F. Lee Bailey discusses criminal justice at GCC

F. Lee Bailey, the famed criminal defense attorney who was part of O.J. Simpson’s defense team, spoke to a civics class at GCC’s Long Wharf campus on Tuesday, Sept. 28.

He discussed the Simpson case and the flaws in our criminal justice system. Bailey was in Connecticut to give a presentation to law enforcement officials at Mohegan Sun Casino. He attended the class at the request of his friend GCC Professor Franz Douskey.

To read an account of the event in New Haven Register, click here. In photo, from left to right are: GCC Professor John Scippa; GCC Professor Dan Courcey, who is also chair of the Social Sciences Department; Bailey; Douskey; and GCC Professor Russ Gaudio, who is also chair of College Advancement Studies.

Tickets available for Hall of Fame event on Oct. 27

The Gateway Community College Foundation will host its 13th annual Hall of Fame Induction & Reception on Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 5:30 p.m. the Shubert Theater in downtown New Haven.

The event, which will have dinner catered by Downtown at the Taft, will honor three individuals and one corporation for their exceptional contributions to the college community:

The following will be honored this year:

- **Corporate Honoree**: Metro-North Railroad;
- **Community Honoree**: Kim A. Healey of the NewAlliance Foundation (first photo); and,
**Gateway Alumni Honorees:** Thomas S. Griggs Jr. of Coldwell Banker (second photo) and Seila Mosquera-Bruno of Neighborworks/New Horizons (third photo).

Since 1997, the Hall of Fame event has served as Gateway’s main source of scholarship revenue. For ticket and sponsorship information, please contact Susan Swirsky at (203) 285-2617 or sswirsky@gwcc.commnet.edu.

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**Structural steel, bridge work to continue through fall**

In September, workers continued erecting the structural steel on both the north and south sites of our new campus. Over the next three months, they will continue erecting structural steel, as well as begin building the walkway bridge over George Street that connects the two sites.

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. Doug Peckham, project executive at Dimeo Construction, the construction manager for the project, gave the following summary:

**On the south site:** Through the month of September, concrete foundations were completed, backfilling around the building perimeter continued and approximately 50 percent of the structural steel framing was erected. In October, structural steel work will continue, steel framing for stairs will commence, as will the concrete slabs on the Level 2 metal decking. Additionally, in October, workers will start installation of the temporary tarpaulins around the perimeter of the building to contain the heat generated by the temporary winter heating equipment, which will also be set up next month. “We need to maintain certain minimum temperature levels during the cold winter months to continue to pour concrete slabs, install masonry CMU and brick elements, and apply spray fireproofing to the structural steel,” Peckham said. “The temporary heating equipment and perimeter tarpaulins assist in developing the proper conditions to perform those temperature-sensitive activities.” The south site’s backfilling is slated for completion in October and the structural steel crane work will continue through to the end of November.

**On the north site:** The structural steel started in late September. The crane work to support the steel erection will continue through to the end of December. Upcoming work activities within the precast concrete garage through the month of October include: (1) pouring the concrete “topping” slabs at each level; these slabs are structurally integral with the pre-cast and provide a smooth wearing surface for which the cars will drive on; (2) continued mechanical, electrical, plumbing, piping and conduit installations; and (3) commencement of permanent roofing over the pre-cast stair towers. Work also began installing temporary shoring in the tunnel structure beneath the future community courtyard concrete slab. The temporary shoring will provide support for the weight of delivery and trash vehicles that will park there to off-load materials and equipment and/or pick-up Dumpsters from this designated trash-chute location.
The walkway bridge: In September, work began on installing temporary shoring in the tunnel beneath George Street between the north and south sites. This shoring will allow heavier crane loads to traverse over George Street to set-up and install the bridge connector steel. A portion of George Street, between Church and Temple Streets, will be closed on successive weekends in November and December while the crane is used to put the bridge steel in place.

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.

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Gubernatorial candidate Malloy visits GCC

On Thursday, Sept. 30, The Sages, a senior organization, hosted Dan Malloy, the Democratic candidate for governor, at GCC’s Long Wharf campus. Faculty member Dr. Kerin Lee-Kelsey, a member of The Sages who helped organize the event, welcomed Malloy, the former longest serving mayor of Stamford, to the standing-room-only event. Malloy discussed his candidacy and platform and answered questions.

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ELC initiatives aim to improve the lives of children

The Early Learning Center (ELC) at GCC has launched a year-long effort to promote male involvement in children’s lives, healthy eating and exercise, as well as model a peaceable educational experience for the children it serves.

