Anthem donates $150,000 to campus campaign

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Connecticut last month announced a $150,000 donation to the Gateway Community College Foundation’s “Your College. Your Future” building campaign.

In recognition of the gift and Anthem’s long history of supporting GCC, the Dietetic Technology (DT) Laboratory at our new downtown campus will bear the company’s name.

“Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield has long been a supporter of Gateway students,” said GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick. “Their commitment to our students through sponsorships and scholarship awards continues to enrich our region’s health care industry. This generous naming of the Dietetic Technology Lab further underscores Anthem’s commitment to the well-being of our students and their future patients.”

The GCCF’s “Your College. Your Future” building campaign, which launched its public phase in October, aims to raise $6 million for state-of-the-art equipment and program-related materials, as well as long-term student support services like scholarships. It has already raised more than $2 million toward that goal.

“I’m proud we’re collaborating once again with Gateway,” said Anthem President David R. Fusco. “The college plays a key role in educating tomorrow’s workforce, including those who seek careers in health care. This clearly supports Anthem’s own mission of improving lives of the people we serve and the health of our communities.”

Anthem’s gift will fund a computerized audiovisual technology instructional system for the new ADA-accessible Dietetic Technology Lab, as well as requisite kitchen
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President’s Corner

President’s Corner is Gateway Community College’s campus

The Gateway Community College Foundation has elected three new members to its board of directors. And, a sitting board member has been honored by the Connecticut Technology Council.

The newly elected board members are:

- **Althea Marshall Brooks** (first photo from left), president and CEO of Empower New Haven, a non-profit intermediary that administers more than $30 million as one of 15 Round II Empowerment Zone cities;
- **Helene Robbins** (second photo), a trust and fiduciary specialist for the Northeast region of Wells Fargo, The Private Bank. Robbins has specialized in serving trust clients at Wells Fargo and its predecessor companies for more than 30 years; and,
- **Fred Mott** (third photo), portfolio manager at Winstanley Property Management, LLC, where he is responsible for managing a variety of commercial properties, including offices, bio-tech and warehouses.

Also, Kim Carpenter (fourth photo), a sitting member of the board of directors, was one of 53 innovative and outstanding women from across Connecticut who was honored March 1 at the 8th annual Women of Innovation awards dinner hosted by the Connecticut Technology Council. The awards recognize women in the workforce and...
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at the high school and college levels who are innovators, role models and leaders in the technology, science and engineering fields.

Carpenter was a finalist in the Large Business Innovation and Leadership award category. She serves as vice president, global human resources, for the Surgical Solutions business unit of Covidien. She began her career as an administrator at Housatonic Community College.

Board Chair Lindy Lee Gold said: “The Board of Directors is enormously proud of Kim’s recognition in a field of incredible women in leadership and innovation. She has given her time and talent as a valuable board member and is the embodiment of the Covidien culture that supports health and education. She has earned her honor and our respect.”

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‘Girls Rock’ women’s summit planned for April 27

“Girls Rock,” a women’s summit designed to build the self-esteem and self-worth of female students, will be hosted by GCC on April 27 and will feature three speakers including Dr. Elsa M. Nunez (photo), president of Eastern Connecticut State University, who will give the keynote address.

“We hope to provide our female students with the tools to ensure their success,” said Kellie Danso, a GCC counselor who is co-chairing the committee that created the event along with Acting Registrar Maribel Lopez. “We will motivate and inspire them to go on with their education and become productive members of our community, paving the way for the next generation.”

The event will take place on our Long Wharf campus in room 160. Check-in and breakfast will be from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., and the program will run from 10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. The event is free and it will also feature several giveaways with door prizes.

Other speakers include: Myra Reddish, MSN, a member of the GCC nursing faculty, who will discuss issues surrounding a woman’s body from age 18 on; Roxana Walker-Canton, assistant professor of new media at Fairfield University, who will discuss the impact of the media on women’s self-esteem; and, Ayisha Dabre, president and CEO of Personal Vision Image Consulting, LLC, who will discuss what a woman’s clothes say about her and dressing for today and the future.

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Two new Allied Health labs are near completion

Two new Allied Health labs are beginning to take shape on our downtown campus, a new Nuclear Medicine Technology (NMT) Lab and a new Computerized Tomography (CT) Lab.

