between the two campuses, there were helicopters, race cars, combines, drones, nursing stations, police dogs and, most importantly, a lot of smiling students. More than 60 Great Falls College [volunteers](#) helped Central Montana Works, the local Chamber of Commerce and United Way of Cascade County put on the [event](#).

Great Falls College received \$59,000 in grant funds to help encourage students to become teachers. Some of the funds will be used to support a [social media marketing campaign](#) in partnership with Great Falls Public Schools and Montana State University-Northern. The remaining funds will be used to strengthen partnerships with area high schools and tribal colleges, as well as plan and host a conference in the spring for potential future educators. Students can currently start taking education classes while in high school through dual credit, continue at Great Falls College, and then complete their education degree through MSU-Northern – all through classes offered in Great Falls or online.

The Great Falls College Community Choir held its special [holiday concert](#) that included the premiere of “Exigence,” a composition by graduate, Laura Detrick, and her son, Ryan. “Exigence” was composed especially for the Great Falls College Community Choir in 2020. Around the time the choir was preparing the piece, the college closed due to Covid.

The college’s [Physical Therapist Assistant](#) program is changing its format to a limited residency program starting next school year. Students will be able to access the lecture portion of the program online both synchronously and asynchronously or face to face depending on students’ learning preference and life needs. The hands-on lab portion of the program will take place two days a week on Thursdays and Fridays for 12 weeks in the fall and another 12 weeks in the spring. Clinicals can take place at nearly any location.

Great Falls College’s United Way campaign was a great success as the college increased the number of people who participated dramatically. The campaign raised \$11,928.92, which was even with last year’s campaign. Forty-seven employees participated, which was up from 30 last year, as the college joined with other community partners to help improve the education, financial stability and health of the northcentral Montana community through the work of United Way of Cascade County. Three staff and faculty members – [Dr. Leanne Frost](#), [Mike Walker](#) and [Becky Sullivan](#) -- told their stories of how United Way helped them during times of need.

The campus community also rallied together in its Can the Cats/Can the Griz food drive for the Campus Cupboard food pantry. The drive raised a total of 1,245 pounds of food to help students and their families. A fun [video](#) highlighted the excitement and energy on campus.

As part of Veterans Day activities, the [Military Family Center](#) was renamed the Veterans Center to more accurately reflect its mission to not only serve veterans but also their spouses and dependents. The Military Family Center honored print center manager [Ja Sweat](#) with the Student Veterans Service Award for his support of the center. Dr. Elfie Neber, behavioral science faculty member, and Rachael Bruce, dental hygiene faculty member, were finalists for the award.

As part of Native American Heritage Month, Great Falls College showcased the film “100 Years: One Woman’s Fight for Justice” about Elouise Cobell’s efforts for Native Americans.