Students encouraged to reach high, help others

More than 650 students, a record number, graduated May 27 at GCC’s 18th annual commencement ceremonies where keynote speaker State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier encouraged graduates to pursue their goals in spite of the current economic climate and to volunteer their time and talents as an effective way to connect with others.

Nappier cited her own challenges as a young, unemployed college graduate and urged the class of 2010 to never give up and to take the time to become financially literate. Nappier is the first African-American woman elected to serve as a state treasurer in the United States, the first African-American woman elected to a statewide office in Connecticut and the only woman to be elected treasurer in Connecticut history.

"Financial literacy is key," said Nappier (photo, left). "No matter what your financial status, learning how to manage your own money and understanding how to make it grow, even if it's a little at a time, will make all the difference."

GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick read the poem “Letter to My Daughter” by author and poet Maya Angelou to inspire the graduates and remind them that they can provide the answers to today's problems.

"Go out into the world. Make a difference. Use this degree which you have earned to increase virtue in our world," she quoted. "The order is large; the need immense. But you can take heart, for you know that you have already shown courage. And keep in mind, one person, with good purpose, can change the world. You are prepared. Go out and change our world."

The ceremony at Yale’s Woolsey Hall also included announcing the winner of the 2010 Best All-Around Student Award, which went to 29-year-old Hartford resident Alliesha Sergobin (see photo, right) for her compassionate and exemplary work at GCC’s Early Learning Center and a senior housing complex in New Haven.

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Gateway Community College offers high-quality instruction and comprehensive services in an environment conducive to

degree awarded to the family of a New Haven man who died unexpectedly in January while pursuing a certificate in human services. Clayton Bostic, 53, was attending classes at GCC at the same time as his son and had hoped to become a social worker.

And retired state Rep. William Dyson was honored with a Board of Trustees Merit Award from the Connecticut Community-Technical College System. The award recognizes extraordinary service or lifetime commitment to GCC and the state’s community-technical college system.

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Downtown campus work continues on schedule

Work on GCC’s new downtown campus continued on schedule in May and this week the first phase of structural steel work will begin below street level on the north site, according to Doug Peckham, project executive at Dimeo Construction, the construction manager for the project.

The number of workers on site continues to fluctuate between 75 and 100 with most of them working for Dimeo and its two prime trade contractors C.J. Fucci Construction Inc. of New Haven and S&F Concrete Inc. of Hudson, Mass., Peckham said. Peak employment on the site will reach approximately 350 workers in mid-2011 when work activities on the exterior façade are in full swing and interior work has begun, he said.

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 four-story buildings totaling 360,000 square feet and a 600-car pre-cast concrete parking garage.

In May, workers on the north site (photo) continued to progress on the concrete foundations for the building and the pre-cast concrete garage, he said. The concrete mat slabs on that site are nearing completion and the backfilling and foundation waterproofing has begun, Peckham said. Immediately after the first phase of steel is complete over the new tunnel roadway on the north site, the pre-cast concrete garage, which will match the height of the adjacent Temple Street Garage, will commence towards the end of June, he said.

The south site had largely the same activities as the north site in May, with work continuing on the concrete foundations and backfilling, which will continue through August when structural steel work is expected to begin, Peckham said.

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.

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Lawmakers spotlight jobs bill at GCC event May 20

GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick joined state lawmakers for a press conference on the Long Wharf campus May 20 to highlight how a recent General Assembly
learning. We respond to the changing academic, occupational, technological, and cultural needs of a diverse population.

A landmark jobs bill will help train and educate Connecticut’s workforce.

Several students from Gateway who may benefit from the provisions in the bill attended the event and gave interviews about how the bill might affect them. Also in attendance were: Senate Majority Leader Martin Looney (D-New Haven), Sen. Toni Harp (D-New Haven), Sen. Ed Meyer (D-Guilford) and House Democratic Majority Leader Denise Merrill (D-Mansfield).