The Nuclear Medicine Laboratory will allow students to practice imaging procedures and radiation safety techniques using the newest technology. It will be equipped with a comprehensive array of nuclear medicine equipment, including the high-tech gamma
camera (top photo) and radiation detection instruments. The gamma camera is used in medical diagnostics to image gamma radiation emitting radioisotopes and produces two- and three-dimensional images of patients’ internal organs. The lab also will include ancillary equipment, including uptake probes, dose calibrators, well and Geiger counters, which will provide students with the opportunity to practice radiation safety techniques and imaging protocols in a laboratory setting.

“This new state-of-the-art Nuclear Medicine Laboratory will allow the NMT program to stay at the forefront of nuclear medicine education and provide exceptional training for our students,” said Program Director and Associate Professor Beata Gebuza, MS, CNMT, NCT.

NMT students will join radiography and radiation therapy students in using a new Computerized Tomography (CT) Lab that features a refurbished Siemens Somatom Emotion CT unit (bottom photo). This multi-slice unit will allow students to simulate basic CT procedures using “phantom” body parts.

“We are very excited about our new CT Lab as it will complement our general radiography lab by providing our students with training opportunities in another modality of radiologic science,” said Radiography Program Director and Professor Julie A. Austin, M.A., R.T.

President speaks in Maryland on completion efforts

GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick was one of three community college presidents to speak at a conference in Maryland about strategies for increasing the number of students who complete a community college education.

She was one of the panelists on the President’s Panel at the March 23 northeast regional spring conference of the National Council on Black American Affairs. The conference’s theme was “From Theory to Practice: Meeting the Challenges of the Completion Agenda.”

Dr. Kendrick discussed initiatives underway at GCC that are designed to help increase student completion rates. She was joined on the panel by Dr. Wilfredo Nieves, president of Capital Community College in Hartford and Dr. Edythe M. Abdullah, president of Essex Community College in Newark, N.J.

Motorcycle courses start, run through October

State-certified basic motorcycle training courses, which started being required last year for all new motorcycle licenses, will be offered by GCC’s Motorcycle Rider Education Program starting in April and running through October.

This year, GCC is offering nearly 70 sections of the Basic Rider Course (BRC). Classes are offered both mid-week and on the weekends. The course consists of six hours of classroom
instruction and 14 hours of on-vehicle training on state-provided motorcycles. The all-inclusive cost is $200. The college supplies the motorcycles, helmets and study materials.

GCC is also offering several sections of its Experienced Rider Course (ERC). This six-hour class for $85 is for students who have had at least six months of riding experience. Students use their own motorcycles to learn more advanced maneuvers like stopping in the shortest distance, cornering, swerving and tight turns.

Both the BRC and ERC courses are offered at our North Haven campus. 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, visit www.gcc.commnet.edu and click on “Motorcycle Rider Education Program” or call 203-285-2309 or 203-285-2426.

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**Expo promotes math, science to high school girls**

GCC and the Connecticut Women’s Education and Legal Fund hosted a Girls & STEM Expo at our North Haven campus on March 30, a one-day event with workshops designed to promote high school girls’ interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education and careers.

The event included workshops and team-building exercises led by women engaged in STEM careers. The workshops were interactive and presented concrete applications of scientific methods and technology, introduced students to role models and potential mentors and fostered girls’ sense of participating in a peer group of future workers in STEM careers.

In all, about 100 ninth- and tenth-grade girls from New Haven schools participated. Funding for the expo was provided by the Connecticut State Department of Education Bureau of Teaching and Learning through the Carl D. Perkins Career Technical Education Improvement Act.

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**New security service starts as move approaches**

Allied Barton Security Services has started as our new campus security vendor, replacing Securitas that was our vendor for 14 years.

Dean of Administration Lou D’Antonio said Allied Barton has capabilities more suited to our new downtown campus environment. “I am very excited about our move downtown and my staff is, too,” said Brian Higney, GCC’s security supervisor. “The new campus presents many challenges that we are eager to embrace. It’s a wonderful time in the history of our college.”
In photo, from left to right, are James Burgess, Janet Soto, Luis Garcia, Danika Hughes of Allied Barton, and Brian Higney.

