Garage, steel go up for our new downtown campus

Structural steel for our new downtown campus began rising from the southern half of the construction site over the past few weeks and the major structural work on its pre-cast concrete garage has been completed.

A flag-raising ceremony was held on the top deck of the parking garage (photo below left) to commemorate its topping off and a huge Gateway banner (photo below right) has been hung, courtesy of the city of New Haven, from the adjacent Temple Street Parking Garage over George Street.

The construction site is made up of two parcels, one located north of the other, on 3.7 acres at 2-20 Church Street. Structural steel will continue to be erected for the next three months at the south site (photo above) and the north site steel erection will begin before the end of this month. Work on the bridge connector between the two buildings will be done on weekends starting in late October. A portion of George Street, which is located between Temple and Church streets, will be closed down for a period of three successive weekends to complete the bridge steel work. Interior work still needs to be done on the parking garage (see photo left), including waterproofing and installing lights and elevators.

The new campus will include two four-story buildings totaling 360,000 square feet. 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.

Lou D'Antonio, GCC’s dean of administration, said the project remains on schedule and GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick hopes to hold a “topping off” ceremony for the structural steel in the coming months. “It's going well and we're very pleased,” said D'Antonio.
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**Fall semester enrollment up 7 percent over 2009**

Gateway Community College (GCC) began its fall semester Aug. 30 with enrollment up 7 percent over last year, making GCC one of the fastest growing community colleges in the state.

By mid-September, 7,328 credit students were enrolled, said Dr. Wilson Luna, GCC’s dean of students. That includes a 3 percent increase in full-time students and a 9 percent increase in part-time students. There were 6,846 students enrolled as of the first day of the fall semester in 2009.

In response to continued enrollment increases, the college has instituted several non-traditional scheduling options, including new 6:30 a.m. “Early Bird” classes aimed at working professionals that begin Sept. 1, Friday/Saturday weekend college, learning cohorts and a growing number of online courses.

“The entire Gateway community remains committed to embracing the challenge of increasing enrollment and acquiring the resources necessary to ensure our students have everything they need to be successful in the classroom and beyond,” said GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick.

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**Employee campaign for new campus launched**

The employee portion of the “Your College. Your Future.” programmatic campaign to raise funds for the furniture and equipment at our new downtown campus and the Gateway Community College Foundation’s endowment was launched at the college’s Professional Day on Aug. 25.

The state of Connecticut is paying for the construction of the new $198 million campus, but not for its furniture and fixtures. The foundation’s campaign plans to raise $10 million to outfit the new campus and $1 million for its endowment through a combination of large corporate donations, donations from the larger New Haven community and employees. Interest earned off the $1 million endowment goal would be used by the foundation board to fund any items or initiatives useful to the faculty and staff at the college.

The three employees who will be chairing the employee portion of the campaign were introduced at Professional Day. They are: Susan Swirsky, administrative assistant in the Office of Development & Community Partnerships, GCC Instructor Dr. Mark Lynch, and Director of Admissions Kim Shea.

A committee is also being formed to help administer the employee campaign. Its members to date are: Mike Cifferelli, Amy DeFigueiredo, Marcia Doran, Sandi Garde, Trish Iovene, Kerin Lee-Kelsey, Janet Klinck, Maribel Lopez, Barbara McFarland, Luis Melendez, Victoria Morse, Amy Napierski, Lee Panagoulias, Alice Pandolfi, Janet Parker, Richard Rees, Nancy Robinson, Barbara Rudolph, Rachel Schettenhelm, John Scippa, Sheila Solernou, Rocky Tremblay, Marge Weiner and Anne Williams (see photo).

“We are all committed to the new campus and are shooting for 100 percent participation for the campaign and the lasting endowment,” Swirsky said.
Lynch told employees at Professional Day that their participation is critical, but they are just part of the overall campaign. “Our new campus will be built on many, very large contributions from members of our greater New Haven community,” he said. “And although it is extremely important that participation from faculty and staff is high to show the outside community how supportive the Gateway family is of this project, the building is not getting built on the backs of Gateway employees.”

