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Great Falls College's [enrollment](#) continued to climb after census with the second block of the fall semester seeing it go from 1,322 students at census to 1,388. The college already reported an 11 percent increase from the previous fall at census. The block system allows the college to continue admitting students throughout the semester.

The college held a reception to showcase its efforts to rejuvenate the beautiful [Weaver Library](#) and make it a hub for student life as it underwent a major face-lift this summer. The college brought in study nooks, more comfortable seating that is equipped with charging stations and removed banks of computers that were lightly used with desks that can be raised to be standing desks or lowered to be sitting desks. The college also moved the Academic Success Center, which offers free tutoring, and Accessibility Services into the Library. The Office of Student Engagement also moved next door to the Weaver Library to promote togetherness and make the library a hub. "Gone are the days of the quiet library," said Ashlynn Maczko, Weaver Library director at the unveiling ceremony this week. "We want to hear collaboration."

Great Falls College has put the finishing touches on its strategic plan, [Forging Futures](#), after putting target metrics in place. The plan will set a north star for the college through 2024. The college's Strategic Analysis and Research team led the work.

The college set out to review all 161 of its policies in fall of 2021 with the goal of having them all reviewed and updated by the end of this school year. Policies were first reviewed by Executive Council, submitted to College Council and then approved by Executive Council. The college has reviewed 135 policies so far and will meet its goal by June 30, 2024.

The campus came together for Native American Heritage Month with displays throughout the building, and a free lunch for all students was catered by Okii Eats, a Blackfeet-Korean fusion food truck. Numerous activities were planned by the Native American Enrichment Center and the Inter-Tribal Student Group. Great Falls College also was a site for the Gathering of Families and youth from throughout the region came to the college for Native Youth Preview Day.

Great Falls College's health science programs each took a week this fall to promote themselves, working with marketing to create [short videos](#), fun fact sheets, photo galleries and live demonstrations to shine a spotlight for these critical programs.

The Continuing Education and Training department graduated eight students in its second cohort. The seven-week course is a collaboration with industry, state Department of Labor and Industry and the college to meet the need of welders in the region and state. Future cohorts are expected to fill, and the college's for-credit welding program is also full.

The college marked Halloween with a campus-wide Halloween costume competition and its annual Soup Tour, where staff and faculty prepare soups to promote unity and togetherness. It's one of the most important morale- and school spirit-building days on campus.

The college's United Way campaign exceeded its goals, raising \$13,000 with 63 employees contributing. The goal was to raise \$12,000 and have 50 employees contribute. The college is pleased to support United Way and its commitment to education in our community.