

## **Alumni Connection E-Newsletter**

**Keep in Touch, Stay Connected, Be Involved, Give Back**

**Alumni Office notes** - Fall is in the air and our **Annual Alumni Phonathon** is quickly approaching. Your contribution is needed to attract excellent students, help disadvantaged students, and to broaden the base of support for the College. This is a worthy cause that allows past students to support current students.

The College was recently awarded a Title III Grant by the Department of Education, which includes a challenge grant for student scholarships. A challenge grant states that for every dollar pledged the Department of Education matches it dollar for dollar. This is a great opportunity for the College and our students. There is no better time than now to help support Genesee.

Please join us to raise funds, connect with friends, and have fun – there will be pizza involved! If you can't be there, please remember when a volunteer calls that your support allows Genesee to sustain student scholarships. If you would like to volunteer, call 343-0055 ext. 6265 or email [jkchristenson@genesee.edu](mailto:jkchristenson@genesee.edu)

**Facebook** join us on the Alumni Group page and weigh in on the discussion topic **Graduate of GCC or Genesee**. We are in the process of designing an alumni t-shirt and would like your input. Visit the link

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=140790505521>

**Be a part of the Genesee community** join us for **Facebook Know How**, Tuesday, September 15, from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Conable Technology Building T202. Mary Jane Heider, Manager of Academic Computing, will show you how to create your page and get you started...we'll even take your picture!

### **Overheard**

"I'm an alumni – fantastic"; "I work here; fantastic"! - Elizabeth Downie '04

"We are who we are because of President Steiner."

"When he takes off his jacket to play ping pong you're in trouble!"

"If you're not growing, you're shrinking and that's not GCC."

### **Alumni Scholarship**

*The Alumni Legacy Scholarship is available to children or parents graduates who are going into the health care field. The recipients are selected by a committee on the basis of grade point average, scholastic merit and community service. Visit the link below to apply, and don't forget to include your essay.*

<http://www.genesee.edu/index.cfm/general/dspArticle/financial.scholarships/default.cfm>

**Alumni Hall of Fame** nominations are being accepted for the 2010 Alumni Hall of Fame. This is an effort to find and honor the College's most distinguished graduates, based on their accomplishments. The criteria for nominating is based on the individual's contributions to his or her profession, distinguished service to the community and/or service to Genesee Community College.

Nomination form can be downloaded from

<http://www.genesee.edu/index.cfm/general/dspArticle/alumni.halloffame/>

**Career Assistance** If you need help finding a job or updating a résumé, the Career and Transfer Center has many excellent programs to assist you with all career related issues. No matter if you graduated two years ago, or 20 years ago, the Career and Transfer Center is available to all Genesee alumni.

<http://www.genesee.edu/index.cfm/general/dspArticle/CTC.career/library.cfm>

## Campus News

**GCC Signs New Agreement with Empire State!** Genesee and Empire State College have signed an articulation agreement to effectively transfer GCC credits to Empire State College to earn a SUNY bachelor's degree. Graduates from Genesee are now able to define an individual degree program tailored to their unique interests, and with the help of a mentor, make a smooth transition to Empire State College to earn a bachelor's degree. This is a new transfer opportunity where GCC graduates can take an additional 16 credits of introductory coursework at Genesee to support their bachelor's degree requirements. The remaining 48 credits of required upper division coursework is taken with Empire State through flexible teaching and learning models. Known commonly as a "5+3 program," students enrolled generally take five semesters at Genesee, and three semesters with Empire State to achieve a bachelor's degree. Empire has over 400 online courses and a Batavia campus!

For more information on the Pathways Program visit [www.esc.edu/geneseecc](http://www.esc.edu/geneseecc) or contact :  
EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE at their Batavia location

-Ed Warzala, Unit Coordinator/Mentor

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E-mail: [ed.warzala@esc.edu](mailto:ed.warzala@esc.edu)

**Genesee Center for the Arts!** Check out what's going on at the GSA today!

<http://www.genesee.edu/index.cfm/general/dspArticle/campuslife.arts/calendar.cfm>

## ***Student News***

The September 2009 issue of Student Activities' newsletter, Cliff Notes, is now up online! Check it out.

<http://www.genesee.edu/index.cfm/general/dspArticle/students.newsletter/>

## ***Save the Date***

***Dine Out Days!*** **Sunday, September 20- Saturday, September 26.** This event is a great way to have fun, promote the local economy, try a new restaurant, and sustain student scholarships at Genesee Community College. We have 32 participating local restaurants, check it out and Dine Out!

[www.genesee.edu/GCC/DineOutDays](http://www.genesee.edu/GCC/DineOutDays)

***Humphrey Symposium*** **Monday, September 21, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM** at the Batavia Campus. Fred Grandy, television star, radio personality, former CEO and US Congressman will deliver the keynote address, *The Art of Change*, at the **2009 Wolcott J. Humphrey Symposium on Leadership and Community Life** at Genesee Community College. Grandy will present the topic of bringing positive change to local organizations and the community. The keynote address will be followed by a reception with hearty hors d'oeuvres. The cost is \$25 and reservations may be made by calling the Office of External Affairs at 585-343-0055 x6234.

***Healthcare Job Fair*** Open to the public! **October 1 in the Forum at the Batavia campus from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** The annual healthcare fair assists students and the community with quality employment opportunities.

<http://www.genesee.edu/news/articles/dspArticle/2727>

***Alumni Men's Soccer Game!*** **Saturday, October 24, at 3:00 PM** at the Batavia Campus, Genesee's Men's soccer alumni will gather to play a game to celebrate the new athletic fields. Odd year alumni will play even years. Sign up at <http://www.genesee.edu/alumnisoccer/> or email Jim Cody at [jcody@genesee.edu](mailto:jcody@genesee.edu). *GCC's current men's team plays Cayuga CC at 1:00 PM.* Show your Cougar spirit and support your teams!

***Get Ready for Encore 2009*** **Wednesday, December 9, 2009, starting at 6:00 PM.** Chairpersons Todd, '89 and Kathy Bender, '90 are pleased to announce the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra will be featured. This is Genesee's largest fundraiser to benefit the Foundation's Scholarship Fund. The festivities begin with a Gala Reception and continue with the BPO performing a holiday pops concert in the Stuart Steiner Theatre at the Batavia Campus. For tickets please call 585-345-6809.

***PTA Program 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion Celebration*** is planned for **September 18, 2010** in the Genesee Community College Forum. Mark the date on your calendar – 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Meet & Greet in the Student Union followed by dinner in the Forum.

## **Class Notes:**

Elizabeth Downie '04 has taken the position of Secretary to the Associate Vice President/Dean of Math, Science, and Career Education at Genesee Community College

Timothy S. Whitcomb'89 has assumed the duties of Cattaraugus County's Sheriff.

Jason Beideck'02 is a theatre program teacher in North Carolina.

Ayako Ibarski'07 is currently appearing in an Off Broadway show.

Mikako Iwami'07 is back in Japan and a member of a theatre company.

Heather Ackerman'05 and Joe Mallison'05 graduated from the UB Theatre program.

Justin Ryan'08 auditioned and was accepted into the University of Buffalo Theatre program.

**We would like to hear from you and share your news with others! Send us an email to [Alumni@genesee.edu](mailto:Alumni@genesee.edu) or [jkchristenson@genesee.edu](mailto:jkchristenson@genesee.edu) or call the Alumni office at 585-343-0055 x6265 with news of a promotion, marriage, birth, education, honor or travel and we will make sure to include it in the next issue of Genesee Community College Alumni Connections Enewsletter.**