Bozzuto named new dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development division at GCC

Vicki Bozzuto has been named the new dean of Gateway Community College’s Continuing Education and Workforce Development division. In that capacity, she will oversee the college’s Continuing Education division and Workforce Development Institute, as well as its Business and Industry Services and Step Forward programs.

Bozzuto, who began her new position in July, has been with GCC for 16 years. Most recently, she was director of the college’s Allied Health division where she developed many new programs, including Nursing and Exercise Science and Wellness. Before that, she was an associate professor in GCC’s Radiation Therapy program and worked as a radiation therapist for 15 years.

“We are very fortunate to have Vicki Bozzuto as the new dean of our Continuing Education and Workforce Development division,” said GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick. “Her many years of service to the college as the director of our Allied Health programs and her extensive professional experience have distinguished her as the ideal person for this position. Vicki’s collaborative approach will be an asset to the continuing education function of the college and to the community that we serve.”

Bozzuto said the goal of GCC’s Continuing Education division is to foster students’ personal and professional growth. The Workforce Development Institute and Business and Industry Services program aim to make the college an indispensable partner in helping the region’s workforce improve its competitiveness.

“Workforce development is key to the economic vitality of greater New Haven,” she said, “One of my key responsibilities will be expanding our relationships with our external partners and meeting the area’s corporate training needs as well,". “I will also focus on strengthening our ties to the Workforce Alliance in New Haven to assist people in need of re-training or who are displaced workers or first-time job seekers.”

She said her first order of business is to meet with the college’s business and community partners to get acquainted, evaluate their needs and explain available GCC resources.

Community and business partners are encouraged to contact her directly at (203) 285-2408.

GCC launches new Rent-A-Text program with Follett

GCC, in collaboration with Follett Higher Education Group, has launched a Rent-A-Text program that could save students 50 percent or more over buying new course materials.
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President’s Corner

President’s Corner is Gateway Community College’s campus newsletter. It is published by the college’s Public Relations and Marketing Department.

Gateway’s Mission

Gateway Community College offers high-quality instruction and comprehensive services in an environment conducive to learning. We respond to the changing academic, economic, social and technological needs of our community.

“This is an idea whose time has come and that is in keeping with the college’s mission to provide access to higher education to those who might otherwise be shut out,” said GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick. “It is my hope that this program will make a difference to those students who have been unable to purchase their textbooks in the past.”

The cost of textbooks has increased significantly in recent years with the average student paying between $200 and $600 a semester for new books. The Rent-A-Text program is administered by Follett, which runs the bookstores on GCC’s Long Wharf (photo) and North Haven campuses. To participate, students register online at www.rent-a-text.com and may rent their textbooks either through the web site or in person at the store.

Oakbrook, Ill.-based Follett centrally researches and maintains a national list of rental titles that will be available to GCC students, who will have the option of renting new or lower-priced used books. As with purchases of new or used books, students will be allowed to pay for the rental with cash, credit cards, debit cards or financial aid.

Students will pay for the semester’s rentals upfront and return the books on the last day of final exams. As with used books that are sold back to the bookstore, students are allowed to highlight in the books, but they are not allowed to write in them excessively, break the spines or otherwise damage the book so that it may not be re-used.

Bruce Sumner, Follett’s regional manager for Connecticut, said textbook rental programs are growing in popularity. Follett, which operates close to 900 college bookstores, began its Rent-A-Text program as a pilot in 2008 and is rolling it out nationally this fall.

“Follett is part of the growing focus on trying to control the cost of higher education,” Sumner said. “Not only are tuitions going up, but the cost of books are going up and the cost of supplies are going up. Our Rent-A-Text program is just a natural evolution of what we can do to help control those costs.”

6:30 a.m. ‘Early Bird’ classes pilot program underway

GCC is launching its first “Early Bird Classes” at 6:30 a.m. this fall. The pilot program is aimed at students who work full time that could also help the college manage its record enrollments.

When the semester begins Aug. 30, four high-demand, general education classes will be offered as part of the pilot on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. The classes include General Psychology I, the most popular course in the community college system, Composition, Fundamentals of Human Communication and Western Civilization I.

“If you work the average day shift, this could be a simple way to get a class
done before you have to go to work,” said Dean of Academic Affairs Mark Kosinski. “You can come to class at 6:30 and be out before 8 o’clock.”