Mary Ellen Cody, dean of development and community partnerships, said the external portion of the campaign has “made it to the seven-figure level” and that she will be announcing details once that portion of the campaign emerges from its current “silent” phase. The external portion of the campaign is being chaired by Joe Carbone, president and CEO of The Workplace, and Dr. Diane Jorkasky, chief medical officer and senior vice president at Aileron Therapeutics Inc.

Over the next six months, members of the employee campaign committee will be contacting employees with pledge cards and will be available as a resource for information about the campaign. Individual donations are strictly confidential and will not be seen by committee members. Interested employees may give whatever amount they are comfortable with and may pay with a check, credit card, or payroll deduction over three years.

Foundation Hall of Fame Dinner on WTNH-TV

Evelyn Gard, GCC’s director of public relations and marketing, was a guest on WTNH-TV’s Connecticut Style program Sept. 9 where she was promoting the Gateway Community College Foundation’s 13th annual Hall of Fame Induction & Reception.

Gard was joined by Val Cappobianco, owner of Downtown at the Taft, the restaurant that will be catering the event, which will be held Oct. 27 at the Shubert Theater in downtown New Haven. To watch the segment, click here.

The annual Hall of Fame Dinner 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.

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 all GCC students.

Veteran enrollment surges; Resource fair Oct. 1

GCC will host a Veterans Resource Fair on Friday, Oct. 1, bringing together more than a dozen support organizations in response to a continued surge in veteran enrollment.

The event — which GCC hopes to hold annually — will be free and open to all veterans. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in room 160 on GCC’s Long Wharf campus at 60 Sargent Drive. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to stop by and show their support for these service men and women.

The fair will provide valuable information for veterans about housing, health
care, education, training, employment, VA benefits and assistance with disability claims and compensation.

This fall, there are more than 260 veterans enrolled at GCC who are using VA educational benefits and the state veterans tuition waver, an increase of almost 20 percent over the more than 220 who were enrolled in the fall of 2009.

“The increase in veterans on campus is related to the recent troop draw downs abroad, the poor economy and the generous new post-Sept. 11 G.I. Bill that most veterans are utilizing,” said Michael V Buccilli, GCC’s director of career services and veterans services.

Participants in the Oct. 1 event will include: VA Healthcare Connecticut, VA Errera Center, Columbus House Inc., Connecticut Department of Labor, CT Works One-Stop Career Center, New Haven Vets Center, Alpha Disability Services, Disabled American Veterans and Southern Connecticut State University.

For more information, please contact Buccilli at (203) 285-2144.

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Early success, TV coverage for ‘Early Bird Classes’

GCC’s pilot 6:30 a.m. “Early Bird Classes” this fall are experiencing early success, an achievement that was showcased on the morning news shows of NBC30 Connecticut and National Public Radio’s WSHU during the first week of the fall semester.

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

The program is aimed at students who work full time and is also designed to help the college manage its record enrollments while it awaits completion of its new campus in downtown New Haven, which is slated to open in the fall of 2012.

Mark Kosinski, dean of academic affairs, was interviewed live on NBC30 on Aug. 31 about the classes. And Dean of Students Wilson Luna was interviewed by WSHU’s Ebom Odama on Sept. 2.

Luna said 96 students enrolled in the four classes and two of them — General Psychology I and Western Civilization I — were full. He said the college was expecting the classes to be filled by older working students, but the classes visited by the TV stations had a mix of older and younger students who indicated they were taking the class because they worked during the day and it was a convenient time slot.

Luna said college officials will discuss in the coming weeks whether to extend the pilot beyond this semester and, if so, what will be the best way to do that to accommodate students who are taking these first classes and new students who might sign up.
“I think there’s a lot of potential there, but now we really have to study what happened and figure how to proceed in a manner that will best help the students who want to finish up a class by 8 a.m.,” he said.

Program Spotlight: Studio Art/Graphic Design Option

Starting this month, President’s Corner will begin shining the spotlight on each of GCC’s programs with a new feature called Program Spotlight. This inaugural article takes a look at our Studio Art/Graphic Design Option Program.

This program is part of the Humanities Department and it gives students an opportunity to earn an associate degree in either studio art or studio art/graphic design option.