The Majority Leaders’ bill offers support for education and training through the following initiatives:

- Provides a loan forgiveness program for Connecticut students who graduate from state universities and then secure jobs in various green technology fields;
- Authorizes $1 million in bonds for addressing the training needs of unemployed Connecticut residents. Specifically, it requires the Community-Technical Colleges (CTC) Board of Trustees to develop short-term, noncredit programs providing job-related skills and workforce credentials.

“One of the major focuses of the Majority Leaders’ jobs bill is to help connect the students and resources of our community colleges with the demands of the job market,” Looney said. "Loan forgiveness and training subsidies will take effect just as thousands of students are leaving college and looking for work. There is also new support for those who have been out of work and need retraining.”

According to the Office of Legislative Research, the bill authorizes reimbursements for student loans and training grants for Connecticut residents with educational backgrounds and jobs related to green technology, life science, or health information technology and holding jobs related to these fields. The Board of Governors of Higher Education must adopt regulations for providing these loans and grants. The reimbursements apply to federal and state student loans.

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Radiation therapy accredited for 8 more years

GCC’s radiation therapy program has received an eight-year extension on its accreditation from the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT).

The JRCERT is the only agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education for the accreditation of traditional and distance deliver educational programs in radiography, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance and medical dosimetry.

Denise E. Moore, chair of JRCERT, wrote the following in a letter to GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick in acknowledging the accreditation: “The JRCERT directors and staff congratulate you and the program faculty for maintaining the maximum award of accreditation from the JRCERT and wish you continuing success in your efforts to provide a quality educational program.”

Program Coordinator Gina Finn said earning reaccredidation not only proves the high quality of GCC’s faculty, staff and curriculum, but also helps students as they move forward in their careers. “Having a degree from an accredited institution gives job
candidates the leg up they need in today's competitive environment,” Finn said.

The radiation therapy associate degree program prepares students to become radiation therapists in hospitals and cancer centers. Radiation therapy is one of the most sophisticated and successful weapons available in the war on cancer. Radiation therapists administer these treatments, as prescribed by a physician, to cancer patients and monitor their responses.

Upon completion of GCC’s program, students may apply to take the certifying board examination administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technology.

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'ReNew Haven’ event about home, office efficiency

On May 26, GCC’s Center for a Sustainable Future hosted the second in its series of ReNew Haven seminars that explore issues related to building a new economy in the greater New Haven area.

The event, “GREENandSAVE’s Home and Office Energy Efficiency Program: Calculate Your Return on Investment on Practical Energy Saving Improvements,” spotlighted breakthrough techniques to save energy at the home and office and explained how to develop a new career as an energy consultant with a new Gateway course.

It was free and open to the public and featured Charlie Szoradi, LEED AP green architect and the founder, designer and president of GREENandSAVE, based in Devon, Penn. He discussed how to estimate the savings from energy savings improvements and how to gather “low hanging fruit” and plan for long-term gains.

Through its Center for a Sustainable Future, GCC has established robust education and training programs that are preparing the in-state green workforce of the future. The center is committed to playing an integral role in the sustainable economic development of Connecticut and facilitating the transition to renewable energy resources, sustainable building development, energy efficiency programs, alternative transportation technologies and water management.

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President chairs diabetes walk corporate recruitment

GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick is the corporate recruitment chair for the American Diabetes Association’s 2010 Greater New Haven Step Out Walk to Fight Diabetes, which will be held Sunday, Sept. 19, at Slavin Rock in West Haven.

To show our support for the event, the college held a corporate breakfast at its Long Wharf campus on May 14 where GCC’s Director of Educational Services Luis Melendez (photo) discussed his experiences with diabetes as the breakfast’s “passion speaker.”
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](http://www.diabetes.org/stepout). 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.

### Step Forward Program’s spring newsletter available

GCC’s Step Forward program recently distributed its spring Stepping Forward newsletter.

The edition includes autobiographical articles by five students who participate in the program, as well as a welcome from the director Jaime French and an article about the program’s January community service project for the Connecticut Food Bank.

Step Forward began nearly five years ago at GCC. 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 work force and life after high school, which may include community college and other vocational training. The curriculum includes character education and current events.

For more information about Step Forward, contact French at (203) 285-2505 or jfrench@gwcc.commnet.edu. To read the spring Stepping Forward newsletter, click here.