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**ELC children, guests welcome master storyteller**

Master storyteller Valerie Tutson entertained the children at GCC’s Early Learning Center, along with their parents and special guests on Feb. 28 with African music and stories. In addition to stories, there was singing and dancing, and a wonderful time was had by all. The audience included two special guests, Dr. Norris Haynes from Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU), a former ELC parent and author of many books on children’s literacy, and Shulamith Chernoff, professor emeritus at SCSU, who is researching how early literacy is taught for an April presentation for the New Haven Association for the Education of Young Children.

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**LEEDing the Way: Lighting and thermal comfort**

GCC’s new downtown campus has sophisticated light-control systems that provide up to 90 percent of its individual occupants and groups the ability to control their lighting. All classrooms have task lighting controls at the instructor’s station and shades to control daylight. And all conference and multi-purpose rooms also have lighting controls that include the combination of using daylight where possible, and motion detectors to turn off lights when there is adequate sunlight or no one is using an area.

The campus also was designed with the intent to provide a comfortable thermal environment that promotes the well-being of its occupants. And, between six and 18 months after we move in, the college will conduct a survey of occupants to assess their comfort and satisfaction with thermal conditions.

This “LEEDing the Way” feature spotlights the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) aspects of our new campus, which is designed to be gold-certified in LEED. The LEED Green Building Rating System™ is a voluntary, consensus-based standard to support and certify successful green building design, construction and operations.

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**Faculty, Staff Highlights**

**Administrators, faculty selected for Service Award**
Two administrators and one faculty member have been selected to receive the 2012 Educational Excellence and Distinguished Service Award, which recognizes extraordinary professional service and comes with a $1,500 award.

The honorees, one from each professional bargaining unit, are:

- John Desrosiers, Assistant Director of Information Technology (AFSCME Administrators);
- Dr. Lauren Doninger, Professor of Psychology and Program Coordinator of the Liberal Arts and Sciences (AFT); and,
- Luis F. Melendez, Director of GCC’s Center for Educational Services (Congress).

Recipients are eligible to apply for up to $5,000 in financial support of professional activities not ordinarily available for projects like instruction innovation, professional development and proposals to be released from normal assignments to undertake a special project related to the college or system. Recipients have until May 15 to submit proposals for the additional monetary award.

Please join us in congratulating our colleagues on this outstanding honor.

Professor interviews Martha Stewart, meets celebs

GCC Professor Stephen Fries, coordinator of GCC’s hospitality management program and a food columnist with the New Haven Register, interviewed Martha Stewart (top photo) at last month’s Pillsbury Bake-Off Contest in Orlando, Fla., which he covered for the Register.

Fries also was called upon to assist Food Network star Jeff Henderson on a demo stage at a “Taking Food Further” food media seminar (bottom photo). Henderson, also known as “Chef Jeff,” is the star of “The Chef Jeff Project,” an award winning chef, bestselling author and popular public speaker.

“I was excited that I was able to interview Martha Stewart because she usually doesn’t grant many interviews,” Fries said. “She was very cordial, knowledgeable and up on every food trend. She’s a brilliant woman and a phenomenal speaker.”

The four-minute videotaped interview will soon be posted on YouTube and when it is, President’s Corner will be sure to share the link.

Tens of thousands of cooks submitted recipes for 45th annual Pillsbury Bake-Off hoping to come home with the $1 million prize. One hundred finalists went to Orlando, including three who live in Connecticut. The winner — a Pennsylvania woman with her recipe for pumpkin ravioli with salted caramel whipped cream — was announced at a special live broadcast of the Hallmark Channel’s “The Martha Stewart Show.”

Fries also met Althea Harper, a New Haven resident and former contestant on the TV show “Project Runway,” who designed the event’s aprons. To see a YouTube video of highlights from the entire event, click here.
Humanities professor to be visiting artist in Rome

GCC Humanities Associate Professor Vincent Baldassano has been selected to participate as a visiting artist at the American Academy in Rome’s Visiting Artist/Scholar Program this summer.

Established in 1894 and chartered by an Act of Congress in 1905, the American Academy in Rome is a leading center for independent study and advanced research in the arts and humanities. Situated on the Janiculum, the highest hill within the walls of Rome, the academy today remains a private institution supported by gifts from individuals, foundations, corporations and other sources. The academy community also includes a select group of residents, distinguished artists and scholars invited by the director, as well as affiliated fellows and visiting artists and scholars.

Baldassano, a graduate of Wagner College, Staten Island, N.Y., with a master of fine arts degree, painting and drawing from the University of Oregon, Eugene, has taught studio art and art history at universities, colleges and art schools throughout the United States.

