DeLauro, Malloy visit GCC for business roundtable

Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D-3rd District) and Gov. Dannel Malloy joined more than a dozen area business and education leaders at GCC’s Long Wharf campus Feb. 23 for an education and workforce training roundtable.

“The need to create more jobs in this country is clear, but we also need to make sure we are filling the jobs that are available,” DeLauro said. “Too many jobs are going unfilled because our workers do not have the necessary skills. Our community colleges can help to close this skills gap by providing the needed practical training and skills development. But we must ensure that our local community colleges and business communities are working together and, as importantly, are supported by the federal government.”

For more details about the event, click here to read the New Haven Register article about it.

GCC 1st in state with formal VA on-site partnership

GCC has become the first college in Connecticut’s community college and state university system to launch a formal partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs that brings VA clinical outreach workers to provide student veterans with VA services on campus during regularly set hours.

Over the past two years, as more soldiers return home from serving overseas, GCC has seen a steady increase in enrollment among veterans using GI Bill Education Benefits to strengthen their skills to compete for employment. This spring, GCC has more than 300 student vets who are using VA educational benefits and the state veterans’ tuition waiver.

In an effort to better meet the unique needs of this growing segment of our student body, GCC signed an agreement with VA Healthcare Connecticut that led to two VA outreach workers starting regular hours on campus last month. Jamie Wright, MSW, and Sam Adelman, MSW, will conduct individual assessments of student veterans to help connect them to a myriad of services both inside and outside the VA system, including health, mental health, housing and compensation.
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President's Corner
President's Corner is Gateway Community College’s campus newsletter. It is published by the college’s Public Relations and Marketing Department.

Gateway’s Mission
Gateway Community College offers high-quality instruction and comprehensive services in an environment conducive to learning. We respond to the changing academic, occupational, technological, and cultural needs of a diverse population.

“We know that many of our returning soldiers are not seeking care from the VA,” said GCC’s Director of Career Services and Veterans Affairs Michael V. Buccilli, MSW. “There are many factors that contribute to this phenomenon and we hope to eliminate some of the stigma and reduce barriers by bringing services to our veterans on campus.”

In addition to this new partnership, GCC continues to partner with the Department of Labor Veterans Division and the State Department of Veterans Affairs to provide on-campus support.

Move downtown leads to push for early registration

GCC has launched an early registration campaign encouraging continuing students to begin registering April 1 for our summer and fall semesters to avoid any inconvenience associated with the college moving to the new downtown campus in July.

For continuing students, online registration opens April 1 and in-person registration begins April 16. Registration for new students, both online and in-person, will begin May 1 as always. Also, due to commencement, only online registration will be available May 21-25.

GCC also will hold its Program Advising Weeks March 26-30 and April 2-6. The college hopes to have all summer and fall registration completed by June 1.

GCC has altered its academic calendar to accommodate the move to our new $198 million campus (photo), which will take place on a staggered schedule over two weeks in July. This year, the summer semester will feature two sessions that will run from May 28 to June 30 at the college’s existing Long Wharf and North Haven campuses, instead of the typical four or five sessions. The 2012 fall semester will begin Sept. 4 in the new downtown campus.

For more information about registration dates, students are encouraged to visit the Registration home page by visiting www.gcc.commnet.edu, clicking on Continuing Students and then Registration. Students may also call the Registrar’s Office for more information at 203-285-2020.

‘Shape Up to Ship Out’ wellness program launched

More than 50 members of the GCC community have signed up to participate in “Shape Up to Ship Out,” a wellness competition program launched the last week of February by GCC’s Exercise Science and Wellness internship class that ties our move to the new campus with an effort to improve the wellness of faculty and staff.

“The idea started as I was listening to President Kendrick talk to the staff and faculty about the move and using it as an opportunity to purge all unnecessary items from our offices,” said Exercise Science and Wellness Program Coordinator Todd Degree. “I thought: Maybe we can use this as an opportunity to encourage people to try to bring less of themselves, too, so to speak. So I brought the concept to my internship class.”
What resulted was 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 internship class the experience of implementing a wellness program.

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.