### Calendar

**‘Mathematica’ training for faculty available June 14-16**

GCC is offering its faculty training on Mathematica, the computational software program used in scientific, engineering, and mathematical fields and other areas of technical computing, on June 14, 15 and 16.

Developed by Wolfram’s Research, the software is not solely for math or computation, but is also used in modeling, simulation, visualization, development, documentation, and deployment. It is an integrated system that delivers high levels of workflow, coherence, reliability, and innovation. It can be used for computation directly, as the engine in an infrastructure, or integrated into a standalone application.
Interested faculty should contact Robert “Rocky” Tremblay at rtremblay@gwcc.commnet.edu or (203) 285-2185 and indicate whether they are interested in morning or afternoon training.

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**June 17 ‘ReNew Haven’ event on food cooperatives**

GCC’s Center for a Sustainable Future will host the third in its series of ReNew Haven seminars on Thursday, June 17, with “Are Food Cooperatives Leading the Transition to a New Food Economy?”

The event will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Room 160 at GCC’s Long Wharf campus. It is free and open to the public. The ReNew Haven series explores issues related to building a new economy in the greater New Haven area.

The June 17 event will feature a panel discussion with representatives from the leading food co-ops in New Haven, Hartford and New London, as well as the Transition Town Initiative. The panel will be led by moderator Imani of Hartford-based Growing Green Co-op and author of “The Absence of Soil.”

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**Faculty & Staff Highlights**

**Awards Convocation: Faculty, Staff Appreciation**

The Faculty and Staff Appreciation Awards were announced May 20 during the 2010 Awards Convocation event held on May 20 in the auditorium of its North Haven campus.

Professor Stephen Fries (left photo) received the eighth annual Faculty Appreciation Award. And the fourth annual Staff Appreciation Award was conferred posthumously to Scott Plamondon, an electrician at GCC who passed away March 7.

Fries is coordinator of GCC’s hospitality management program and a food columnist with the *New Haven Register*.

“His contributions to Gateway are extensive, but let me list a few that I’ve noticed,” said Mark Kosinski, GCC’s dean of academic affairs, when introducing Fries at the event. “He creates in all of his classes an environment for enlarging student learning and understanding. Outside the college, this faculty member applies his skill and expertise for the good of the larger community.”

Plamondon was employed at GCC for more than 10 years. “Scott was an excellent worker who saved the college thousands of dollars over the years, but more...”
than that he was a friend to all and a highly respected co-worker who was always willing to lend a hand,” said Lou D’Antonio, GCC’s dean of administration. Plamondon’s family from Georgia was on hand to accept his award, including his brother Rick (right photo, accepting award from D’Antonio who is on the left).

Staff Council members to serve on 2 committees

Three members of GCC’s staff have been elected to represent the Staff Council on college committees for one-year terms, starting in September.

John Mullane will serve on the Academic Standards Committee. Kellie Byrd-Danso and Alice Pandolfi will serve on the Curriculum Committee.

GCC’s Staff Council is comprised of all college personnel in a collective bargaining unit with the exception of those holding the ranks of instructor, assistant professor, associate professor or professor. The council provides support to facilitate the learning process, furnishes ideas to improve and enhance services to the students and the community, and develops a forum for open communications, information sharing and collegial input to the decision-making process.

Staffer completes Leadership Greater New Haven

Susan Swirsky, an administrative assistant at GCC, was one of 26 graduates of the Greater New Haven Leadership Center’s Leadership Greater New Haven (LGNH) program. A graduation ceremony honoring the Class of 2010 was held June 2.

LGNH is a 10-month community leadership development program offered by the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce for professionals in the corporate, government and not-for-profit sectors. Its mission is to identify aspiring community leaders and support their growth through leadership training and community education. Now completing its 25th year, LGNH has 629 alumni.

In addition to her regular duties, Swirsky is also a staff adviser to Gateway’s Alpha Xi Theta chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. As part of the LGNH program, Swirsky and other members of her graduating class collected women’s business clothing and donations for personal care kits for STRIVE-New Haven as a community service project.

