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Great Falls College MSU welcomed the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) on May 19, to observe robotic demonstrations by the Redneck Robotics Team and Malmstrom Air Force Base's Explosive Ordinance Disposal Flight. The robotics team is composed of high school students from Simms, Fairfield, Choteau and Great Falls and won the title of WORLD CHAMPION in April at the World's For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Technical Challenge in St. Louis, Missouri.

David and Tanya Cameron have endowed a \$25,000 scholarship available to Great Falls College MSU students pursuing a STEM field of study. In addition to the endowment, they invested an additional \$3,000 to frontload the scholarships for the upcoming academic year allowing students to apply now.

The Outreach Division has changed its name to the Great Falls College MSU Center for Lifelong Learning. Lifelong Learning provides college credit and non-credit courses, career and professional development, community enrichment courses, as well as a Kids Academy and Senior Academy in a variety of areas of interest. The Center also announced the addition of a fully online registration option for its courses.

Great Falls College MSU's Center for Lifelong Learning began its annual Kids College offerings in June. Kids, ages 9 to 14, can take classes on cooking, forensics, guitar, yoga, woodworking, and much more.

Great Falls College MSU hosted the Association on Higher Education and Disability of the Northern Rockies' Annual Conference on June 2 and 3. Katherine Meier, GFC MSU's Director of Disability Services, is past president of the organization and is president-elect for FY16.

Great Falls College MSU's CEO/Dean, Dr. Susan J. Wolff, attended a Montana/Canada Higher Education Roundtable sponsored by Governor Steve Bullock on June 9 along with several representatives from the MUS and State of Montana. The event's focus was on research, commercialization, international relations and exchanges to build and strengthen partnerships across borders.

Dr. Brenda Canine secured a \$10,000 grant through the Montana Space Grant Consortium that will allow her to do science outreach to students in all levels of education, including elementary, middle, and high schools. Focus areas will be robotics, programming, and STEM fields.

The Great Falls College MSU Carpentry students celebrated the completion of the Great Falls Habitat for Humanity's 32<sup>nd</sup> home in April. On June 17, the construction was honored by NeighborWorks Great Falls as the "Most Beautiful New Home."

The Montana Farmers Union held an event at Great Falls College MSU on June 18 focusing on Montana agriculture in a changing climate. Senator Jon Tester moderated a panel discussion that included experts from the Montana Department of Agriculture, MSU in Bozeman, THE USDA Northern Plains Regional Climate Hub, the Montana Farmer's Union, and The Montana Brewers Association.

Great Falls College MSU's CEO/Dean and CAO attended the college's Year 7 accreditation evaluative review with the Northwest Commission on College and Universities on June 24 in Kirkland, WA. They were able to receive questions from and provide information to the Commissioners regarding the final report received from the evaluation team site visit.