The initiative kicked off with an on-campus Sept. 16 family program featuring Tom Fahy, Ph.D., a GCC professor who also serves as the ELC’s social service consultant. Fahy addressed the role of television and its impact on children, offering up healthy, productive alternatives to excess TV viewing. During the parent presentation, children engaged in music, movement and playground activities. Additionally, the ELC encouraged its families to participate in “TV Turnoff Week” (Sept. 19-26) and “Family Health and Fitness Day” (Sept. 25).

Then, on Sept. 24, the ELC hosted a “Calling All Dads” Male Involvement Breakfast and Beautification Project on our Long Wharf campus. According to ELC staff member and Male Involvement Coordinator Josh Berrios, More than 40 adults and children participated in the event (see first photo), including Christian Rivera, 4, and his dad Adam Rivera, who is married to Christina Scillia-Rivera, secretary in GCC’s president’s office (see second photo).
Fathers, grandfathers and other men important in the lives of ELC children bonded with one another over a healthy breakfast, after which they and the youngsters planted colorful mums and mulched flowers and shrubs around the ELC's outdoor playground. "Involved, responsible and committed fathers can make a huge difference in their children's lives," said ELC director Marge Weiner. "Taking an active role as a father and treating the mother of their children with respect are two ways men can build a better future for their families, and for our society."

The beautification project will qualify GCC to apply for a Play Day 2010 grant from KaBOOM!, a national celebration presented by Mott's and NFL Play 60. KaBOOM! Play Day is designed to "save play in the lives of children." The goals are to have fun, strengthen the community, improve playgrounds and advocate for play. If GCC is selected as one of KaBOOM!'s Top 10 Play Days, you'll be able to help the ELC earn one of five grants, ranging from $2,500 to $10,000, via online voting Nov. 2-30. Stay tuned for more details on how to help. In the meantime, to see more pictures and learn more about the Sept. 24 event, log on to http://playday.kaboom.org/projects/619, click on "sign in" and follow the prompts.

Also, the ELC also recently participated in the Box of Books Project, where 1,600 preschoolers in dozens of New Haven daycare programs received a free box of books. The project was featured in a recent New Haven Independent article. To read the article, click here.

GCC’s ELC is a laboratory preschool program that allows early childhood majors and those in related fields to combine classroom preparation with hands-on in-classroom experience. It provides quality childcare for Gateway parents, staff and the greater New Haven community. It was recently re-accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The ELC maintains extensive collaborations with community resources and provides parents with information on health insurance, job training, housing, energy assistance and other support.

Veterans Resource Fair connects veterans, support

About 50 veterans participated in GCC’s first Veterans Resource Fair on Friday, Oct. 1, on our Long Wharf campus where they were offered valuable information about support services.

“The event was a tremendous success despite the torrential rain and local street flooding," said Michael V Buccilli, GCC’s director of career services and veterans services. "We had 17 veteran-serving organizations represented at the event. Throughout the day, a steady flow of veterans came through and connected with critical resources including, housing, healthcare, employment, training, education, counseling and a variety of support services."

GCC organized the event in response to a continued surge in veteran enrollment.
This fall, there are more than 260 veterans enrolled at GCC who are using VA educational benefits and the state veterans tuition waiver, an increase of almost 20 percent over the more than 220 who were enrolled in the fall of 2009.

The college hopes to hold the event annually.

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**Founder of Run-DMC discusses hip hop at GCC**

Darryl McDaniels, also known as DMC and one of the pioneers of hip hop culture, discussed "From Old School to New School to Your School: Rap and Hip Hop" Oct. 6 at GCC in an event co-sponsored by The Esther Haseltine Schiavone Endowment Fund that supports arts events at GCC.

McDaniels helped transform the musical landscape as one-third of the trailblazing, multi-platinum rap group RUN-DMC. He is recognized as a pioneer who helped transform rap and hip hop into the musical genre it is today. The Esther Haseltine Schiavone Endowment Fund was established in 2006 through the Gateway Community College Foundation by Schiavone’s daughter Jennifer Schiavone Spinach. The Oct. 6 event is also sponsored by the GCC Campus Activities Board and our Student Government Association.

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**Program Spotlight: New SOAR Alternative Energy Transportation Technology Certificate**

GCC this fall began offering a new SOAR Alternative Energy Transportation Technology (AETT) Certificate that gives students the skills they need for entry-level careers diagnosing and repairing problems with electric, hybrid, natural gas and other alternatively fueled vehicles.

