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Russell Motschenbacher, Nursing Program Director, was awarded the [2017 Outstanding Nurse Educator Award](#) from the Montana Center to Advance Health through Nursing. The award was in recognition for his leadership and guidance in establishing the new Practical Nurse and Registered Nurse curriculum and implementing the distance opportunity for rural PN students.

The Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a workforce development event at GFC MSU aimed at helping local businesses identify and navigate many of the options available to them for hiring and upskilling employees.

The Physical Therapy Assistant program pinned 8 graduates this summer.

eLearning launched a new [Mini-Byte](#) program this summer featuring the first two weeks of 4 online courses. The Mini-Byte courses are offered as a way for people to test drive the online learning environment available through GFC MSU. To date, thirty people have registered.

Lifelong Learning and the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce established a partnership with Mountainview Co-Op to provide customer service training for all of their 260+ employees. The training was the launch of their new customer service program, W.H.E.A.T (Welcome the Customer, Helpful, Effort, Attitude, Thank the Customer).

A joint ceremony was held for the pinning of 28 RN and 14 PN students. The PN's were the first cohort to use the new curriculum developed through the HealthCARE Montana grant. Four of the PN students participated from their home communities of Choteau, West Yellowstone, Conrad, and Big Sandy using technology for the lectures. They did their clinicals in their community facilities. The RN's were the last cohort of the LPN to RN bridge curriculum.

GFC MSU hosted the Northcentral Montana Area Health Education Center's MedStart Camp with over 25 combined high school juniors and seniors that were interested in pursuing a career in healthcare.

The GFC MSU Campus Community came together for the Fall 2017 Welcome Back event on August 14th. Faculty and staff engaged in discussion about student success, enrollment, and budgets for the upcoming academic year.

GFC MSU has been providing customized trainings for Dick Anderson Construction. Instruction on carpentry curriculum was offered on campus with skills assessments being completed on the job by Dick Anderson Construction supervisors. Eight employees to date have completed Levels 1-3 with another 15-20 employees preparing to begin level 1.

The first Essential Action Tools (EAT) day was held at the beginning of the fall semester, providing an opportunity for students to meet with community organizations that provide information and services impacting financial health, food security, fitness, childcare, medical, dental, and mental health services.

Dental assisting students hosted Ann Guignon, an international speaker, who presented a session called Good news...bad news! Partnering with Mother Nature and Achieving Optimal Oral Health. The course offered students and faculty the opportunity to earn continuing education credits.

The Center for Lifelong Learning launched a new series of classes focused on getting to know [Great Falls](#). The series offered opportunities for those new and old to the community to learn more about Great Falls and develop a deeper appreciation of the city.