Additionally, the program gives working students the option of not having to come to campus during the college’s busiest time, which begins at 5:20 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

If it is a success, it would also help GCC cope with its continued enrollment growth while it awaits completion of its new campus in downtown New Haven, which is slated to open in the fall of 2012.

GCC is one of the fastest growing community colleges in the state with enrollment currently up at least 8 percent over this time last year. Earlier this year, GCC was named one of the 50 fastest-growing two-year colleges of its size in the nation by Community College Week magazine.

“We are constantly looking for new ways to meet the needs of our diverse student body so we’ll be looking closely at the results of this pilot to see whether it should be expanded beyond the fall semester,” Kosinski said.

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Degree program 1st in CT with NAEYC accreditation

GCC’s Early Childhood Education (ECE) associate degree program has become the first in Connecticut to earn accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

The seven-year accreditation by the NAEYC’s Commission on Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation means that the program’s curriculum and faculty meet the highest national standards.

Founded in 1926, the NAEYC is the largest and most influential voice for early childhood education professionals and the field of early childhood education in the United States. The association began accrediting associate degree programs in 2006 and has since accredited 113 programs, or about 10 percent of eligible associate degree programs in the nation.

GCC’s ECE program was the first in the state to apply for NAEYC accreditation. The degree programs at the state’s other 11 community colleges are still in the “self-study” process of applying, said GCC Program Coordinator Susan Logston.

“I am extremely proud of our outstanding faculty for this achievement,” said GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick. “This seal of approval from the NAEYC validates our associate of science degree in early childhood education as nationally transferable and adds value for our students.”

The NAEYC is the latest organization to signify that GCC degree programs meet rigorous national standards. GCC’s Nursing, Dietetic technology and Radiation Therapy programs recently received re-accreditation.

GCC’s ECE program prepares students to teach in preschool settings and includes student teaching at facilities like GCC’s Early Learning Center, a fully licensed and nationally accredited lab school for children aged 3-5 located on the college’s Long Wharf campus.

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New campus’ parking garage rises up downtown

The pre-cast concrete parking garage and the initial phase of the tunnel structural steel on the north site of the college’s new downtown campus became the first portions of the project to rise above street level in the months of June and July.

The pre-cast garage is about 35 percent complete, said Doug Peckham, project executive at Dimeo Construction, the construction manager for the project. The northern one-third of the garage has been “topped off” to roof level and is now taller than the adjacent Temple Street garage.

The pre-cast concrete garage (far left in photo behind crane) will provide 600 spaces for the new campus. Earlier this year, the state completed an agreement with the New Haven Parking Authority to lease 700 additional spaces in the Temple Street Garage for use by the college. Details about how parking will work on the new campus, including the question of how spots will be distributed among students, faculty and staff, are still being worked out and will be announced as soon as they are available.

The construction site is made up of two parcels, one located north of the other, on 3.7 acres at 2-20 Church Street. The new campus will include two four-story buildings totaling 360,000 square feet.

Above-ground structural steel portion of the project is projected to begin in late August on the south site and in early September on the north site, Peckham said. He provided the following description of how work on the new campus progressed in June and July:

- In addition to the garage, work on the north site included completing the concrete foundations, waterproofing, backfilling the interior and exterior of the building and completion of the earthen access ramp required for cranes to access the lower level. Also, in late June, workers finished the first phase of the structural steel, which is located directly over a portion of the underground service tunnel. The tunnel has been closed since December 2009 and will re-open only for deliveries to businesses within Chapel Square by mid-August;

- On the south site, work on the concrete foundations, back-filling the interior and exterior of the building and waterproofing continued. Underground utility installation began in July and all activities are expected to be finished by mid-August in preparation for the start of structural steel erection in late August.

The state Department of Public Works is administering the project. The $198 million campus is one of the largest construction projects the state has ever undertaken and its first public building designed to be gold-certified in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, also known as LEED.

Motorcycle courses help riders comply with new law

GCC’s state-certified basic motorcycle training courses, which are offered
through October, will be required for all new motorcycle licenses in Connecticut as of Jan. 1.