The AETT certificate is part of the college’s division of Engineering and Applied Technologies and its courses are offered on GCC’s North Haven campus.

It is GCC’s first certificate that is part of the Connecticut Community College System’s Sustainable Operations: Alternative and Renewable (SOAR) Energy Initiative, which was funded by a three-year, $2 million U.S. Department of Labor Community-Based Job Training Grant in 2009, said Carla Roehrich, SOAR regional coordinator at GCC.

With full-time attendance, students can complete this 30-credit certificate in one year and be ready to fill the demand for alternatively fueled vehicle technicians at automobile dealerships, municipal garages, fleet garages and independent repair facilities.

“Independently owned automotive repair garages are particularly in need of this kind of program to address the growing number of ‘out of warranty’ hybrid vehicles on the
“Road today,” said Assistant Professor Anthony Rish, lead instructor for GCC’s alternative fuel vehicle programs.

“Right now, the biggest problem for the smaller garages is that they do not have access to training for hybrid, electric or natural gas fueled vehicles,” Rish said. “Now they can either send their mechanics here for training, or hire one of our graduates to grow with their business.”

The certificate includes a 300-hour internship program that students participate in during the fall semester, which amounts to approximately 20 hours a week of hands-on instruction working in Connecticut businesses while they are taking up to 15 hours a week of classes.

GCC has long been a pioneer in the field of alternative transportation technology education. It was one of the first colleges in the United States to offer a hybrid vehicles class and GCC’s Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) Certificate, which was started in 1994, is a charter member of the National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium. It also is the only college in Connecticut that is accredited in alternative fuels by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation.

The AFV certificate is a 19-credit certificate that automotive students can earn to show AFV expertise after completing a transportation technology associate degree (see photos of AFV hybrid vehicle class in the spring of 2010). The new AETT certificate is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions without the having to complete the transportation technology associate degree coursework.

“This new certificate is ideal for somebody who is looking to change careers or somebody who is interested in the alternative fuels industry, whether they are already an automotive mechanic or not,” Rish said. “If they come in with skills, they’ll be able to build on those skills. If they come in with no skills, they’ll be ready for entry-level work when they’re done.”

GCC program coordinators who are interested in future Program Spotlights should contact Alison Skratt at askratt@gwcc.commnet.edu. Articles will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis.

Library’s fall newsletter available online

The GCC Fall 2010 Library Newsletter is now available online. It includes a variety of library news, including fall library workshops, information about a new web-based tool, staff news and a book review. To read it, click here.

Calendar Highlights

Oct. 15: Expo on alternative energy at North Haven
GCC, in partnership with New Haven Clean Cities Coalition and the National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium, will take part in national Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AVF) Day Odyssey on Friday, Oct. 15, on our North Haven campus.

The event is free and open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. An estimated 200 students from eight area high schools also are expected to attend.

AVF Day Odyssey will focus on both alternative energy for transportation and residential clean energy, like solar-electric and solar-hot water. Companies representing both industries will be on hand to discuss their products. Representatives from United Illuminating, New Haven Clean Cities and Workforce Alliance are also expected to attend. There will also be hybrid vehicles (photo), electric cars, biodiesel cars and biogas-powered vehicles on display and tours of GCC’s technical training facilities.

For more information, please contact Carla Roehrich at 203-285-2324 or croehrich@gwcc.commnet.edu.

Alzheimer’s seminar to be held Oct. 21 at Long Wharf

GCC will host a seminar about Alzheimer’s disease and other related dementias on Thursday, Oct. 21, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in room 160 on our Long Wharf campus.

Maria Tomasetti, regional director of the Alzheimer’s Association’s Connecticut chapter, will discuss “What You Need to Know About Alzheimer’s Disease & Related Dementias: Reducing Risk, Warning Signs, Stages, Treatment, Research & Hope.”

The event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by GCC’s Psychology 111 class. For more information, contact Georgette Wood, MA, LPC, at 203- 481-3757.

GCC team to participate in Oct. 24 breast cancer walk

GCC is sending a team of walkers to the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 24, at Lighthouse Point in New Haven. To join GCC’s team “Gateway’s Dream,” or to pledge, click here.

Faculty & Staff Highlights

GCC raises more than $3,000 at diabetes walk

GCC helped raise more than $3,000 for diabetes research through its participation

GCC teams were ranked No. 1 and 2 for club/organizational team fundraising with the “Gateway Cares” team raising $2,746 and the Gateway Student Nurses Association team raising $330. GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick was the corporate recruitment chair for the event.