4 new members selected for LAS Steering Body

GCC’s Dean of Academic Affairs Mark Kosinski recently announced four new members who were selected to serve on the Liberal Arts & Sciences (LAS) Steering Body.
Dr. James Brogan is now the Humanities Department representative. Dr. Mark Lynch is now the Math & Science Department representative. Theresa DeMars is now the Social Science Department representative. And Maria Nosel is now the Counseling Department representative, as Counseling oversees the Guaranteed Admissions transfer program in LAS to the state universities.

The LAS Steering Body’s mission is to strengthen collaboration among the three departments that constitute the core of the Liberal Arts & Sciences program tracks, Humanities, Math & Science and Social Science. It also aims to establish structural connections among department faculty members and the LAS program coordinator.

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GCC participates in local food bank, heart walks

Members of the GCC community participated in recent walks to benefit the Connecticut Food Bank and the American Heart Association.

Gateway’s 17-person team that participated in the food bank’s Walk Against Hunger at East Rock Park in New Haven on May 2 raised more than $1,800 to help fight hunger.

Led by Team Captain Marcia Doran, the team also included Lou D’Antonio, Adrienne D’Antonio, Adrienne Jamison and her mother, Kim Shea, Jim Paine, Kim Boucher, Teresa DeMars, Martha Hayes, Carol Brutza, Shanique Spencer, David Barnaby, Rachel Leigh, Marie Cummings, Karina Freschlin, Courtney Tracy and Toni Page.

Then, on May 22, another Gateway team participated in the Greater New Haven Start! Heart Walk at Savin Rock in West Haven. Our thanks go out to everyone who took part and for the leadership of the Heart Walk team captains Kim Shea, Christina Rivera, Amy Napierski, Janet Klink, Sheila Solernou and Debbie Scillia.

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Student Highlights

Awards Convocation: Academic Achievement

GCC also conferred its 2010 Academic Achievement Awards during its Awards Convocation event May 20. This year, 55 students received Academic Achievement Awards from 26 disciplines at GCC.

The event was moderated by Dr. Mark Kosinski, GCC’s dean of academic affairs, who also presented the awards. GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick gave the welcoming remarks. The recipients were:

Allied Health
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography: Irina Martynenko
- Clinical Excellence – Diagnostic Medical Sonography: Melissa Sansone
- Nuclear Medicine Technology: Xiangning Wang
- Dietetic Technology: Dorota Dziczek
- Dietetic Technology – Field Experience: Sarah-Ann Lubowicki
- Dietetic Technology – Special Achievement Award: Linda Barnes

Business
Business Administration: Dino Smith  
Business Administration – Accounting: Lingdi Peirce  
**Business Office Technology Degree**: Allison Chubbuck  
**Business Office Technology Certificate**: Tina Wideman  
**Computer Science**: Bryan Shelton  
Computer Science – Networking: Hee Jun Kim  
Visual Basic Programming: Natalia Jimenez  
**Drug & Alcohol Recovery Counselor**: Robert Taylor  
DAR* 251/252 – DARC Internships: David Pagano  
**Early Childhood Education – Career**: Jennifer Van Elswky  
**Early Childhood Education – Continued Study**: Tarey Hampton  
Child Growth & Development: Cheryl A. Smith, Anitha Madhavan  
**Early Childhood Special Education**  
Gina Lynn, Hinojosa-Johnson  
**Engineering Technologies**  
Biomedical Engineering Technology: Sana Serhane  
Computer Engineering Technology: Xu Li  
Computer Servicing Certificate: Phillip Turpin  
Electrical Engineering Technology: Kwabenaa Sarfo  
Electronics Technician Certificate: Braden Mellin  
**CET* 116, Computer Applications for Technology**: Nicole Babbitt, Sara Ruiz  
**CET* 126, Computer Servicing**: Eric Pappas  
**Environmental Science & Toxicology**: Magali Bazzano  
**Water Management**: Michael O’Connor  
**Clean Water Management**: Nicholas DeGemmis  
**English**  
Composition: Dedeh K. Scott  
African-American Literature: Gary George, Naa Sahin  
**English as a Second Language**: Luis Jean-Pierre Sanchez  
**Entrepreneurial Studies** Jessica Wood  
**Fashion Merchandising/Retail Management**: Lenora Pittman  
**Foreign Languages**  
Italian IV: Jordan Bishop  
Intermediate Spanish I: Jenna Mitrano  
**General Studies**: Patricia M. Lesko  
**Liberal Arts & Sciences**: Lamar S. Demand  
**Human Services**: Debra Morrisroe  
**Human Services – Therapeutic Recreation**: Robert Micklos  
**Mathematics – Elementary Algebra**: Jerome McGee  
**Nursing**: Hannah Roncallo  
Introduction to Nursing Practice: April McGrath  
Family Health Nursing: April McGrath, Hannah Roncallo  
Nursing Care of Individuals & Families I: Larisa Khan  
Nursing Care of Individuals & Families II: Hannah Roncallo  
**Physics**  
Physics for the Life Sciences: Belinda Borrelli  
Physics for Today: Justin A. Chapin  
Sonographic Physics and Instrumentation II: Irina Martynenko, Janequa Williams  
**Women’s Forum**: Stacy-Ann Brown
Luncheon for foundation scholarship recipients