There are five daily ways each to get points for both exercise and nutrition. There are also program-long wellness goals and two results-based goals that directly relate to an individuals’ health: a decrease in body fat percentage and waist-to-hip circumference. At the end, prizes will be awarded for the top three finishers and the winning team. Final assessments will be April 30. GCC President Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick joined both teams as an honorary member.

It’s already shaping up to be a good-natured competition. On March 7, the 100th anniversary of the Oreo cookie, a member of the White Team sent out an e-mail encouraging members of the Blue Team to celebrate by each having 10 of the famous sandwich cookies.

In photo, the group that attended the March 8 “Boost Your Brain Power” Shape Up to Ship Out presentation on our Long Wharf campus, each earning five points toward their goals.

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LEEDing the Way: Alternative transportation

The GCC community is acutely aware of the impact its move will have on traffic downtown and there are a number of initiatives designed to mitigate that impact, including alternative transportation initiatives associated with its LEED certification that will also help the environment.

Easy access to public transportation: The greater the portion of the GCC community that uses mass transit, the lower the emissions from commuters and demand for fossil fuels. GCC’s new downtown campus is within a half-mile of New Haven’s train station, creating access to Metro-North Railroad and Amtrak, and is within a quarter mile of bus stops.

Bicycle storage and changing rooms: The new campus will have 112 bike racks in its parking garage and 12 showers within locker rooms located in the north and south buildings that are available to cycling commuters.

Designated parking for carpools/vanpools, low-emitting or fuel-efficient vehicles: The new campus will have designated parking for carpools/vanpools and low-emitting or fuel-efficient vehicles (the latter is defined as vehicles that get 35 mpg
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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Our Move Downtown: Now is the time to purge

As our move to the new downtown campus in July gets closer, now is the time for all faculty and staff to be going through their offices with an eye toward purging all unnecessary items.

“Purging is part of moving,” said Roxanne Perugino, senior project planner with East Hartford-based owner's representative Diversified Project Management (DPM), which has been hired to manage our move and handle our furniture procurement and installation. “If a person hasn't used something in the last two years, they should get rid of it or bring it home because they're not going to need it at the new campus.”

DPM should know. It worked with Housatonic Community College and Three Rivers Community College on their moves and Perugino herself has worked the last eight years with New Haven public schools on their new schools.

An estimated 90 percent of the offices at our new campus have 100 square feet of space, which merits eight moving boxes. Administrative workstations will get four moving boxes. So far, 1,000 moving boxes have been delivered to our Long Wharf and North Haven campuses. "When it's time to move there are three options for everything inside an office. They can pack it, take it home or we'll dump it," Perugino said.

For purging, there are two types of items, she said: Items that can be thrown in the regular trash and items that need to be recorded and sent for approval to the state library to be discarded. For the former, contact Facilities for larger trash bins to discard them. For the latter, there are policies regarding what needs to be recorded and approved before purging. To review those policies, visit the state library web site and click on “Higher Education Records.” Questions also can be directed to Perugino at 860-882-5600, ext. 613 or rperugino@dpm-inc.com. DPM is available to help as needed.

Perugino said DPM is just about done meeting with all of the departments on campus about the move, with the exception of the library. “Certain areas have done a wonderful job,” she said. “A few groups could use a little bit more help, but they need to initiate it.”

DPM also has reviewed furniture needs and the blueprints with all of the departments on campus and is beginning to install furniture on site (photo).

The exact dates that college offices and facilities will move have not yet been set, but
the moves will take place on a staggered schedule over two weeks in July. The fall semester will begin Sept. 4 in the new campus.

CSF spring schedule includes solar PV course

GCC’s Center for a Sustainable Future (CSF) is offering a variety of courses this spring, including classes related to the solar energy industry.

Housed on GCC’s North Haven campus, the CSF offers professional development programs to prepare students for “green” careers and is committed to playing an integral role in the sustainable economic development of Connecticut and helping students leverage the expected benefits from Connecticut’s sweeping energy legislation signed into law in the summer of 2011.

Among the courses available this spring are Advanced Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Design and Installation, which begins March 26. An ideal course for contractors and those seeking to move up the career ladders in areas that deal with solar PV installation, this course features real-world knowledge and hands-on experience at the intermediate to advanced level, including electrical layout, structural engineering and inspection fundamentals.

