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Solero Flamenco, a Houston-based flamenco company, provided outreach workshops in local and area schools, dance studios, and GFC MSU. The week ended with a free community performance on March 20 at GFC MSU.

Pat Schoenen and Sean Bragg, carpentry and welding faculty, oversaw the regional **SkillsUSA** competition on March 20. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce.

The **Dental Hygiene and Dental Assistant Programs** held Sealant Day on March 28. The 4th District Dental Society donated the sealant material, and several community members volunteered their time to provide over 60 teeth with free sealants!

Ms. Nancy Cameron, a Montana State University alumna, gifted Great Falls College MSU \$650,000 which will provide 18 new endowed scholarships. Beginning in Fall 2016, approximately \$24,000 in scholarships will be awarded annually. Included in the gift was \$50,000 to assist the Great Falls College MSU Community Choir to attend Carnegie Hall in May 2016. The Cameron family ranch has been an active and integral part of the Great Falls area for over 125 years.

The **Employee Recognition Reception** was held on April 2. More than 70 employees were recognized as "Great Folks," and 18 received "Years of Service" pins. Mr. Thomas Oakberg, math faculty, received the Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence. Dr. Brenda Canine received the Dean's Award for Innovation for her work as the NANSLO Lab manager.

The AccuVein was purchased for use by the **Phlebotomy and EMT** students as a part of the CHEO grant. Two new certifications were created as a part of the grant and this is a tool that will help students in those curricula. The vein finder is a cutting edge piece of technology that allows students to visualize veins below the surface of skin and is used as a teaching tool for students going into healthcare careers.

Matthew Fisher, GFC MSU biology faculty, participated in a **Montana Space Grant Consortium (MSGC)** Balloon Launch at Senator Jon Tester's ranch to highlight the MSGC's efforts to organize a nationwide event to document the 2017 solar eclipse using balloons such as these. The MSGC launches balloons that carry scientific instruments to the edge of space.

On April 10, more than 100 students and faculty from nine two-year institutions from across the state attended the **3rd Annual Student Research Day**. Students gave oral and poster presentations on a variety of topics. The event celebrated the students' research, creativity, and scholarly activities and allowed for networking with peers and faculty. Dr. Mark Young, Associate Vice President of MSU in Bozeman's Office of Research and Economic Development, was the keynote speaker.

On April 13, Susan Cooper, GFC MSU faculty, and the Weaver Library hosted "**A Reading of Native American Literature.**" Several faculty, staff and students presented a variety of story readings."

This week of April 14-19, several organizations and programs were on campus to bring awareness and action to end violence in our communities. "**No More: Let's End Violence in our Community**" week provided free programs and presentations to the public. The week ended with a Million March against Child Abuse and a "Kolor Me for Kids" fun run/walk co-sponsored by GFC MSU, the University of Great Falls, the Montana Student Nursing Association, and the Malmstrom Spouses Club.

Great Falls College MSU hosted a fundraising event to benefit STEM scholarships on May 2. "**A Night Out for Science**" was a unique event allowing participants to enjoy their dinner by using forceps and a scalpel for eating utensils and test tubes as glasses!

Commencement was held on May 9 with over 300 graduates receiving over 400 degrees. MSU-Northern's Chancellor Greg Kegel was the keynote speaker and was able to present diplomas to the MSU-N students completing their degrees in Great Falls.