“We had a beautiful day, but what was most important was the faculty, staff, students and alumni who came to support this event,” said Dean of Students Wilson Luna, who was co-captain of the team with Dean of Administration Lou D’Antonio. “Gateway was well represented and my thanks to the foundation for providing us with T-shirts that made us very visible among the crowd. On behalf of the president, Lou and me, please accept our sincere appreciation for the level of support and the spirit of cooperation displayed at the event.”

In first photo, the Gateway team stands out in its bright blue T-shirts. In second photo, from right to left, are: Curtis Kendrick, Dr. Kendrick’s husband, GCC’s Director of Educational Services Luis Melendez, and Clara Mena of GCC’s Center for Educational Services.

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.

GCC participates in veterans roundtable

On Oct. 6, Michael V Buccilli, GCC’s director of career services and veterans services, participated in a roundtable discussion with the U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki at the West Haven Veterans Affairs Medical Center, an event coordinated by U.S Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-3rd District).

Approximately 20 veteran advocates and leaders from around the region joined Shinseki and DeLauro and several members of Congress to discuss veterans’ issues.

“In the discussion, I shared Gateway’s commitment to meet the needs of veteran students,” said Buccilli, who is also GCC’s veteran’s certifying official. “I specifically referred to our ability to provide veterans with affordable and flexible certificate and degree programs that prepare them for employment. The event was a wonderful experience.”

To read more about the event, click here.

GCC faculty, staff recently featured on radio shows
GCC Dean Wilson Luna was featured last month in a story about the early success of GCC’s new 6:30 a.m. “Early Bird” classes that ran on WSHU National Public Radio. The story previewed the Oct. 5 White House Summit on Community College, which was chaired by Vice President Joseph Biden’s wife, Dr. Jill Biden, a community college instructor for the past 17 years.

Also, faculty members Susan Chenard and Theresa Jeffries were guests on two different editions of WYBC’s “Back Again with Keith and Jocelyn,” a public affairs talk show hosted by TV anchors Keith Kountz and Jocelyn Maminta. Chenard participated in a discussion on Muslims in the United States and Jeffries discussed ethics in light of current affairs.

Nursing faculty earns nursing educator certification

Karen Kessler, a member of GCC’s nursing faculty, recently earned certification as a nurse educator through the National League for Nursing. This certification recognizes faculty who have demonstrated expertise in their role as a nurse educator by passing a national certification exam.

Student Highlights

GCC student selected to present at SIFE World Cup

Kim Grant, a second-year business administration student at GCC, has been selected to attend the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) World Cup 2010 in Anaheim, Calif., on Monday, Oct. 11, where teams from 40 countries will be competing.

Grant, 20, a West Haven resident, will represent GCC’s chapter of SIFE (photo) at the event’s Chartis Credit Counseling Forum, where students can share their project experience, network, and brainstorm for future projects in a formal setting. Students will be invited to attend an exclusive dinner where they can talk about their projects. The remaining days will consist of attending the SIFE World Cup activities, which includes a cultural fair and the worldwide competition.

SIFE is an international non-profit organization that works with leaders in business and higher education to mobilize university students to make a difference in their communities while developing the skills to become socially responsible business leaders. Participating students form teams on their university campuses and apply business concepts to develop outreach projects that improve the quality of life and standard of living for people in need.

Once a year, the National Champion SIFE teams from around world meet at the SIFE
World Cup where they present the results of their community outreach projects to a prestigious group of international business leaders. Through a written annual report and live audio visual presentation, teams will be evaluated based on how successful they were at creating economic opportunity for others.

Students Fight Back aims to prevent campus violence

On Sept. 30, GCC hosted a “Students Fight Back” event, which was organized in the wake of recent campus violence, including the recent shooting of a Seton Hall University student at an off-campus party and a University of Texas shooting and suicide.

Students Fight Back is a program designed to assist students in identifying methods to prevent violence and identifying potential violent behaviors both on campus and at home.

More than 20 students, faculty and staff participated and also learned methods to safeguard and defend themselves.

“Coming to the Students Fight Back seminar was not only enlightening, but so empowering,” said Loretta Martin, student assistant at the Office of College Life. “Although a sometimes uncomfortable topic, the speaker was high-spirited, comical at times, and confident in her message she came to share with us.”

The event was sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, the offices of president and the dean of students.

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