Please join us in sending him your congratulations on this prestigious honor.

Lecturer represents GCC at Yale guitar symposium

Daniel Corr, a music lecturer at GCC called “a guitarist for music lovers to catch” by the Hartford Courant, represented GCC March 24 at the Yale School of Music’s seventh semiannual Guitar Extravaganza.

Corr was on “The Future of Classical Guitar Pedagogy” panel, which discussed where the study of guitar instruction is headed. The event brought together guitar lovers for a day of concerts, lectures, exhibits, master classes and other events.

Corr, who teaches a variety of music courses at GCC including guitar, has been recognized for his musicianship and artistry at several competitions, including earning first prize at the 12th Northwest Guitar Competition, a top prize at the SUNY-Potsdam Crane New Music Solo Performer Competition and Yale University’s prestigious Eliot Fisk Prize as the “outstanding graduate in guitar” in 2001.

GCC embraces ‘Shape Up to Ship Out’ program

There’s less than one month to go in the “Shape Up to Ship Out” wellness competition and its organizers couldn’t be more pleased with the way its 55 participants have
embraced the program, enthusiastically adapting healthier lifestyle choices and demonstrating a good-natured competitive spirit at the same time.

“To be honest with you, some of my students were concerned when we were creating the program that maybe no one would be interested, so we are thrilled with the outcome,” said Exercise Science and Wellness Program Coordinator Todd Degree. “There are certainly people who are more competitive than others, and I will allow them to remain nameless, but I can’t go down the hallway without somebody saying, ‘See, I’m running to class!’ or ‘Look, I’ve got my water with me!’ It’s great that it’s had that impact. That was the whole goal.”

Congratulations go out to the winners of the program’s biweekly challenges so far:

- **Run 10 miles over the course of two weeks**: The winner was Lauretta Swiderski with 31 miles logged!

- **Do 500 push-ups over the course of two weeks**: This challenge had two winners because they went so far above and beyond the requirement. Allen Gales logged 1,376 push-ups. And Michael Buccilli logged 1,175 push-ups!

Participants have until April 7 to finish the challenge under way now, to jump rope for a total of 2½ hours over the course of two weeks.

Swiderski, enrollment services assistant in the Allied Health Department, said she started running two years ago and runs about 3 miles almost every day with her dog Bentley when the weather permits and hits the treadmills at the YMCA when it doesn’t.

“Running is a great way to keep both physically and mentally in shape, but it also provides an opportunity to benefit my friends and community,” she said, adding that she completed a 5K last month to benefit the Naugatuck Education Foundation and plans to do a second one in May to honor her best friend’s mother. “The Shape Up to Ship Out program has allowed me to review the nutritional aspects of my health, in particular the amount of water intake needed per day, and I’ve added stretching into my workout schedule.”

“Shape Up to Ship Out” is a 10-week program to promote health and wellness by helping to motivate participants to incorporate daily fitness into their lives and make healthier food choices, while simultaneously giving the Exercise Science and Wellness internship class the experience of implementing a wellness program. It was launched the last week in February and will end the week of April 30. While Shape Up to Ship Out is a contest, it is not a weight-loss competition. Each participant was assigned to a team, the Blue Team or the White Team. During the 10 weeks, participants will earn points for meeting fitness, nutrition and wellness goals. In photo, participants attend a “Lunch and Learn” session March 29 that added to their total points.
Janet Klinck, administrative assistant in the Office of College Life, will be going to El Salvador this summer on a mission with her 17-year-old daughter Melanie to help the needy in the village of Las Delicias outside the capital of San Salvador.

An estimated 60 percent of the population of El Salvador lives on less than $2 a day. The poverty and poor living conditions are the direct result of a 13-year civil war, natural disasters and harsh military rule.

In all there will be 40 young people participating in the trip that’s part of Project Fiat. Once there, the volunteers will serve the humanitarian needs of the villagers through a number of tasks, including providing basic medical care, child care, teaching English to children, building roads, homes or water systems and other tasks.

Each volunteer is assigned specific items to bring with them to help the villagers. The Klincks will be bringing children’s non-gummy vitamins and children’s Tylenol to help those in need. Anyone who would like to donate to help the Klincks’ cause, please contact Janet Klinck directly at 203-285-2208 or jklinck@gwcc.commnet.edu.