The Gateway Community College Foundation honored the recipients of its 2010 scholarships at a May 18 luncheon and at GCC’s Awards Convocation event on May 20. In all, 65 Gateway students received 111 scholarships valued at more than $68,000 this year.

The scholarships ranged from $200 to $2,500, although most were between $300 and $500. Angela Schutz, chair of the foundation’s Scholarship Committee, gave remarks and presented the scholarships at the luncheon (see photos). The scholarship recipients were:

**Philomena M. Abell Nursing:** Jessica Clark  
**Adult Learner:** James Savo Jr.  
**Allied Health:** Jenifer Davidge, Rudolph C. Dominick  
**Alumni Association:** Jenny Cintron, Eric Nazario, James Pagan  
**Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield:** Justin Blancato, Adrienne P. Jamison  
**Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Nursing:** Christopher G. Begin, Christina DeMarco, Crystal L. Downs, Susan K. Louis, Ann K. Williams  
**AT&T:** Laura DiVerniero, Hannah Hurst  
**Atluru Family Foundation:** Magali P. Bazzano, Brian Buczek, Andi Karica, Sana Serhane  
**Robin Baldini:** Trinity Demeyer, Emily Gumkowski  
**Margaret Bauer:** Shaila Diaz, Yvonne White  
**Business Area:** Syed Z. Arshad, Shaila Diaz  
**Michael Cannella:** Brian Buczek  
**CASA/SME:** Hugo A. Ordonez  
**Annie E. Casey Foundation:** Justin Blancato, Crystal L. Downs  
**Covidien:** Brian Buczek, LaMeisha E. Sherman  
**Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation:** Susan K. Louis, James Pagan  
**Dimeo:** Anita Cotton, Hugo A. Ordonez  
**Todd Dogolo:** Jerome L. McGee  
**Early Childhood Education (Career):** Haruyo Morimoto  
**Early Childhood Education (Continuing):** Edwina O. Villanueva  
**Early Childhood Special Education:** Anitha Madhavan  
**FCP Groton:** Michael F. Kilmartin  
**Stan Fivelkiler Culinary:** Favian Pillacela  
**Gateway Foundation Directors:** Elizabeth Adams, Jennifer Brubacher, Brian Buczek, Jenny Cintron, Shaila Diaz, Kimberly J. Grant, Ann K. Williams  
**General Studies:** Leslie Pereira  
**Grainger:** Justin Hucul, Randy Pittman Sr.  
**Allen Hadelman:** Rachelle A. Edwards  
**Human Services:** Michelle Lyde  
**Marion Pacelli Iovino:** Maria A. Bell
IUOE Local 478: Susan K. Louis, Jennifer M. Sheldon
Frank Adam Jurczyk: Erin Rogers
Kerin Lee-Kelsey: Nanshi Patel
Liberal Arts & Sciences: Shakaya Kitchens
Liberty Bank Foundation: Magali P. Bazzano, Anna Budko, Evelyn M. Bykowski, Christina DeMarco, Bora Kim
McCullough- Single Parent: Gabrielle Green
Fred W. McKinney: Kimberly J. Grant
Netbook: Brian Buczek, Evelyn M. Bykowski, Jennifer Davidge, Shaila Diaz, Crystal L. Downs, Emily Gumkowski, Adrienne P. Jamison, Bora Kim, Shakaya Kitchens, Eric Nazario, Leslie Pereira, Virginia Texidor, Ann K. Williams, Derek Wisenbeck
Leah and Milton Nevitt: Ann K. Williams
NewAlliance Foundation – Allied Health Fellow: Melissa E. Reynolds
New Alliance Foundation – Nursing Fellow: Derek Pozzessere
New Alliance Investments: Kimberly J. Grant, Christopher Stokes
North Haven Rotary Foundation: Magali Bazzano Evelyn M. Bykowski
Ndubuisi Ogbaa Memorial: Justin Blancato
On Campus Club: Kimberly J. Grant
Cheryl Pegues Book Scholarship: Jennifer M. Sheldon
Pfizer Math/Science: Syed Z. Arshad Trinity Demeyer
Phi Theta Kappa: Eric Nazario
Melissa Pringle Memorial: Nancy O’Brien
Regional Water Authority: Kathryn M. Bevan: Nitsuh M. Abebayehu
Jason Richardson: James Pagan
Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE): Tanya Pelletier
Single Parent Nursing: Karen Mondaca
Margaret McAllister Spain: Edwina O. Villanueva
Transfer Student: Susan K. Louis, LaMeisha E. Sherman
Jan Trifati’s Business: Saengalounh Phouadara, Yvonne White
West Haven Rotary Foundation: Julie Risinit
Norman Wuestefeld: Sana Serhane
Xerox: Alexandra R. Andrea, Magaly Asto
Yale University: Danielle N. Harris
Yale-New Haven Hospital: Christina DeMarco, Trinity Demeyer

