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GFC MSU recognized 206 students as members of the fall 2015 Dean's List. Also during fall 2015 semester, 62 students were awarded a total of 74 degrees.

GFC MSU awarded 46 Certificates of Technical Science, or 10.8% of the total degrees granted in FY15. According to data received from OCHE, only 20% of Montana two-year college students earn a credential, 13% transfer, and 67% leave institutions as "drop-outs". Implementing the CTS awards has the potential to flip the completion/drop-out rates and boost retention rates. These short-term credentials are milestones for student success, retention, job placement, and self-efficacy.

Two GFC MSU students, Mark-Edward Miner, a third-semester computer networking student, and Louis Solana, a sophomore getting his Associate of Science degree were accepted into the Montana Space Grant Consortium statewide "Launch" program. The program provides an opportunity for students attending two year colleges across Montana to receive hands-on training in science, engineering, technology and math (STEM) fields.

Great Falls College MSU faculty and staff participated in an armed intruder/active shooter training scenario in partnership with Great Falls Public Schools and the Great Falls Police Department. The training was designed to teach practical measures to ensure the safety of others until law enforcement arrives.

Academic advisors, disability services, and the CEO/Dean attended the MUS State-Wide Summit on Suicide Prevention.

The first class of students taking the new phlebotomy technician program all successfully passed the national certification exam. Students graduating from the one-semester program can expect to be paid well above minimum wage.

Chemistry students at GFC MSU are treated every Friday to a variety of fun experiments conducted by Dr. Daniel Casmier. His most recent presentation was the "Milk of Magnesia." Students are buzzing in the hallways about how amazing the instructors at the College are and especially look forward to "Science Fridays!"

GFC MSU had a booth at the recent Montana Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition (MAGIE). Visitors were able to try the virtual welder, win prizes, and learn about taking the next steps toward their future.

The College celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with an interactive banner asking students, faculty, and staff to write how they live by the words of Dr. King. A screening of "King: Man of Peace in a Time of War" was also shown.

GFC MSU celebrated Black History Month with an observance featuring John Baker, chaplain at the Great Falls Rescue Mission, provided the history and importance of education in the black community. Music was provided by a local gospel choir.

Great Falls Public Schools Adult Education and Great Falls College MSU hosted "Bring Your 'A' Game to Work," a workplace skills training. The training included seven core behaviors of work ethic: Attendance, Appearance, Attitude, Ambition, Acceptance, Accountability and Appreciation.

An institution in the Northern Mariana Islands serving mostly pacific has been looking for ways to serve remote students on other islands, and online biology has been particularly challenging. The GFC MSU NANSLO Lab conducted a test run to an instructor which was a great success. It is exciting to know that an instructor 6,000 miles away was able to log in and control the lab equipment via the internet.