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Great Falls College MSU saw a 1% increase in student headcount for fall semester 2017. The college also increased its retention rate from 47.1 % in fall of 2015 to 55.6% in fall of 2016.

GFC MSU admitted 363 dual enrollment students for fall semester 2017, which makes up approximately 22% of the student population.

A graduate of the Welding Technology and Fabrication program, and current employee at Anderson Steel, put the finishing touches on a highly visible, 15 ft. tall, 3,500 pound [T-Rex](#) sculpture along the River's Edge Trail. Said T-Rex was made possible by the generosity of Pacific Steel & Recycling and Anderson Steel.

Low-pressure and third class steam boiler training was offered on campus. The training consisted of three days of classroom participation and 40 hours of supervised on-the-job training before completion of the steam boiler licensing through the state.

The annual GFC MSU Burger Burn, sponsored by General Distributing, welcomed back students, faculty, and staff to campus. The event provided an opportunity for students to get to know their peers and faculty outside of the classroom.

The college hosted a celebration of [American Indian Heritage Day](#), which provided an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to honor the Native American culture and gain insight into native traditions.

The popular [Science at the College](#) demonstrations are back for fall semester. Science at the College showcases experiments that engage current and prospective students in an effort to encourage them to consider a science-based education.

GFC MSU and Bitterroot College UM continue to collaborate to offer Commercial Driver's License ([CDL](#)) training to students across Montana. The collaboration allows students to complete the classroom portion in Great Falls and then complete the driving portion in Hamilton.

Great Falls College MSU hosted an information night for [homeschool students](#) and their parents to learn about the education opportunities available to them at GFC MSU. The information focused on helping students prepare and transition from homeschool to college and highlighted the Dual Enrollment opportunities available.

The Pathway for Your [L.I.F.E.](#) event hosted by Great Falls College MSU, Great Falls Public Schools, and United Way offered high school and middle school students an opportunity to see the many different career and technical pathways available to them.

The welding and fabrication program brought the college's welding trailer to a manufacturing day in Lewistown where nearly 300 regional students attended. The event focused on hands-on activities in manufacturing and how prospective students could get started in a trades career field.

The Great Falls College Community Choir hosted [Soup, Salad and Song](#). The choral performance offers students and choir members an opportunity to perform publicly, raises awareness of the music coursework available at the college, and serves as a fundraiser for future events as well as their study abroad program.

GFC MSU hosted an [engineering day](#) for 20 high school students and their parents from local and regional high schools and homeschool groups. The event highlighted the 1+3 engineering articulation where students can start their first year of engineering at GFC MSU and then transfer to MSU Bozeman for completion. GFC MSU currently has 21 students pursuing engineering through the 1+3 engineering partnership.