Student Highlights

63 students inducted into Phi Theta Kappa chapter

Sixty-three academically outstanding students were inducted into GCC’s Alpha Xi Theta chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society in a ceremony and reception held March 23 at GCC’s North Haven campus.

The mission of 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.

The 63 GCC students who were inducted are: Jean Acosta, Verone Adote, Mitchell Aiudi, Suzanne Anderson, Richard Allspaugh, Aisha Arabi, Rebecca Bergman, Laura Burban, Michael Cloud, Samantha Cordone, Ewelina Czopek, Brian DeMott, Marie Noelle Dinsart, Megan Eaton, Stephanie Encarnacion, Derek Faulkner, Rebecca Fugal, Jake Gay Jr, Matthew Geoffino, Kathleen Genera, Christopher Goingo, Jamie Glazewski, Joan Halaweh, Torriann Heath, Linda Higgins, Alex Hubbard, Paige Hunt, Rachelle Hutt, Don Jayasinghe, Casey Johnson, Patrick Kelley, Huy Khau, Jeanetta Lee, Maureen Leahy, Abigail Locklear, Egnon Locoh, Sarah Luedee, Bradford Martin, Anna Martino, Ryan Masterson, Paiten Melanson, Paula Meyerholz, Cheryl Miller, Carla Miranda, Anthony Mitrono, Alyssa Mommsen, Samantha Newgass, John Benedict Pavia, Alex Pedro, Edward Peach-Keyes, Tam Pham, Michael Poggioli, Brenda Romero, William Rogers, Layth Salman, Laura Scalesse, Dion Sead, Alfred Sharon, Scott Sivek, Kate Slomkowski, Ingrid Soto, Mariuxy Thomas and Rosiris Villar.
Students volunteer in many settings so far this year

GCC’s Student Community Outreach Programs (SCOP) has coordinated the opportunity for students to volunteer in a variety of settings so far this year.

On Jan. 27, three students and one staff member volunteered with the Community Soup Kitchen on Broadway in the city, serving a hot lunch to New Haven’s needy.

On Feb. 10, six students and one staff member prepared a delicious meal (bottom photo) and made Valentine’s Day arts and crafts with children and families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in New Haven, a facility that provides free housing to the families of children receiving care at local hospitals. And SCOP also donated knitted scarves and hats to the house that were made by GCC’s Warm Up America! Knitting program.

On Feb. 13, dozens of GCC students, faculty and staff participated in an American Red Cross Blood Drive on campus. Their donations exceeded the goal set by the Red Cross of productive united of blood, helping at least 117 recipients.

And, on March 9, three GCC students and one GCC staffer volunteered with Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven at its sites at 34 and 38 Vernon Street in the city’s Hill neighborhood (top photo). The volunteers painted the interior of the home, including the walls, ceilings and doors during their seven-hour day. The construction of the homes is being sponsored by Yale-New Haven Hospital. After they are completed, they will be mortgaged to low-income partner families at affordable rates.

Railroad Electronic Technician Program graduates 11

Eleven students graduated March 19 from GCC’s Railroad Electronic Technician Program, having completed 241 hours of classroom and laboratory work over five months of intensive training.

A ceremony was held on our North Haven campus that was attended by an additional 40 visitors, including family and friends.

“In these five months, the class has bonded as a group and with the help of their instructors have overcome every obstacle to success,” said Ann Harrison of Connecticut Works.

The program, which was launched in October 2011 and is offered through GCC’s Business and Industry Services and Workforce Development areas within our Continuing Education division, produces highly skilled technicians to help with repair
and maintenance of signals, train cars, subways and other equipment. It also is designed to satisfy the requirements for the Connecticut Works Business System, Metro North, and the Railroad Engineering Technology credit program at GCC.

In addition to receiving their certificates, the students offered many heartfelt observations about the friendships and study sessions they shared and they watched a video that emphasized the impact that they have made on each other and will make on their families and the people who travel the rails between New Haven and New York.

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‘Pounce into Action!’ for National Volunteer Week

GCC’s Student Community Outreach Programs, in conjunction with the AmeriCorps VISTA program on campus, is sponsoring a series of events April 16-20 as part of “Pounce into Action!” a college-wide initiative for National Volunteer Week.