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2010 Student Leadership and Athletic Awards

GCC held its 2010 Student Leadership and Athletic Awards Banquet on May 6 at Anthony’s Ocean View in New Haven to honor the best among its student and athlete leaders.

John Stewart, GCC’s director of athletics, delivered welcoming remarks for the event, which spotlighted the good works of GCC’s student organizations and athletic teams,
along with their leaders and advisors. Larry S. Kelley, Jr. was also honored with remarks by Stewart and GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick for his work with the GCC men’s basketball program from 1984-2009. This year’s award recipients were:

**Student Leader of the Year:** April McGrath  
**Student Employee of the Year:** Yomaira Melendez  
**SGA Non-Student Recognition Award:** Andrew Randi  
**Student Organization of the Year:** Theater Goers Club  
**Student Organization Program of the Year:** Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King, the Black Student Association  
**Fundraiser of the Year:** Student Nurses Association - T-Shirt Sales  
**Community Service Program of the Year:** Student Nurses Association - Children's Health Fair  
**SGA Student Recognition Award:** Isabella Edwards  
**Student Organization Advisor of the Year:** Kellie Byrd-Danso, Black Student Association  

**NJCAA Most Valuable Player Awards:** LaDrea Moss (women), Kwamaine McCarter (men)  
**Good Sportsmanship Award:** Isabella Edwards (women), Jamar Benton (men)  
**First Team All New England:** Chazz McCarter, Kwamaine McCarter  
**Second Team All New England:** DeArie Alick  
**Honorable Mention All New England:** LaDrea Moss  
**First Team All American:** Chazz McCarter

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*Nursing, allied health hold 2010 pinning ceremonies*

GCC’s nursing and allied health programs held their pinning ceremonies May 18 and May 25, respectively, to mark the transition from student to professional for the programs’ graduates.

Both events were held in the auditorium at GCC’s North Haven campus. A time-honored tradition, pinning ceremonies trace their origins to nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale, who received the Cross of St. George from Britain’s Queen Victoria in 1855 for her service in caring for injured British soldiers. When special nursing schools were later founded using Nightingale’s principles and practices, the awarding of pins and medals to outstanding graduates became increasingly common until it was eventually established as a right of passage from student to practitioner.

