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The Montana State Board of Nursing was on campus to review GFC MSU's Registered Nursing program. The college is pursuing its final approval from the Board of Nursing so it can apply for National Accreditation for the RN program.

In collaboration with the City of Great Falls, Great Falls College MSU developed a pilot program to educate and train local paramedics. The City will run eight experienced firefighters through the seven month condensed training. [The partnership](#) will help the city accomplish its goal of 24 trained and certified paramedics on staff and is an example of how the college works to meet the needs of its community.

In November, GFC MSU hosted a [dual enrollment essentials](#) workshop where high school students, parents, and counselors were able to learn more about dual enrollment, classes, and programs available, its benefits, and how to maximize the "One, Two, Free" program.

The college hosted several tours in November for regional high school and middle school students, including Browning and Rocky Boy High Schools and Dutton Middle School. Each tour provided students the opportunity to see the educational opportunities available to them at GFC MSU and provided hands-on learning experience.

GFC MSU's Student Government and Food Pantry worked with community leaders to provide 60 Thanksgiving dinners to student families in need.

[Benefis Health System](#) recently gifted \$112,000 to continue their support of Nursing and Surgical Technology faculty lines at the college. Benefis Health System's Vice President of Nursing, Rayn Ginnaty stated "Our industry will continue to need more well-trained healthcare professionals. Great Falls College MSU has high-quality programs that produce amazing graduates who are more likely to stay in our region and make a positive impact on local patients."

On December 2, [The Great Falls College MSU Community Choir](#) joined the Great Falls Symphony for their presentation of *Voices of Christmas*. The College Choir performed Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Michael Head's *A Little Road to Bethlehem*. In addition, GFC MSU Choir Director, Cynthia Stevens, conducted both pieces and was one of three female solo performances. This was the Great Falls College Community Choir's first performance at the Mansfield Center.

Centene Corporation made a multi-year contribution to Great Falls College MSU in support of the college's Veteran Success Center. Centene's generosity funds the operation of the Center and helps student veterans find the resources they need to be successful in the classroom and in preparing for their future.

The Student Research Lab at Great Falls College MSU is making an impact on students who may not normally get the exposure to research. GFC MSU student, Justine Quirk, is using the center to study a [Camel Spider](#) and its behaviors. The research skills that Quirk acquires will benefit her as she pursues her goal of earning a doctorate in zoology or wildlife biology.

GFC MSU student Mark Edward Miner recently participated in a [National Cyber League](#) competition focusing on password cracking, cryptography, wireless security, ethical hacking, and other cyber security issues. The National Cyber League is divided into three parts—preseason, regular season, and a postseason. Coming out of the preseason, Miner was ranked in the top 25th percentile out of nearly 5,000 competitors nationwide.

Great Falls College MSU and City College at MSU Billings have partnered to deliver an Associate of Applied Science degree in Surgical Technology to students in Billings. The partnership is a great example of the OneMSU initiative that focuses on increasing options and efficiencies for students.