The program plans to soon begin offering a web design certificate and is looking forward to moving into GCC’s new downtown campus where it will have more space, be able to consolidate into a single location and expand its exhibition space. Currently, graphic design is housed in GCC’s North Haven campus.

“Our exhibition space is going to be on the ground floor right there in the heart of downtown,” said Nicholas Halko, professor of art and program coordinator. “Pedestrians can look in and see our work. We will act as a portal to the community that will go both ways. We’re very excited about the role that will give us on the cultural front of New Haven.”

Students in the program show their work in an exhibition at the end of each semester, which also allows them to create works that become part of their portfolio (see photo). And the program also provides valuable art education to students in other programs who are interested in exploring the creative side of their minds with our popular art history course or drawing, painting, sculpture, photography and others.

“Our program is essentially the first two years of a four-year art education or it can lead to job opportunities in the graphics area,” Halko said. “When students graduate, they come away with a strong foundation in either the visual arts or graphic design and have the tools they need to think as an artist thinks.”

The program currently has about 100 students enrolled, a number that has grown steadily in recent years. Its students include those pursuing art professions, those who enroll in its courses but are in other programs, and those who use its courses to accomplish goals that do not include a GCC associate degree, Halko said.

Destinations for GCC art students include Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, four-year state universities, as well as art schools in New York, Boston and beyond, Halko said.

“We get many students who take a lot of classes to fulfill requirements for other schools and then earn their degree there, or simply use some of our courses to help them create a portfolio that then helps them find work without a degree,” he said. “That’s because, unlike other areas of study, a good portfolio often can mean as much to a potential employer as a degree. That really levels the playing field in our field of study. The portfolio matters. It really shows what the student can do.”
Graduates can go on to earn advanced degrees and teach, or find work in areas including graphic design, web design, advertising or marketing, he said.

Katya Vetrov was one of the first graduates of the studio art program. She went on to earn a degree in theater arts and set design at the Theater Arts Academy in St. Petersburg, Russia. Then she came back to the United States and now teaches an art history class part time at GCC. She has also taught at the University of New Haven and does costume work with a variety of local theater companies in New Haven.

"Gateway's programs gave me a great start and the confidence and structure I needed to attain my goals," Vetrov said. "The classes are very comprehensive and are in good sequential order to that I was really able to build a portfolio. Also, the program is very open to a broad range of students with different backgrounds, so people can try it to see if they like art and it doesn't seem difficult to them because the instructors have a very systematic approach to art."

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.

Commission on Human Rights approves AA plan

Last month, GCC received notice that the Commission on Human Rights has approved its affirmative action plan.

GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick sent out a special thanks to Dr. Vincent Tong for his work on the project. "I would also like to compliment all GCC employees who chaired search committees for their work in providing Dr. Tong with appropriate information for the plan," she said. "Our next filing for a plan is May 30, 2011."

Friendly Reminders

Nominate for BOT Merit Award, honorary degree

Members of the GCC community are invited to nominate individuals for the annual Board of Trustees (BOT) Merit Award and an honorary associate degree, which will be awarded during the commencement ceremony in 2011.

Nominations for the BOT Merit Award must be received by GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick by no later than Dec. 31, 2010. For more information about criteria and the submission process, click here.

Nominations for an honorary associate degree must be received by President Kendrick no later than Dec. 1, 2010. For more information about criteria and the submission process, click here.

Information about both of these topics is also posted around GCC on our official bulletin boards.
Extra parking, shuttles available until Sept. 23

To help with the increased traffic and challenging parking conditions associated with the beginning of each semester, GCC has once again secured additional parking at the IKEA store near our Long Wharf campus through Sept. 23.

Spaces there are available Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. Security and a shuttle bus to the Long Wharf campus are also provided during those times.

“We strongly encourage members of the Gateway community to use the spaces at IKEA, especially during peak morning and evening class times,” said Dean of Administration Lou D’Antonio.

For more information, contact the main guard station at Long Wharf at 203-285-2246.

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Calendar Highlights

Still time to join our fight against diabetes Sept. 19

There’s still time to join GCC’s “Gateway Cares” team or sponsor one of our walkers for the American Diabetes Association’s 2010 Greater New Haven Step Out Walk to Fight Diabetes Sunday, Sept. 19, at Slavin Rock in West Haven.

