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MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | GREAT FALLS

GFC MSU celebrated **Native American Heritage Week** September 22-26. Campus events included a tipi setup demo, Native American traditional games, beading demonstration, art displays, a discussion of Native American art and regalia, a traditional dream catcher workshop, and singing and dancing performances from the Browning High School dance troupe.

GFC MSU was among 15 Montana colleges to receive funding from the US Department of Labor's TAACCCT IV grant for **Montana Health CARE** (Creating Access to Rural Education). The College received $637,940 to develop accelerated nursing programs and a common health sciences curriculum statewide.

The GFC MSU **NANSLO Lab** reports it has hosted over 200 lab sessions. At their September meeting, the One MSU Committee accessed the lab from Bozeman and controlled microscopes and specimens via the internet to experience firsthand how the lab works. Students from both GFC MSU and Flathead Valley Community College have utilized the technology for their courses.

A delegation of **Ukrainian doctors** spent a week in Great Falls to connect with telemedicine providers in the area and learn about current and future technologies. On October 6, they toured GFC MSU's health sciences facilities and gave public presentations about the Ukraine and health care with City and County officials.

GFC MSU's Kelsey Kojetin, Mel Lehman, Kyle Gillespie, Matt Springer, Dr. Bruce Gottwig, Dr. Susan Wolff, and Cody Strunk attended listening sessions in Lewistown on October 6 focused on **manufacturing workforce needs**. The GFC MSU group joined other **SWAMMEI** colleges to hear from local businesses about their needs and to discuss creating more opportunities for and awareness about Montana manufacturing careers.

On October 8, the College held its **Fall Kickoff** event for new and continuing students. Campus-wide food and games connected students, faculty, and staff through a progressive lunch and scavenger hunt. A student Club Fair introduced new students to club and extra-curricular opportunities.

The **Montana Dental Hygienists Association** presented awards to three GFC MSU dental hygiene staff and faculty at its annual session in September. Dr. Donald Blevins, supervising dentist, received Outstanding Dentist of the Year; Kim Woloszyn, program director and faculty, and Melissa Pyette, faculty, received Community Service awards.

Dr. Susan Wolff, Mel Lehman, Dr. Bruce Gottwig, Matt Springer, and Cody Strunk attended the **Montana Manufacturing Extension Center's Compete Smart Conference** held October 9 & 10 in Billings. Participants toured Billings-area plants and heard a keynote address from professional speaker and business growth strategist, Joe Calhoon.

On Tuesday, October 14, GFC MSU and United Way of Cascade County hosted over 450 high- and middle-school students from18 north central Montana schools for the annual **Trades Rodeo and Career Fair** at ExpoPark.

Charla Merja, Dr. Frankie Lyons, and Dr. Bruce Gottwig attended the **National Career Pathways Network** Annual Conference in Orlando on October 12-14. This year's theme, "Building Capacity: Aligning for the Future," featured keynote speakers focused on preparing our students for the world of work.

On Friday, October 17, students from **GFC MSU's Carpentry program** joined **Habitat for Humanity of Great Falls** for a wall-raising to begin construction on a local home. Providing decent housing for a family in need, the home building also gives students hands-on experience through each phase of construction.

The GFC MSU chapter of **Phi Theta Kappa** held its initiation on October 23, where ten new members were inducted. Fall membership is currently at 57, and 240 students received invitations to join.

GFC MSU held its fabled annual **Soup Tour** on October 31. Faculty, staff, and Great Falls Public School adult education staff brought their favorite soup recipes for the campus community to enjoy.