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Great Falls College MSU was again named a [Military Friendly](#) institution by Viqtory for its efforts to foster a culture of success for the active duty and military affiliated spouses and dependents pursuing their education. The recognition comes after Viqtory's research of public data for over 8,800 schools nationwide, input from student veterans and responses to Military Friendly surveys.

194 students were recognized as members of the [Dean's list](#) for the fall 2018 semester. These students worked tirelessly and remained committed to their academic excellence, earning a minimum grade point average of 3.5, while taking 12 or more credits.

GFC MSU hosted local high school students for College in a Day. The annual event highlights the day-to-day life of a college student and the many fields prospective students can pursue at Great Falls College MSU.

Commitments from local donors have created scholarships to support students at Great Falls College MSU who are engaging in research work through the Student Research Lab. These scholarships will allow students to purchase equipment and the other materials needed to conduct their work.

Great Falls College MSU has partnered with the Department of Labor and State of Montana, as well as several area organizations, to host the [Women in Apprenticeships and Non-Traditional Occupations](#) (WANTO) event. The program is designed to highlight fields traditionally dominated by men and connect women to local businesses that showcase how women can find opportunities within these fields.

NorthWestern Energy again sponsored EAT Day at Great Falls College. EAT Day, which stands for Essential Action Tools, highlights resources available to students to help with food insecurity, financial assistance, housing, and medical assistance. Access to these resources can often assist students and keep them engaged in classes and enrolled in school.

Dr. Susan Wolff, faculty, students, and local community representatives presented to the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long Range Planning and Education in support of the [proposed Dental Hygiene expansion](#). Their testimony focused on creating additional opportunities for students in a rewarding and growing career with livable wages.

GFC MSU students celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by hosting a screening of his biography titled *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., An Authorized Biography of a Civil Rights Hero*.

The college partnered with both the MSU and UM foundations, their alumni, and local community members to host the 2019 [Bringing the U to You](#) lecture series.

An NIH Grant funding the Bridges to Baccalaureate program at MSU offered GFC MSU students the opportunity to engage in a research project where they investigated how the environment affects fetal development. For the research, students used zebrafish embryos as a model for human development.

Dental Assisting and Hygiene students partnered with the United Way of Cascade County to host the 3rd annual *No Smile Left Behind Community Dental Day and Health Fair*. The event serves as a chance for students to give back to the community and to also gain valuable hands-on experience through service learning.

The Great Falls College Community Choir hosted their annual fundraiser, *Feast of Sweets*. The evening featured the college's choir performing pieces by Montana Composers Philip Aaberg and Jack Gladstone while audience members were treated to an assortment of desserts.