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Governor Steve Bullock awarded \$325,000 to GFC MSU on March 12. The funds will assist with the expansion of the welding technology program.

In honor of **Women's History Month**, Arlyne Reichert, local historian presented Women in Montana Politics & Jeannette Rankin.

GFC MSU faculty and students participated in the Great Falls **STEAM Expo** in March highlighting science, technology, engineering, art, and math education. More than 400 students participated in the event. Bringing in the arts piece adds innovation, creativity, and thinking skills necessary to be successful 21st Century learners.

On April 17, Dr. Aimee Hachigian-Gould, orthopedic surgeon, provided an interactive presentation on casting techniques to the **Medical Assistant** students. As she performed these techniques, Dr. Gould explained how medical assistants support doctors and patients during these procedures.

Chad Ledbetter received the **Newman Civic Fellow Award**, honoring inspirational college student leaders who have demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country. Chad is the outgoing Vice President of the GFC MSU Student Government, a tutor in the Learning Center and spearheaded the Veteran Affairs efforts on campus.

GFC MSU provided campus tours to over 800 local **seventh grade students** in April. The students were able to learn what career opportunities are available and which have training opportunities right here in Great Falls.

To recognize **National Financial Literacy Month**, Juanita Reyes, GFC MSU Financial Wellness Program Coordinator, held financial wellness activities for students on each Tuesday during the month of April. Sessions educated students about their personal finances and student loan debt.

GFC MSU participated in the **Second Annual Student Research Day** for Montana's Two Year Colleges at City College in Billings on April 4. Students Carole Haines and Susan Barber presented "Direct Access in Physical Therapy: A Cost-Effective Way in Saving Healthcare Dollars." Eva Maydole and Stacy Luongo presented "Influence of GI Microbiota on Autism Spectrum Disorder." They were accompanied by faculty members, Jennifer Bergner and Dr. Brad Bechard.

Community service learning is integrated into both the GFC MSU dental assisting and dental hygiene programs to enrich the students' learning experiences, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities. On **Sealant Day** in March, students, with the help of local dentists, held a free screening for children ages 5-17. The students applied dental sealants and fluoride varnish.

Over 160 Great Falls College MSU science students attended the **Class Act** on March 27. Classes from A&P, microbiology, human biology, and chemistry put on short class skits to illustrate, in a creative and humorous manner, the topics they were learning about in class, such as cellular respiration, muscle contraction, and the inflammatory response.

Approximately 50 students from Dr. Peffer's A&P II and microbiology courses attended a seminar at McLaughlin Research Institute on "**Stem Cells in Human Development**" by Dr. Renee Reijo Pera, VP for Research & Economic Development at MSU.

A **Scholarship Reception** was held on April 14 to honor the 2013-14 scholarship recipients. Several scholarship donors attended the event giving the students the opportunity to meet them and thank them in person for their gift.

The annual **Student Awards Luncheon** was held on April 25. Congratulations to the 2013-14 Students of the Year - Carra Damon, Mark Cook, Krysta Nieradka, Cassie Sangray, Jeremy Page, Trace Hart, Nadine Poupa, Katrina Christopherson, Amy Mullen, Damion Whitegrass, Katrina Palmanteer, Reece Mattfeld, Robert Rogers, Scotty Steen, Tiffany Brochu, Shawna Pester, Debra Gafford, Carol Haines, Julie Sprenger, and Thad Axtman.