Gov. M. Jodi Rell signed the motorcycle training legislation into law in June. It requires all new applicants for a motorcycle license to successfully complete the Connecticut Rider Education Program administered by the State Department of Transportation or a motorcycle training course conducted by an organization approved by the commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Currently, the course is only required for licensing individuals under the age of 18.

GCC’s basic rider course (BRC) was developed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and is taught by certified Connecticut Rider Education Program instructors. It is offered both mid-week and on the weekends. It consists of six hours of classroom instruction and 14 hours of on-vehicle training on state-provided motorcycles and scooters. Cost is $200.

Students who pass the BRC receive a waiver from the state DMV allowing them to skip the on-cycle portion of the DMV motorcycle licensing test. The course can also result in a discount of at least 10 percent on the liability portion of a student’s motorcycle insurance.

GCC’s Motorcycle Rider Education program is also designed for experienced riders. GCC also offers an experienced rider course (ERC), a six-hour class for $85 where students who have had at least 5,000 miles of riding experience use their own motorcycles to learn more advanced maneuvers like stopping in the shortest distance, cornering, swerving and tight turns.

The BRC and ERC classes are offered at Gateway’s North Haven campus at 88 Bassett Road through the last weekend of October. Launched in 1999, GCC’s Motorcycle Rider Education Program has become one of the largest programs of its kind offered by any community college in Connecticut, serving more than 1,000 students annually.

For more information about GCC’s Motorcycle Education program or to register, visit www.gwcc.commnet.edu or call GCC’s Motorcycle Rider Program Hotline at (203) 285-2085.

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5 new members join GCC Foundation board

The Gateway Community College Foundation has added five members to its board of directors, individuals who were selected for their extensive business experience and their dedication to their communities and improving higher education.

“These new members bring with them a wealth of knowledge that will be critical to the future success of the foundation,” said Foundation Chair Kathleen M. Shanley. “Their insight and long-time ties to the greater New Haven area will help guide us as we navigate these challenging economic
times."

The new members are:

**P. Martha Carlson, Connecticut’s assistant state comptroller since 2003.** Prior to her current position, Carlson was operations director at the Office of State Comptroller and economic development officer for the city of New Haven. A Guilford resident, she has also played roles in several community organizations, including Guilford police commissioner, a board member of Connecticut Voices for Children and development advisor for Women’s Health Research at Yale;

**Martha Fernald, assistant to the president and CEO of CLH Holdings Inc. in Hamden.** Prior to her current position, Fernald was assistant to the vice chairman at SPG PaperWorks in Hamden and development assistant at the Bridgeport Hospital Foundation, Ahlbin Rehabilitation Centers in Bridgeport. A Stratford resident, she is a vestry member and director of the altar guild at Trinity Episcopal Church, Nichols and has been a volunteer with the medical humanitarian group CardioStart International;

**Jeffrey A. Klaus, Webster Bank’s regional president for the Connecticut shoreline.** Klaus has 25 years of experience in the Connecticut banking industry. Prior to joining Webster in 2008, he served in various capacities with Bank of America and Fleet National Bank, including market president for New Haven/New London. A New Haven resident, Klaus is active in the community as a member of the Regional Leadership Council and chairman of the Board of Community Action Agency of Greater New Haven. His main community focus has been to improve public education through various school reform efforts in and around the state;

**Pedro Soto, assistant operations manager at Space-Craft manufacturing in New Haven.** Prior to his current position, Soto worked in the systems office of the Yale University Library and worked several years in London and Boston for various technology companies. A resident of the Wooster section of New Haven, he is active in several boards and community foundations, including as president of the New Haven Preservation Trust, a commissioner on the New Haven Development Commission, and a former member of the vestry at Trinity Church on the Green; and,

**Marie Zuckerman, patent agent at Precision Combustion, Inc. in North Haven.** A retired senior patent agent from the legal office of The Dow Chemical Co., Zuckerman has more than 23 years experience in worldwide prosecution of patent applications in the chemical industry. Previously, Zuckerman was a research scientist at The Upjohn Co. and an assistant chemistry professor at Barnard College of Columbia University. A North Haven resident, she is also a member of Connecticut Intellectual Property Law Association and the American Chemical Society.

The GCC Foundation raises and manages private funds on behalf of the college to supplement state funds by providing scholarships, professional development grants, equipment, and program support that ensure success for
Step Forward program celebrates 5th graduating class

GCC’s Step Forward program held its fifth graduation ceremony on June 16 on the college’s North Haven campus.