The beginning of the walk has changed to 9 a.m. with registration opening at 8 a.m. GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick is the corporate recruitment chair for the event. 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.

To sponsor a walker or join the team, click here then follow these directions:

- Once you are in the home page click on “Sponsor a walker” on top of the page;
- On the next screen, type in co-captain Wilson Luna’s name and click on “find walker”;
- Click on the link to Wilson Luna;
- Once on Luna’s page, if you would like to be a team sponsor, click on the “Click here to Sponsor Me” button and follow the prompts;
- Once on Luna’s page, if you would like to join the team, click on the “Click here to Walk With Me” button and follow the prompts.

The team fundraising goal is $5,000. “We want to be one of the largest teams at the walk,” Luna said. “Together we can stop diabetes, one step at a time.”

For more information, contact team co-captains Lou D’Antonio at (203) 285-2021, or Wilson Luna at (203) 285-2210.

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GCC president to speak to League of Women Voters

GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick will be the keynote speaker Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the League of Women Voters of New Haven’s monthly meeting at the Graduate Club in New Haven.
The event begins at 12 p.m. Kendrick will discuss GCC’s vision and why it is imperative that education be seen as a catalyst for change.

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**Democratic gubernatorial candidate to visit Sept. 30**

Dan Malloy, the Democratic candidate for governor, will visit GCC Thursday, Sept. 30, at 11 a.m.

Malloy, who is the former longest running mayor of Stamford, will speak in the cafeteria at our Long Wharf campus. All interested individuals from the Gateway community are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The event is sponsored by The Sages, a senior organization, and will be moderated by faculty member Dr. Kerin Lee-Kelsey. *(Please note: This event is not sponsored by, and the candidate is not endorsed by Gateway Community College.)*

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**Hip hop pioneer, founder of Run-DMC visits Oct. 6**

*Darryl McDaniels*, also known as DMC and one of the pioneers of hip hop culture, will visit GCC on Wednesday, Oct. 6, in an event co-sponsored by The Esther Haseltine Schiavone Endowment Fund that supports arts events at GCC.

McDaniels, who is one of the founding members of Run-DMC, will discuss "From Old School to New School to Your School: Rap and Hip Hop" at 3 p.m. in the auditorium at our North Haven campus.

Cost $3 for students and $25 for non-students. Tickets are available in the Office of College Life, room 138, in our Long Wharf campus.

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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**‘Odyssey’ Day Oct. 15 targets alternative energy**

GCC, in partnership with New Haven Clean Cities Coalition and the National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium (NAFTC), 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 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. An estimated 500 students from 13 area high schools are expected to attend the event from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

NAFTC’s mission with AFV Day Odyssey is to educate the nation about alternative fuel and advanced technology vehicles. Through its commemoration, millions of individuals have become aware of the differences between alternative fuel and advanced technology vehicles and their potential to make a difference in our nation’s energy security and quest for cleaner air. And this year, the program is expanding to include other “green” industries and organizations.

As a result, GCC’s AVF Day Odyssey will focus on both alternative energy for transportation and residential clean energy, like solar-electric and solar-hot water, said Anthony Rish, lead instructor for GCC’s Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program.

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 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.

Dr. Kendrick to speak at Chamber Expo on Nov. 17

GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick will participate in the Women’s Business Council panel discussion as part of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce’s Business Expo 2010 on Nov. 17 at the Oakdale Theater in Wallingford.

The event, “Inspirations: A Conversation with Connecticut’s Top Female Executives,” will begin at 2 p.m. In addition to Kendrick, the panel will include Meredith Reuben, CEO of Eastern Bag & Paper, and Susan Bryson, partner at Wiggin & Dana. It will be moderated by Jocelyn Maminta of WTNH-TV. For more information, contact the chamber at 203-787-6735.

Faculty & Staff Highlights

Doran named new chair of Allied Health Department

GCC has named Marcia Doran, M.S., R.D., chair of our Allied Health Department, which offers associate degrees and certificates for some of the most rapidly advancing careers in modern medicine.