Students who enroll in CSF solar courses will be able to take advantage of the college’s new solar energy laboratory on our North Haven campus opened last fall (photo), which helps GCC provide hands-on, entry-level and advanced instruction on the installation of solar PV, solar thermal and battery-based renewable energy systems. GCC has provided entry-level solar energy installation training to about 300 students since 2008. To see the CSF’s entire spring course schedule, click here.

Faculty, Staff Highlights

Stewart named NCJAA Coach of the Year again

With a 15-6 season, our congratulations go out to John Stewart (photo), GCC athletic director and head coach of the men’s basketball team, who has once again been named Coach of the Year by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NCJAA).

Although they headed into the Regional Tournament the first weekend in March with the momentum of a winning season, the Gateway Lions were eliminated from the NCJAA March 3, losing to Mass Bay Community College 90-81. Davon Pratt scored 29 points and had nine rebounds in the game. Nate Campbell scored 24 points and had eight rebounds. Jerome Parkins scored 15 points and had eight rebounds.
Still, Jerome Parks made 1st Team All-New England. And his teammates Nate Campbell and Davon Pratt made 2nd Team All-New England. And all three will be playing in an all-star game later this month at the Community College of Rhode Island.

This is the seventh straight year the Lions advanced to the regional tournament. This year the team was the top seed. The program advanced to three regional finals and went to the nationals in 2006. Way to go Lions!

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ELC staffer promotes child welfare in Washington

Joshua Berrios, male involvement coordinator at GCC’s Early Learning Center, represented the New Haven Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC) as part of the Connecticut delegation that traveled to Washington, D.C. Feb. 27-29 to advocate for legislation supporting young children.

The delegation (photo, with Berrios second from left) met with representatives from the offices of Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Connecticut) and Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-3rd District) urging them to support the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Block Grant and funding for Headstart and Birth To 3. Dignitaries including Roberto Rodriguez, special assistant to President Obama for education, addressed the national AEYC group about supporting the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The United States and Somalia are the only two countries that have not ratified this treaty.

On March 23, Berrios will travel to Hartford to speak to state legislators at the Capitol on Child Advocacy Day about the importance of increased funding for Care 4 Kids, quality enhancement funding for school readiness, professional development funds for ECE requirements in 2015 and 2020 and a compensation plan for ECE teachers.

And on April 22, Berrios will participate in a panel discussion “Using Children’s Picture Books” at the Yale University Whitney Humanities Center that is part of a “A Celebration of the Picture Book,” a two-day conference celebrating the Edith B. Jackson Child Care Program’s 40th anniversary.

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Afghanistan historian visits communication class

Humanities Professor Susan Chenard hosted Dr. Abdullah Mehraban, a distinguished Afghanistan historian and advisor to a former Afghan president, at her communications classes on Feb. 23 to discuss modern Afghanistan, its history, culture, society, politics and government.

Mehraban, a professor of history and sociology, worked for human rights and women’s rights after the Taliban took over the country when the Russians were defeated. When his life was threatened, he sought and gained political asylum in the United
States. He has published a number of books, including textbooks on the Contemporary History of Afghanistan, the History of the National Assemblies of Afghanistan, the History of the Afghanistan Parliament, and Afghanistan During the Middle Ages. He has also published more than 30 articles related to the history and political-social structure of Afghanistan.

Mehraban spoke to three classes of Chenard’s “Fundamentals of Human Communication” course. Three of his six children have attended GCC and his youngest daughter is currently a student here. Click here to read a profile of Mehraban from the Newtown Bee, which also took his photo displayed here. Chenard also teaches modern Arabic literature (in translation), and English. She has traveled extensively in the Middle East, North Africa and Europe.

**Buy coats on sale now to help 2012 Holiday Dinner**

The organizers of GCC’s annual holiday dinner for the less fortunate are encouraging interested members of the GCC community to consider purchasing winter coats for adults and children that are on sale now for the event later this year.

