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Great Falls College MSU hosted about 150 high school students from 13 schools across northcentral Montana as part of its [College in a Day](#) program. The annual event provides high school students the opportunity to experience college classes in fields which they have interest.

Dr. Cherie McKeever's anatomy and physiology students donated and boxed cleaning supplies into large gift totes to be distributed to veterans who are completing the difficult transition from homelessness to a place of their own. The program, [Operation Fresh Start](#), is a collaboration with Project Healing Waters, a nonprofit veterans organization. More than 35 totes were filled to the brim with everything from dish soap to toilet cleaners and included a handwritten card thanking the veterans for their service.

The Montana Air National Guard 120th Medical Group held a week-long EMT refresher training for its medical airmen in the Great Falls College MSU Simulated Hospital. It is an honor to work with our military partners and provide the space and equipment they need to be successful while they are serving our country.

GFC MSU held Spring 2020 [Opening Day](#) for all new, transfer, and dual enrollment students. Attendees heard from Dr. Wolff, faculty, and current students.

[ADF International](#) donated five pallets of steel to the Great Falls College MSU welding program. Students will use the product in the Intro to Structural Steel course.

Great Falls College MSU recognized 171 students from 28 Montana cities and five other states on the [fall 2019 dean's list](#).

Dr. Wolff and GFC MSU's Director of Operations, Carmen Roberts, presented at the Great Falls Development Authority's [Ignite 2020](#) event. More than 200 community members learned about our dental programs and expansion plans. What a great way to kick off 2020 being a part of so many exciting things happening in our community.

The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Great Falls College MSU Chapter, Beta Eta Omicron, welcomed 24 new members this year. Four were celebrated by their families and GFC MSU faculty and staff at the fall induction ceremony, at which Dr. Wolff delivered the keynote address.

Several high school students and parents attended the Great Falls College MSU [Dual Enrollment Essentials](#) session. Students new to dual enrollment learned how the process works, students already participating in dual enrollment were able to meet with a college advisor, and graduating seniors learned how to transfer their credits to college.

Karry Hardman's [Introduction to Sustainable Energy](#) class is building two electronic bicycles as a way to incorporate numerous elements of the renewable energy curriculum into a practical and fun hands-on capstone project. Good e-bikes can cost many thousands of dollars, but these bikes cost about \$600.

Advising and Career Center Director, Troy Stoddard, shared several student success stories about the 8-Week Advantage. One example is of four 1+3 Engineering students who took 20 credits per semester (three classes in each 8-week block), allowing them to complete their MUS core before transferring to MSU or Montana Tech. In the past, the 1+3 Engineering students have transferred without a credential because the emphasis of the 1+3 is to get them through calculus. The 8-Week Advantage allows them to have a more manageable schedule while completing more courses. This is even more impressive since they are successfully completing challenging courses, like calculus and physics, in 8 weeks.