In addition to the five graduates, parents, peer mentors, high school teachers, deans and college administrators were also in attendance.

This year’s graduates were: Meriden resident Jackie Andersen, Southington resident Kane Taber, Westport resident Michael Bregman, Guilford resident Sarah Campbell and North Haven resident Sequan Clemons.

GCC began Step Forward in 2005. It is a non-credit transition program for young adults with learning challenges and barriers to employment and education. It is designed to prepare these students for the workforce and life after high school, which may include community college and other vocational training. The curriculum includes current events and character education.

“These five graduates have distinguished themselves as the hardest working class to date. I cannot express how proud I am,” said Program Coordinator Jaime French. “I am convinced that because of the positive, friendly and loving attitude these students displayed throughout the year, our enrollment for next year has more than doubled.”

In photo, from left to right in the back: Jaime French, peer mentor Ryan Olson, Kane Taber, Sequan Clemons and Michael Bregman. From left to right in front: program assistant Jennifer Murphy, peer mentor Stephanie Fiske, Sarah Campbell and Jackie Andersen.

Calendar Highlights

Fall classes begin Aug. 30; Registration dates noted

Members of the GCC community are reminded that the first day of classes for the fall semester is Monday, Aug. 30.

Students may register until 7 p.m. on Aug. 10, 17, 23 and 24 at the Long Wharf campus and until 7 p.m. on Aug. 11, 18, 23 and 24 on the North Haven campus. Both campuses are open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for registration for all students on Aug. 27.

Students may take advantage of late registration on both campuses until 7 p.m. on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1-2, and until 4 p.m. on Sept. 3.
New graduates and experienced health care professionals can network with recruiters during Connecticut Nursing Career Day at GCC on Tuesday, Sept. 21.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on the college’s North Haven Campus at 88 Bassett Road. Exhibitors will include Bridgeport Hospital, Hartford Hospital, Masonicare, St. Mary’s Hospital, St. Vincent’s Medical Center and Yale-New Haven Hospital and others.

For more information or to register, click here.

Save the Date: 13th annual Hall of Fame event Oct. 27

The Gateway Community College Foundation will host its 13th annual Hall of Fame Induction & Reception on Wednesday, Oct. 27, at the Shubert Theater in downtown New Haven.

This annual event honors individuals for their exceptional contributions to the college community. For ticket and sponsorship information, please contact Susan Swirsky at (203) 285-2617 or sswirsky@gwcc.commnet.edu.

Join GCC’s team for the Diabetes Walk Sept. 19

The American Diabetes Association’s 2010 Greater New Haven Step Out Walk to Fight Diabetes will be held Sunday, Sept. 19, at Savin Rock in West Haven.

GCC faculty and staff are encouraged to participate as part of the college’s Gateway Cares Team at the walk, which begins at 10 a.m. To register, visit www.diabetes.org/stepout. GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick is the corporate recruitment chair for the event.

For more information, contact one of Dr. Kendrick’s co-chairs, Lou D’Antonio at (203) 285-2021, or Wilson Luna at (203) 285-2210.

The American Diabetes Association is the only non-profit organization supporting all 23.6 million Americans living with diabetes—including type 1 and type 2 diabetes; children and adults. The Association funds research to prevent, cure and manage diabetes; delivers services to hundreds of communities; provides objective and credible information; and gives voice to those denied their rights because of diabetes.

School Supply Drive runs through Aug. 19

GCC’s CORE Committee is holding a School Supply Drive through Friday, Aug. 19, to benefit children in the care of the state Department of Children and Families.

Donations may be dropped off at the Admissions Office, room 122 on the college’s Long Wharf campus, or the Records Office, room 101 on the college’s North Haven campus.

Donations could include crayons, markers, glue sticks, highlighters, pens, pencils, notebooks, backpacks, calculators and dictionaries. Cash donations are also
Faculty & Staff Highlights

Cooper director of Center for a Sustainable Future

Dr. David Cooper has been named director of GCC’s Center for a Sustainable Future (CSF), which offers education and training programs to prepare today’s “green” workforce.

Cooper has been with GCC since 2003. Previously, he was dean of academic affairs and dean of continuing education. His new position reinforces the college’s commitment to putting issues of sustainability at the forefront of its educational programming designed to build economic and workforce development.