Each year, the holiday dinner is put on with the generous donations of items, time and funds from individuals throughout the college community and businesses in the greater New Haven area. In addition to a holiday meal, all invited guests may select a coat and other winter accessories, while supplies last. Last year, the event served an estimated 600 people, so as often happens, those arriving toward the end of the evening were left with little or no selection.

“If we could all buy one coat and save it for this year’s Holiday Dinner, we would have many new wonderful coats,” said organizer Barbara Rudolph. “I went to the Post Mall and bought three jackets size 3X for $15 each that were originally $60 each. We especially need larger sizes.”

If you have any questions, or buy coats you would like donate, contact Rudolph at 203-285-2346 or brudolph@gwcc.commnet.edu or Martha Lipowski at 203-285-2053 or mlipowski@gwcc.commnet.edu.

**GCC fundraising recognized by Diabetes Association**

The team of walkers from GCC who participated in the 2011 Greater New Haven Step Out Walk to Fight Diabetes in West Haven in September has been recognized by the American Diabetes Association for raising more than $2,200.

The ADA sent a plaque to the college congratulating the “Gateway Cares” team of 38 walkers on its outstanding achievement in fundraising. The team was led by co-captains Dean of Students Wilson Luna and Dean of Administration Lou D’Antonio. Our thanks to everyone who participated!
Student Highlights

Growing number of students have advanced degrees

Although 92 percent of GCC students enrolled this spring semester come to the college with a high school diploma as their highest educational attainment, there is a small and growing number of students at GCC who arrive here with a bachelor’s, master’s or doctoral degree.

This semester 206 of our students came with bachelor’s degrees, up 20 percent over the spring semester in 2011. There are 30 students with master’s degrees, up 50 percent over 2011. And six students with a doctoral degree, the same number as in 2011.

There are a variety of reasons these students enroll. New Haven resident Maria Noy, 28, (photo) came here with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from the University of California at Santa Barbara and a master’s degree in chemistry from Yale University. She enrolled in the summer of 2010 to take accounting and finance courses in hopes of bolstering her knowledge base as she applied to MBA programs. She was ultimately accepted to programs at both Yale and Columbia University and opted for the latter where she will start this fall.

“I looked around and Yale had summer school courses anyone can sign up for, but I didn’t make enough money to pay for those classes at more than $3,000 a pop,” Noy said. “I thought Gateway offered a good value for the money and my experience has been very good. I’ve really liked the professors that I’ve had and I’ve always been partial to community colleges because I started out at one before UCSB.”

Business Professor Anne Williams, who had Noy in one of her classes, said the business area has other students working to enter MBA programs, as well as students working to meet the additional college credit requirement required to become a CPA.

“I meet many of these students in the online classroom,” Williams said. “The impact of the advanced student on the remaining students is interesting. In our discussion posts, the advanced students usually demonstrate superior writing and critical thinking skills, but as the semester goes on, more students are responding with more complete analysis. I’d love to think that my feedback got them there, but I believe that their interaction with excellent writing has by demonstration encouraged them to become stronger analysts.”

Noy, who was born in Cuba, believes the diversity of the community college environment benefits the students with more advanced degrees, too, by exposing them a wider spectrum of students than they might otherwise see at a four-year institution.

Student meets Anita Hill at Yale book signing

GCC student Isabella Edwards got the opportunity last month to meet Anita Hill as
one of 60 people allowed to attend a book signing for her latest book, “Reimagining Equality,” held at Hill’s alma mater Yale University.

The event was sponsored by the Greater New Haven branch of the NAACP. Robert Hinton and Tom Marrion, partners at the law firm Hinckley, Allen & Snyder, purchased the ticket for Edwards to attend. Hinton is a longtime board member of the Gateway Community College Foundation.

“It was an amazing experience and I am truly grateful to all who made this a reality,” Edwards said. “Just being in the room with so many professional people who looked like me instilled hope in me and motivated me to work even harder to accomplish my goals.”

In addition to networking and meeting Hill, Edwards said she also enjoyed listening to Hill talk about her book. “She touched on a lot of things, but what stood out to me was what she had to say about poverty, women and children, welfare and not being able to find a job coming out of college,” she said. “She really made me think about what our economy is going to look like in about three to five years. I am motivated more than ever to complete my education and go on to do great things in my community.”