The Allied Health Department includes four specialties in radiologic technology — diagnostic medical sonography, nuclear medicine technology, radiation therapy and radiography — two specialties in nutrition and fitness — exercise science and wellness and dietetic technology — as well as programs for pre-dental hygiene and pre-allied health. GCC is the only public institution of higher learning in Connecticut to offer academic programs in diagnostic medical sonography, dietetics, nuclear medicine technology and radiation...
Doran has been with GCC for 12 years, most recently as professor and coordinator for its dietetic technology program. Since earning her registered dietitian credential in 1980, she has worked in a variety of related positions, including director of the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education program at the University of California Cooperative Extension in Berkeley, Calif., nutrition director at Hill Health Center in New Haven and adjunct professor at Southern Connecticut State University.

New SOAR coordinator, full-time DARC instructor

Please join us in congratulating the following employees:

- Carla Roehrich is GCC’s new regional coordinator for sustainable operations: alternative and renewable energy (SOAR). She oversees outreach and promotion of our SOAR certificate programs. Currently we have one underway, the alternative energy transportation technology certificate, and two more are pending state approval, certificates in clean water management and solar technology. “Carla comes to us with admissions experience from University of Bridgeport and she recently completed her master of science in management with an emphasis in sustainable enterprise management,” said Paul Silberquit, director of GCC’s Engineering and Applied Technologies Division.

- Eileen Russo is GCC’s newest full-time instructor in our drug and alcohol recovery counselor (DARC) program. “Eileen has extensive teaching, training, treatment and clinical supervision experience,” said Cher A. Shannon, coordinator of GCC’s DARC program. “She has worked in the DARC program for the past four years and is dedicated to the students, the DARC program, Gateway and her colleagues.”

Professor’s daughter HGTV ‘Community Crusader’

Avery Doninger, daughter of GCC Psychology Professor Dr. Lauren Doninger, was selected by HGTV to be its “Community Crusader” for September for her many contributions to non-profits in the Willimantic area where she attends Eastern Connecticut State University.

Avery Doninger, 20, has worked with the Covenant Soup Kitchen, the No-Freeze Homeless Shelter, the Windham Harm Reduction Coalition, Habitat for Humanity and People Helping People. This summer, she spent six weeks volunteering in Haiti with All Hands Volunteers.

In the video posted on the HGTV website she credited her mother with instilling in her the importance of giving back to her community at an early age. Lauren Doninger (on right in photo with Avery) is also coordinator of the Liberal Arts & Sciences and General Studies programs at GCC and the liaison for our Guaranteed Admissions Program with the University of Connecticut.

“I remember my mom dragging me to the soup kitchen and doing Meals on Wheels,”
she said. "I think that had a big influence on me because now it's something that I want to do all the time."

Faculty art exhibition on display at GCC in October

The Gallery of Art at Gateway Community College will host a faculty art exhibition during the month of October that will feature sculpture, photography, graphics, paintings and drawings.

The gallery’s hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information on the exhibit, call (203) 285-2241.

Student Highlights

More than 650 participate in new student orientation

More than 650 new students and family members attended GCC’s New Student Orientation events on Aug. 17, 23 and 28.

The orientation included presentations on financial aid, tutoring, career services, academic advising, student involvement, academic expectations, the libraries and students rights and responsibilities. There was also an information technology session designed to make sure each student left knowing how to log onto his or her account.

The program also featured a picnic social, a campus tour and "survival" sessions led by new student orientation (NSO) leaders. This year's NSO leaders are: Ashley Blasczyk, Ryane Kovacs, Symphany Joseph, Saneisha Banton, Kerry-Ann Jackson, Nancy Touba, Kimberly Grant, Phillip Wolinski, Jennifer Rivera, Isabella Edwards, Cynthia Fernandez with Shakaya Kitchens as the NSO leader supervisor.

These key student leaders will continue to work with their orientation groups and ultimately mentor up to 60 new students throughout the year on various campus issues and assist in keeping them engaged with the campus community.

Faculty and staff are invited to e-mail the NSO leaders at gw-nsno@gwcc.commnet.edu with any pertinent events, workshops and or deadlines they would like to share with the NSO leaders’ respective new students.

