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The Great Falls College [ASN Class of 2020](#) passed their national board exams at the highest rate ever – 91.3 percent. This exceeds the national average of 87.53 percent and state average of 89.29 percent.

Great Falls College has been designated the first [General Education Mobile \(GEM\)](#) school in the Montana University System. U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard service members are able to earn 15 of their 64 general education credits at the college on their path to completing an associate's degree at the Community College of the Air Force.

The Great Falls College [respiratory therapy program](#) loaned ventilators to Benefis Health System to assist with a supply shortage due to a spike in COVID-19 cases. Benefis has been a partner of the college for more than 35 years, and the college is glad to support them.

Great Falls College [welding program students](#) worked with a contractor to repair a worn out, old front-loader bucket to get it back in shape for use.

Each year, Great Falls College has hosted [EAT Day](#). This year, the Office of Student Engagement held the event virtually. EAT stands for Essential Action Tools and is a service to the students at the college to let them know of the community resources available to them.

The College held a virtual Halloween costume contest for faculty and staff. The [winners](#) included a three-way tie for first for individual costumes, and the Bookstore took home the win for the group contest.

Great Falls College student and Montana Campus Compact AmeriCorps leader are seeking new ways to improve the [campus food pantry](#). The two have devised a contest in which students create a recipe made with ingredients received from the pantry and provide a video and photo of the final product.

The Great Falls College respiratory care program celebrated [Respiratory Care Week](#), which was especially important this year with many of our graduates working on the front lines treating patients during the pandemic.

Nearby daycare is again an option for Great Falls College students and employees. The [TLC Center](#) opened in the building previously operated by Bright Horizons, which closed the location due to the pandemic.

The Great Falls College Veteran's Success Center students presented the Outstanding Veteran Support Award to Gary Smart and the entire facilities crew for the work they have done to keep the Veteran's Success Center and everyone on campus safe during the pandemic.

Dr. Wolff presented the 2020 CEO/Dean's Awards for Outstanding Adjunct Faculty to Cheryl Simpson, computer technology faculty; Staff Excellence to Wayne Breau, instructional technology specialist; and Teaching Excellence to Lindsay Wiard, math faculty. While campus was not able to gather, the [2020 Employee Recognition Award](#) winners were recognized via a video presentation.

Great Falls College MSU's Office of Student Engagement is recognizing [Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week](#), a nationwide week of action where people draw attention to poverty.