In photo taken by New Haven Register, Edwards (right) meets Hill. To read the Register’s article about the event, click here.

Board of Regents student rep on Capitol poster

Symphany Joseph, GCC’s representative to the Student Advisory Committee to the state Board of Regents, is featured on a new Gateway poster on display at the Capitol in Hartford.

Under the headline “Why Gateway Community College” is Joseph’s photo and her reason: “I made the choice to go to Gateway Community College because it was affordable, close and I knew that it would give me the chance to mature and grow into a responsible young woman.”

Joseph also is the lead student orientation leader, the chairperson of the Campus Activities Board and vice president of the Black Student Association.

Psych class collects crew socks for disadvantaged

A group of students in Professor Teresa R. Demars’ Psy 105 Group Dynamics class calling themselves “The Humanitarian Hearts” have launched an effort to collect 1,000
or more pairs of white crew socks to help men at the Immanuel Baptist Shelter of New Haven and residents of Village Green Convalescent Home in Wallingford.

If you’d like to help, the group is accepting donations through March 23 of men’s sizes 10-13 and women’s sizes 9-11 in marked boxes in front of the library and the Writing Center on our Long Wharf campus. For more information, contact Erik Murrell at erik.murrell@yahoo.com.

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Calendar Highlights

March 9 to May 24: Important graduation dates

Potential graduates are reminded that graduation is not automatic. The following procedure must be followed to graduate in 2012:

1. Make an appointment to meet with a counselor for a preliminary graduation audit;
2. Get a graduation application from the Records Office
3. Submit the application by March 9 to the Records Office on either campus, in room 125 on our Long Wharf campus and room 101 on our North Haven campus.

The Dean of Students Office reminds the college community of the following important graduation-related dates:

March 9: Deadline to apply for May graduation – no exceptions;
May 17: Graduation rehearsal, 10 a.m., Woolsey Hall, Yale University;
May 17: Evening Awards Convocation, North Haven auditorium;
May 24: Graduation, 6 p.m., Woolsey Hall, Yale University;
June 8: Deadline to apply for summer graduation – no exceptions.

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March 12 to April 25: Student Support Workshops

GCC’s Counseling Department is offering several Student Support Workshops in March and April. Faculty are asked to encourage interested students to attend. They are:

- **March 12 - Problem Solving Process**: 1-2 p.m. in room 113C on our North Haven campus;
- **April 4 – Effective Study Skills**: 2-3 p.m. in room 160 on our Long Wharf campus;
- **April 10 – Mini College Transfer Fair**: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in room 160 on our Long Wharf campus;
- **April 11 – Goal Setting**: 2-3 p.m. in room 113B on our North Haven campus;
- **April 12 – Myers-Briggs Career/Personality Profile**: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in room 110 on our Long Wharf campus;
- **April 17 – Transfer Orientation**: 2:30-3:30 p.m. in room 153 on our Long Wharf campus;
• **April 25 – Alcohol Awareness**: 2-3 p.m. in room 160 on our Long Wharf campus.

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### March 13 to May 10: Lunch, dinner at Café Vincenzo

The public is invited to experience gourmet lunches and dinners this spring semester at Café Vincenzo on our Long Wharf campus in room 106 prepared by GCC culinary students.

Lunches at Café Vincenzo this spring will be on Tuesdays through May 1 with seating beginning at 12 p.m. and service beginning promptly at 12:15 p.m. Lunches are $11 payable at the payment office in the Long Wharf main office the day of the scheduled meal. [Click here](#) to see the schedule and menus for Tuesday lunches.

Students also offer International Dinners on Tuesdays and Thursdays through May 10. Dinners are $18 (or $21.50 when they include wine) payable at the payment office in the main lobby the day of the scheduled meal. Each International Diner is researched by the student assigned to that country. The manager for that evening studies the history, eating habits and the economics of the country assigned. Then the student designs the menu, chooses the recipes and runs the entire dinner. [Click here](#) to see the schedule and countries for the Tuesday International Dinners. [Click here](#) to see the schedule and countries for the Thursday International Dinners.