Center for Working Students holds orientation

GCC’s Center for Working Students welcomed its newest cohort of students last month at an orientation session on the Long Wharf campus.

The orientation for this newest cohort, or group of students following the same
schedule for the duration of a program, was Aug. 26. In addition to the students, it was attended by GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick, John Padilla with the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the center’s coordinator Dr. James Boger, Dean of Academic Affairs Mark Kosinski and Dean of Students Wilson Luna (photo).

Launched in 2009, the Center for Working Students provides GCC students with a comprehensive set of services and support designed to help them complete a college degree, earn more money, and ultimately provide better futures for their families and children.

It acts as a concierge resource, connecting students to academic support services, career planning services, income and work support services, and financial literacy services. The center is funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation in collaboration with Workforce Alliance in New Haven.

Veterans Club collects 1,400 magazines for hospital

GCC’s Veterans Club recently delivered an estimated 1,400 magazines collected over the summer to the VA Medical Center – West Haven where they will be placed in waiting rooms for patients and their families.

The VA Medical Center-West Haven includes an inpatient and Ambulatory Care Center that provide health care for thousands of veterans who have served in conflicts going back as far as World War II through today’s operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

“Fourteen boxes were collected in all, including eight that were saved from recycling and donated by the great staff at Gateway’s library,” said Rick Palinko (USMC), a veterans certifying official at GCC and organizer of the magazine drive.

Three club members (left to right in photo) helped Palinko deliver the magazines: liberal arts student Oscar Rodriguez (USMC); dietetics technology student Brandi Vassiliou (U.S. Coast Guard), and graphic design student Rob Johnson (U.S. Army).

Palinko said anyone who supports our military can join the Veterans Club by visiting Room 107 on our Long Wharf campus.

3 students attend National LeaderShape Institute

GCC students Kimberly Grant, Jennifer Rivera and Nancy Touba were selected out of eight applicants to attend the National LeaderShape Institute this summer on behalf of GCC.

All three serve in a number of leadership roles on campus. The LeaderShape Institute is an interactive, energizing experience that builds leadership skills. Participants take
party in six days of non-stop self-discovery and learning from practical experiences that built their leadership concepts and abilities. LeaderShape has graduated more than 31,000 participants since 1986.

“LeaderShape was a tremendous experience,” said Grant. “We learned many life lessons that will stay with us, such as visionizing and how to distinguish between “reach” goals and manageable goals. We also got to meet a lot of great new people who we still have contact with. LeaderShape will always be an experience of a lifetime.”

Automotive student receives scholarship, toolkit

Last month, GCC automotive student Justin Hucul (center in photo) received his Grainger Tools for Tomorrow scholarship and toolkit. Also attending the presentation were Darryl Turner, manager of Grainger’s North Haven branch (right), and Mary Ellen Cody, GCC’s dean of development and community partnerships (left).

The Tools for Tomorrow Scholarship Program offers $2,000 scholarships to second-year technical education students who maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher and are studying electronic systems, HVAC/R, plumbing, welding, construction automotive or another industrial trade.

In Memoriam: GCC student Wayne Campbell

On Aug. 7, GCC student Wayne Campbell, 19, was struck by a motor vehicle while walking home from his job on Foxon Avenue in New Haven. Four days later he was pronounced brain dead and he was removed from life support Aug. 12. Campbell was an active member of the Gateway community. Our sincerest condolences go out to his family and friends. Individuals who wish to make donations to help offset the family’s funeral expenses may deliver them to Amy DeFigueiredo in room 120 on the Long Wharf campus or Sandi Garde at the Information Desk on the North Haven campus.

Alumni Notes: Member of Public Allies Connecticut
Shayaka Kitchens, who graduated last spring and was an active student leader on campus, was one of ten out of 260 student leaders from across the state to be selected to serve as part of Public Allies Connecticut. Since 2004, Public Allies Connecticut has selected more than 80 young leaders to participate in its program who are passionate social change makers and support community projects in partnership with hundreds of local nonprofit organizations. The program includes a rigorous AmeriCorps program that combines full-time, paid apprenticeships in nonprofits with intensive skills training, active community-building projects, personalized coaching, and critical reflection.