



## MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | GREAT FALLS COLLEGE

Great Falls College MSU celebrated 50 years of educating and inspiring in conjunction with a Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event. Attendees were treated to an evening of music, trivia, and a walk through the years. Dr. Wolff shared college highlights from the past 50 years, and comments were shared by Shane Etwiler, president of the Great Falls Chamber, as well as Todd O’Hair, president of the Montana Chamber.

GFC MSU announced a new option available to students through the 8-Week Advantage. Beginning fall semester 2019, students were able to register for classes per 8-week block. This means students who missed the initial admissions deadline for fall semester were still able to register and enroll for the [second 8-week block](#).

Great Falls College MSU and the Great Falls Public Schools announced a collaborative program called [Connections 101](#) in October. The program is designed to help students better succeed in college or in the workforce by giving them a framework to develop career awareness, build academic knowledge, technical expertise, and self-management abilities. The 14-week program offered through the Great Falls Career and College Readiness Center, located on the GFC MSU campus, is free to students.

During the month of October, GFC MSU offered weekly topics through online links and activities to promote [cyber security awareness](#). Topics provided by MediaPro®, Cybersecurity & Privacy Education included incident reporting and physical security, personal information and social media, cloud computing and working remotely, and phishing awareness and identifying malware. The public was able to bring their devices to be scanned to determine whether they were secure.

Great Falls College MSU, in conjunction with MSU in Bozeman, provided information sessions regarding the [1+3 Engineering Transfer Program](#) for local high school students, parents, and community members. Attendees were provided with details about available engineering program options, as well as hands-on activities to learn more about the various disciplines within engineering. In three years, 47 students have enrolled in this program.

Through the GFC MSU Center of Lifelong Learning, eight City of Great Falls firefighters completed an eight-month, condensed training program designed to fit the department's unique needs and time constraints. All eight participants successfully passed their NREMT paramedic board certification.

Great Falls College MSU, in partnership with the University of Providence and several community organizations, provided a weeklong [“Stop the Stigma”](#) event focusing on mental health and addictive disorders. Several sessions were open to the public and provided information to help lessen the stigma about seeking help when it is needed.

The 2019 GFC MSU Soup Tour offered the opportunity for faculty and staff to sample the culinary masterpieces created by colleagues and vote for their favorites. The winner received the coveted wooden ladle trophy. The day was capped with an afternoon gathering to enjoy homemade desserts and celebrate the winners of an employee costume contest.

The Great Falls College MSU Community Choir has taken their show on the road, so to speak. Cindy Stevens, choir director, shared the choir’s theme for this year is, “Outreach.” The choir is presenting performances off campus in order to “reach out” to the community at large. They are also participating in an internal food drive by collecting different items each month to donate to the campus food pantry in order to “reach out” to our campus community.

Great Falls Public Schools held the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ergon Art Installation at GFC MSU. The artwork of students in grades K-12 was displayed at the college and open for public viewing throughout the month of November.