Before joining GCC, Cooper was director of continuing education and workforce development at Sullivan County Community College in Loch Sheldrake, N.Y., for seven years. Previous to that Cooper served in numerous positions in higher education dedicated to the related missions of adult education, career development and lifelong learning.

The CSF includes a new non-credit certificate program in sustainability studies that was recently approved for veterans’ educational benefits under the new G.I. Bill. Open to the general public, course options focus on business development and technical skills in diverse sustainable career opportunities. These range from solar photovoltaic and thermal energy systems installation and geothermal systems, alternative energy transportation, sustainable building design, deconstruction and recycling, energy auditing, organic farming and land care, and fabrication skills for sustainable technologies.

This spring the CSF was approved to build solar photovoltaic and solar thermal labs funded through the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund and the Northeastern Photovoltaic Training Network headquartered at Hudson Valley Community College in Malta, N.Y. The center continues to work closely with the promotion of the college’s three new SOAR Energy Initiative certificate programs in solar energy systems, alternative energy transportation, and clean water systems.

Cooper is enthusiastic about the opportunity to support the growth and development of the local sustainable economy. “The Center for a Sustainable Future is committed to playing an integral role in the sustainable economic development of Connecticut, facilitating the transition to renewable energy resources, sustainable building development, energy efficiency programs, alternative transportation technologies, water management, and numerous other sustainable initiatives,” he said.

EMS Education coordinator honored for excellence

The program coordinator for GCC’s Emergency Medical Services Education (EMSE) program has been honored for education excellence by the Emergency Medical
Emily Masters was awarded the Paul Winfield Smith Instructional Achievement Award on March 19 during the organization's annual conference at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Cromwell, Conn.

The award is named in honor of Paul Winfield Smith for his four decades of EMS educational achievements, which have had significant state and national impact.

Masters has been program coordinator for GCC’s EMSE program since 2006. From 2004 to 2006, she was lead instructor for its emergency medical technician courses. She is owner of EMS by ESM, which offers EMS technician courses to about 250 students annually. She also held various positions at Hunter’s Ambulance Service in Meriden, Conn., for 12 years and founded the ambulance service in her hometown of Chester, Conn.

To date, she has taught more than 3,000 students, including classes at Wesleyan University in Middletown. Her husband David Masters (in photo with her at the conference) has assisted her with classes and has for 14 years. She is a member of the EMS Advisory Board and was appointed by Gov. M. Jodi Rell to serve as a representative of the Connecticut Society of EMS Instructors.

She was nominated for the award by former GCC student Joel Demers, who worked with Masters at Hunter’s. “Emily’s commitment to excellent and uniform training provides the area with a larger pool of candidates for EMS positions, both career and volunteer,” Demers wrote in his nominating letter, which was also signed by 15 other EMT professionals from Hunter’s, ambulance services in Haddam, Lyme and Old Lyme, as well as individuals from Middlesex Hospital and Aetna Ambulance.

“Her personal dedication to education extends beyond the classroom as she takes an active role in developing new EMS educators, leading a strong future in EMS,” Demers wrote.

“I am humbled and amazed by the support I received,” Masters said. “I not only love what I do, but have hundreds of friends who are either or both former students and/or co-workers. I pride myself on not only taking a leadership role, but earning their respect and friendship, which have carried on for many years. I can think of no better way to serve my community with absolute joy.”

2 members of nursing faculty honored for excellence

Two members of GCC’s nursing faculty were recently honored for their demonstrated excellence and significant impact on the nursing profession.

Suzanne Conlon, RN, MSN, associate professor of nursing, and Barbara Rudolph, RN, MSN, nursing advisor, were each honored with a Nightingale Award for Excellence in Nursing by the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of South Central Connecticut at the VNA’s Nightingale Gala at the Oakdale Theater in Wallingford on May 5.

The Nightingale Awards for Excellence in Nursing program was developed in 2001 by the VNA of South Central Connecticut to celebrate and elevate the nursing profession. The program aims to encourage retention, inspire future
nurses and recognize the breadth and scope of nursing practice at the local level.

Conlon (photo at right) was nominated for the award because she is “a dedicated, dependable and hard-working individual who goes above and beyond what is expected to ensure the success of the program and the student,” said Sheila Solernou, RN, MSN, director of GCC’s Nursing division.