Reservations are required for all meals. For reservations contact P. Abrams at 203-285-2269 or [pabrams@gwcc.commnet.edu](mailto:pabrams@gwcc.commnet.edu). Please leave your name, phone number, number in your party, and date you’d like to visit Café Vincenzo and your call will be returned to confirm availability and your reservation.

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### March 13 to May 22: Allied Health Info Sessions

GCC’s Allied Health Department is holding a number of information sessions this spring on the programs that it offers. Students are asked to bring with them unofficial copies of transcripts from all colleges, including GCC. There will be time for individual academic advising immediately following each session.

Applicants must attend a program-specific information session before the application deadline in order to be considered for possible admission into a program. For more information, contact Lauretta Swiderski at 203-285-2320 or [lswiderski@gwcc.commnet.edu](mailto:lswiderski@gwcc.commnet.edu). The sessions are:

**Allied Health**
April 12: 1 p.m. in room 110 on our Long Wharf campus
May 15: 2 p.m. in room 113A on our North Haven campus

**Pre-Dental Hygiene**
April 12: 2 p.m. in room 110 on our Long Wharf campus
May 15: 3 p.m. in room 113A on our North Haven campus

**Diagnostic Medical Sonography**
March 14: 11 a.m. in room 111 on our North Haven campus
April 17: 3 p.m. in room 111 on our North Haven campus
May 17: 11 a.m. in room 111 on our North Haven campus

**Nuclear Medicine Technology**
March 13: 3 p.m. in room 207 on our North Haven campus
April 11: 11 a.m. in room 207 on our North Haven campus
May 22: 2 p.m. in room 207 on our North Haven campus

**Nutrition/Dietetic Technology**
April 12: 2 p.m. in room 113A on our North Haven campus
May 3: 10 a.m. in room 113A on our North Haven campus

**Exercise Science and Wellness**
April 4: 11:30 a.m. in room 113A on our North Haven campus
May 2: 11:30 a.m. in room 113A on our North Haven campus

**Radiography (photo)**
March 14: 11 a.m. in room 213 on our North Haven campus
April 11: 11 a.m. in room 213 on our North Haven campus
May 2: 11 a.m. in room 213 on our North Haven campus

**Radiation Therapy**
March 14: 11 a.m. in room 207 on our North Haven campus
April 11: 11 a.m. in room 117A on our North Haven campus
May 2: 11 a.m. in room 207 on our North Haven campus

**March 30: Deadline to apply for scholarships**

Students who will be continuing at GCC this fall have until Friday, March 30 to apply for any of the 133 scholarships being offered this year by the Gateway Community College Foundation. Altogether, the scholarships are valued at more than $100,000.

Applications will be inside a brochure explaining all of the scholarships and their requirements, which will be available starting Feb. 17. In addition to being available inside the foundation office, room 130 on the Long Wharf campus, it will also be available in both cafeterias, libraries, the Office of College Life, Financial Aid Office, Counseling Office, Admissions Office, Student Lounge and the Records Office at the at the North Haven campus.

Many of the scholarships’ specific qualifications are general in nature. Some of them are program-specific. Application packets must include two letters of recommendation and an unofficial copy of a transcript through the fall 2011 semester that shows a student’s cumulative GPA. For more information, contact Susan Swirsky at 203-285-2617 or sswirsky@gwcc.commnet.edu.

**Through March 31: ‘Urban Landscapes’ exhibit**

The Galley at GCC is hosting

The exhibit of 14 oil paintings includes a 64-inch-by-34-inch canvas, “Gateway Construction Site,” (photo) depicting the early stages of construction of GCC’s new downtown campus as seen from the artist’s studio across the street that includes a unique view of the historic Paul Rudolph-designed Temple Street Parking Garage in the background.

The gallery, which is open to the public, is located in room 161 on our Long Wharf campus. Its hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Angelis earned his bachelor’s degree in fine arts from Purchase College, SUNY, in 2001 and his master’s degree in art education from Columbia University in 2005. He has been an art teacher for several years at Joel Barlow High School in Redding, Conn. His art concentrates primarily on printmaking and painting and for the last two years has focused on en plein air urban landscapes of New Haven neighborhoods.

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 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. 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.

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.

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