On Monday, April 16: GCC will host a Volunteer Fair featuring more than 10 local non-profit organizations that will provide students with information on volunteer opportunities for the summer and fall.

On Tuesday, April 17: “Bowling for Shelter,” a bowl-a-thon fundraiser, will be held at AMF Milford Lanes to benefit New Haven Home Recovery, a non-profit organization that provides housing and support services to women and children in the New Haven area.

On Wednesday, April 18: GCC’s Student Government Association will co-sponsor a “Gateway Helps Gateway” grocery bingo event with Student Community Outreach Programs in an effort to give back to students here at GCC who need help.

On Thursday, April 19: Students will have the opportunity to promote social awareness by advocating for a cause of their choice during a “Day of Advocacy” event.

On Friday, April 20: In the afternoon, students, faculty and staff will have the opportunity to beautify our neighborhood through a Long Wharf Clean-Up Initiative coordinated through New Haven Parks and Recreation. Then, “Pounce into Action!” will culminate at 6 p.m. with participation of the “Gateway Pride” team at the Relay for Life event to benefit the American Cancer Society.

For more information about these events, contact the Office of College Life at 203-285-2208.

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March edition of Gateway Gazette now available

Copies of the March 2012 edition of the student publication the Gateway Gazette are available across both our Long Wharf and North Haven campuses and online on the homepage of the college’s website.

The issue includes articles about GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick’s recent Liberty Bell Award, GCC’s SCORE program, our Gateway Lions men’s basketball team and President Obama’s plans for community colleges nationwide. To e-mail the Gateway Gazette a story idea or comment, send it to gwgazette@gmail.com.
Calendar Highlights

Through April 24: CORE Committee’s Food Drive

The GCC CORE Committee’s Spring Food Drive begins April 3. Donations of non-perishable food and cash will be accepted through April 24.

Food donations may be left in room 122 on our Long Wharf campus or room 101 on our North Haven campus. To make a cash donation, contact Kim Shea at 203-285-2011 or kshea@gwcc.commnet.edu, or Teresa Russo Demars at 203-285-2286 or tdemars@gwcc.commnet.edu.

All donations will benefit the Christian Community Action Food Bank. All gifts of food or cash will be matched with a donation from the Feinstein Foundation. The more that is donated, the larger the match!

April 10: Giacomo Gates headlines jazz concert

On Tuesday, April 10, top-voted jazz singer Giacomo Gates will headline a free concert sponsored by the Esther Haseltine Schiavone Endowment Fund for the Arts at GCC, an event that will also feature Tony Lombardozi and Jeff Fuller.

The concert, which will be held in room 160 on our Long Wharf campus, will begin at 7 p.m.

A JJA Jazz Awards nominee in 2011, Gates has won every major award in his long strong career and his newest CD, “The Revolution Will Be Jazz: The Songs of Gil Scott-Heron” has topped the jazz charts for more than six months.

The Esther Haseltine Schiavone Endowment Fund was established in 2006 through the Gateway Community College Foundation by Schiavone’s daughter Jennifer Schiavone, who set up the endowment in her mother’s memory to help the arts programs put on at GCC by her longtime friend and author, GCC Professor Franz Douskey.

April 12, 19: Career Fairs at Long Wharf, North Haven

GCC’s Career Services Department will be hosting two career fairs for students next month.

The Long Wharf Career Fair will be Thursday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in room 160 on our Long Wharf campus. The North Haven Career Fair will be Thursday, April 19, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the foyer at our North Haven campus. For more information, contact Career Services at 203-285-2144.
April 15: GCC Chorale, pianist perform with orchestra

GCC’s Chorale and renowned concert pianist David Hollander will perform with the Nutmeg Symphonic Pops Orchestra, at residence at GCC, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 15, in the auditorium on our North Haven campus.

The chorale will perform “And Then Shall Your Light Break Forth” and “Thanks Be to God,” both from Felix Mendelssohn’s oratorio, “Elija.” Hollander (photo) will perform Beethoven’s “Emperor Piano Concerto.” And the Cecchetti Ballet Theatre will dance to selections from “Ascanio,” a composition by Camille Saint-Saens.

April 19: Helping Hands Luncheon, SGA Elections

The GCC community is invited to participate in a benefit luncheon for the college’s Helping Hand Student Assistance Fund that will be held Thursday, April 19, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the cafeteria on our Long Wharf campus.