“Suzanne displays a commitment to student success by ensuring that each individual student attains their highest level of competency while being respectful of student needs, abilities and diverse talents,” Solernou said. “She is a motivator for students to achieve the highest level of performance in the clinical area through thoughtful and challenging engagement. Her work ethic, professional demeanor, and sense of commitment to the nursing program at Gateway are a tribute to her dedication to the nursing profession as an educator of our future nurses.”

Rudolph (photo, left) was nominated for the award because “in each aspect of her role, she displays genuine concern, empathy, and flexibility. She truly cares about each student that she comes in contact with in her position. She learns who they are, what their life issues are, and then assists them in overcoming obstacles so that they may reach their goals,” Solernou said.

“Barbara always has the student and what is best for them at the heart of her discussions and advocates for new policies or revisions to current policies that are realistic and student-friendly,” Solernou said.

“Supporting and ensuring student success is Barbara’s No. 1 priority. She realizes the investment and sacrifices they make each day to be in the program, so she has gone above and beyond to meet the student’s needs, often meeting with students for tutoring or remediation early in the morning, late in the evening, or even on the weekend, whatever time is feasible and best for them.”

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**ELC staff to present at CAEYC annual conference**

Two members of the staff at GCC’s Early Learning Center (ELC) will be presenters at the 2010 conference for the Connecticut Association for the Education of Young Children Oct. 22-23 in Meriden, Conn.

ELC Director Marge Weiner will present with Josh Berrios, an ELC employee and graduate of GCC’s Early Childhood Education degree program (shown in photo reading to children at the ELC). Weiner and Berrios will discuss “Male Involvement in the Lives of their Children.”

The ELC is a fully licensed and nationally accredited lab school for children aged 3 to 5 located on the college’s Long Wharf campus.
Student Highlights

Student honored by Connecticut Dietetic Association

A GCC student has been honored as Outstanding Student of the Year by the Connecticut Dietetic Association.

Dorota Dziczek, 27, of Meriden received the award at the association’s annual spring meeting on May 5. Dziczek graduated in May with an associate degree in dietetic technology.

She was nominated by GCC Professor Marcia Doran, M.S., R.D., who wrote the following about Dziczek in her nominating letter: “Dorota has grown as a leader and developed confidence in her knowledge and ability to work with others in a caring and sincere manner. I believe Dorota is deserving of this honor and has been fully committed to doing her very best as she has earned such high grades and respect.”

“This has been the nicest thing that ever happened to me,” Dziczek said. “I am so grateful and fortunate for this award. It feels like it has opened endless possibilities in my life.”

GCC’s Dietetic Technology program offers an associate degree that prepares students to become registered dietetic technicians, who work under the supervision of a registered dietitian in health care, community nutrition, and food service management programs. Registered dietetic technicians function as active members of the nutrition team by assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating the nutritional care of individuals or by supervising food service operations.

The program recently received a five-year extension on its accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education, the accrediting agency for the American Dietetic Association. It has had more than 300 graduates since it was launched in 1971.

Alumni Notes: UConn, UNC-Chapel Hill and Wheelock

Alumni of GCC programs regularly go on and celebrate noteworthy achievements after they’ve moved on to the next stage of their life. Here are a few of the stories that were shared with President’s Corner for this edition of the newsletter:

Jordan Bishop — Bishop majored in biology and mathematics and was the first student to complete all four semesters of Italian at GCC. He recently was awarded a full ride scholarship to the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, where he plans to major in biology and minor in Italian. “It couldn’t have gone to a more deserving student,” said Victoria Morse, associate professor in the foreign languages department who taught Bishop.

Jeffrey Branham — Branham graduated from GCC in 2009 and transferred to the University of Connecticut in Storrs as one of the first GCC students to use the Guaranteed Admissions Program between the two colleges. He was recently one of 16 recipients of a $2,000 scholarship awarded by the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at UConn to transfer and non-traditional students.
Alliesha Sergobin — Sergobin, who was the recipient of the Best-All-Around Student Award this year, was accepted to Wheelock College in Boston with scholarship awards. She graduated this year with a degree in early childhood education/special education. Wheelock is known for its outstanding Early Childhood Education and Social Services programs.

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