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Enrollment remains robust this fall with numbers **up about 6 percent at census**. The continued growth reflects the hard work of everyone across campus in creating an engaging, student-centered environment that draws students to Great Falls College.

For the second straight year, **all Great Falls College registered nursing and licensed practical nursing students passed their board exams**. It also marks the fourth consecutive year that every LPN student has achieved a 100 percent pass rate. This incredible accomplishment highlights the dedication of students and the outstanding work of the nursing faculty.

The **Surgical Technology program** recently underwent its accreditation site visit and received commendations across the board — with no areas of concern. Reviewers praised the college's collaboration through the **OneMSU Network**, which allows the program to be offered on the campuses of **Gallatin College** and **City College**. They also commended the innovative partnership with healthcare providers such as Billings Clinic, which funds the college's instructor in Billings.

The **Native and Indigenous Culture Center**, which was moved more to the heart of campus early this year, has seen a significant uptick in enthusiasm and activity. In the first month of the semester, the center hosted several cultural events such as **harvesting the college's first sweetgrass crop** and teaching students, faculty and staff how to braid it for use in future campus events, including the Eagle Feather ceremony during graduation festivities. It also hosted a **tipi-raising** and **ribbon skirt/shirt making** event and the campus **wore orange** on October 30 on the international day to honor those affected by Indian boarding schools. **Dr. Jessica Boyer** and her husband, Danny Boyer, also were filmed on campus this summer as part of a documentary about boarding schools. Boyer's dissertation explores the intergenerational effects of the schools on Native American families, including her father-in-law, husband and children. **The film is funded by a Montana State University Research Collaborative Grant** that is led by **Dr. Laurie A. Walker** and award-winning filmmaker **Ivan MacDonald**. It is expected to be finished in 2026.

The fourth **Worlds of Work** allowed the college to show off its academic programs and collaborate with workforce as more than 2,300 students from 33 schools — some traveling from as far away as the Flathead Valley — attended the event. Students explored hands-on activities with employers from across Montana both at Great Falls College and the University of Providence. The event is an incredible chance to inspire the state's future workforce.

Great Falls College's **Substance Abuse and Addictions Counseling** students and faculty hosted a resource fair to help the community learn all there is for those who are seeking help with addictions. There were about 35 organizations at **Hope and Healing: A Recovery Resource Fair** sharing the services they offer. "Giving these organizations that personal touch is key," said **Dr. Elfie Neber**, program director for the Substance Abuse and Addictions Counseling program. "If they meet someone and build a connection with them, they are more likely to reach out to them to help."

The **Dental Hygiene** program held a special reception for those attending the Montana Dental Hygienists' Association's annual meeting. For many alumni of the state's only dental hygiene program, the convention offered their first opportunity to see the new clinic, which added 12,000 square feet to the clinic and significantly expanded the program's capacity to address Montana's workforce shortage.