Cost is $10 and lunch is available for eating in or taking out. Our thanks go to Theodora’s Catering Services for donating the day’s buffet lunch. The Helping Hands Student Assistance Fund helps students who are experiencing a short-term financial hardship or crisis for which they could not have been prepared, or for which no resources are available. Assistance is typically provided to cover a family’s basic needs when there has been a loss of income through no fault of the student. Last fall, the Helping Hand luncheon raised more than $1,000 to support the fund. To RSVP, contact Niahri Taylor via e-mail only at ntaylor@gwcc.commnet.edu.

Also, on April 19, GCC’s Student Government Association will be holding its elections from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both campuses.

April 22: 5th annual Iron Chef Elm City competition

The 5th annual Iron Chef Elm City competition, which will include GCC students and raises money for GCC hospitality scholarships, will be held April 22 at Delia, The Viking Center of New England in Wallingford.

The event, which is based on the popular Food Network “Iron Chef” program, features local chefs as participants, and food editors from national magazines and cookbook authors will be the judges. Jim Master, host of the WELI Home Shopper Show, will be emcee. The event is the brainchild of GCC Professor Stephen Fries, who is also a food columnist for the New Haven Register.

This year’s competitors are: Chef David Brooks of Judie’s European Bakery, Chef
Ben Gaffney of Atticus Bookstore Café, and Chef Jeremy Martindale of The Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale. Several GCC students will assist and three of them are paired up with competing chefs.

Tickets — which are $35 and $55 for preferred viewing — are available through Visit New Haven by calling 203-777-8550. Photo courtesy of the New Haven Register.

April 26: ‘Last Spring Fling’ at North Haven campus

The Campus Activities Board will be hosting the “Last Spring Fling” on Thursday, April 26, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the front lawn of our North Haven campus.

The event will feature the Scott Wesley Band, inflatables and lunch beginning at 12 p.m. It is free to GCC students and $5 for non-students.

April 29: Foundation Kitchen Tour, Tapas Reception

The GCC Foundation will be holding two fundraising events on April 29, an afternoon tour of four fabulous gourmet kitchens in greater New Haven and an evening Tapas Reception at Delia, the Viking Center of New England in Wallingford.

Proceeds from the events will benefit the foundation and GCC’s culinary and hospitality programs.

The Kitchen Tour will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. It will feature a local personality accompanying participants on a coach bus that will take them to each site, where they will learn interesting facts about the kitchen and enjoy a beverage or tasting of local food treats.

The Tapas Reception will take place from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and will feature guest speaker Claire Criscuolo, author chef and owner of Claire’s Corner Copia and Basta Trattoria. Criscuolo will be introduced by Jane Stern, co-author of dozens of cookbooks who is best known for her “Roadfood” series and “Roadfood” column in Gourmet magazine.

Tickets to the Kitchen Tour are $65 per person. Tickets to the Tapas Reception are $90 per person. Combination tour and reception tickets, which include a copy of Claire Criscuolo’s “Welcome to Claire’s” cook book valued at $24.95 (photo), are $145 per person. To make a reservation for either or both events, please contact Susan Swirsky at 203-285-2617 or sswirsky@gwcc.commnet.edu.

May 2: Salsa band Mikata to give free performance

On Wednesday, May 2, the astounding 14-piece Salsa band Mikata will give a free performance at GCC’s Long Wharf campus, sponsored by the Esther Haseltine Schiavone Endowment Fund for the Arts at GCC.
The concert, which will be held in room 160 on our Long Wharf campus, will begin at 7 p.m.

Mikata, a recipient of the New Haven Arts Council Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Cultural Life of the Community, has been delighting audiences around the United States, Canada and abroad for the past 20 years. Mikata performs a full repertoire of hard-hitting Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Bolero, Cha-Cha and Latin Jazz.

The Esther Haseltine Schiavone Endowment Fund was established in 2006 through the Gateway Community College Foundation by Schiavone’s daughter Jennifer Schiavone, who set up the endowment in her mother’s memory to help the arts programs put on at GCC by her longtime friend and author, GCC Professor Franz Douskey.

May 4: Student Leadership, Athletic Awards Banquet

The Student Leadership Awards Banquet, an annual event that celebrates the success of GCC’s student leaders, will be held May 4 at 6 p.m. at the Country House Restaurant. Tickets are $40. For more information, contact the Office of College Life at 203-285-2208.