The graduates of GCC’s nursing Class of 2010 each earned an associate degree in nursing: Erin Kehlenbach, Brenda Botte, Melissa Sansone, Alyssa Scott, Heidi Spaman, Tracy Walker, Anthony Cretella, Jenna Shea, Karen Enders, Kristina Labieniec, Lorena Sanchez, J. Fahy, Linda Partridge, Kathryn Crofton, Agnieszka Brenia, Esther Odamtten, Maryann Sackett, Larisa Khan, Sarah Bacon, Kelly Collins, Yaniris Donoso, Mark Tsang, April McGrath, Stephanie Corchado, Kevin Hadlock, Maria Ioffe, Qadijah Norris, Lina Valencia, Sharon Corbin, Jennifer Palmeri, Jennifer
The graduates of GCC’s allied health class of 2010 earned associate of science degrees and Health Career Pathways certificates:

Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program: Angela Burnham, Angelique Chagnon, Lori Gemma, Suzanne Kenyhercz, Irina Martynenko, Dawn Patterson-Williams, Malgozata Samsel, Melissa Sansone and Kristina Torino-Abbasi;

Nuclear Medicine Technology: Rebeca Cuadrado, Xiangning Wang and Aiyu Wong;


Radiation Therapy: Adrian Van de Graaff, Mikal Lynn Miniter, Cathleen Smith, Jeannette Marie Ferla, Angel M. Martinez, Heather Jane Montz and Amanda M. Franco;

Dietetic Technology: Linda Barnes, Monica Celozzi, Phillip Dozier, Jr., Dorota Dziczek, Robert Heller, Sarah-Anne Lubowicki and Shanique Spencer;

Fitness Specialist Studies Certificate: Joseph Sandagata and Deborah Scillia.

90 students inducted into Phi Theta Kappa chapter

Ninety academically outstanding students were inducted into GCC’s Alpha Xi Theta chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society in a ceremony held April 30 at GCC’s North Haven campus.

The mission of the Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize and encourage the academic success of students attending two-year colleges. Members have the opportunity to participate in honors and leadership programs, community service and fellowship programming. Students who are inducted have completed 12 hours of course work while achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

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Student receives CT Society of CPA scholarship

GCC student Ingred Gutierrez received a $700 scholarship from the Connecticut Society of CPAs at a May 7 luncheon to honor outstanding accounting students from the Connecticut Colleges.

The Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants is the only statewide professional membership association exclusively for CPAs. CSCPA has a current membership of approximately 6,000 individuals in public practice, business and industry, government, and education.

The society provides continuing education opportunities, a comprehensive practice peer review program, a variety of membership services for CPAs in Connecticut, and clear, strong, and forward-looking leadership for the profession.

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Writing Center bids farewell to brother-sister team

GCC’s College Writing Center (CWC) bid farewell to a brother-sister team of work-study students with a celebration May 17 to commemorate the pair’s graduation.
Professor Doree Robinson, director of the center, said North Haven residents David and Michelle Avino were the first two students to work at the center, assuming the duties of receptionist, data collector, report writers, and student supporters.

"Not only have David and Michelle overcome enormous financial and personal challenges in order to earn their degrees, but they have been instrumental in ensuring that the CWC operates effectively," Robinson said. "They have done an outstanding job. They are thoughtful, committed, hard-working students whose contributions to those who come into the CWC should not go unnoticed."

In photo, from left to right are David and Michelle Avino and Robinson.

Phi Theta Kappa helps with New Haven park clean-up

Members of GCC’s Alpha Xi Theta chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society joined up with 94.3 FM WYBC Radio and students of Barnard Environmental Studies Magnet School to clean up West River Memorial Park last month.

The morning event on May 15 was a big success, making the park at the corner of Ella Grasso Boulevard and Route 34 more enjoyable and pleasant for visitors and wildlife alike. "I would like to thank the philanthropists at Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, who played a huge role in helping to keep our parks clean," said Jennifer Verraneault, senior account manager at 94.3 FM.