



Genesee Community College

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Alumni Connection E-Newsletter

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

We are, finally, welcoming our students back to campus. GCC without our students is extremely quiet. We can get our work done and catch up on matters we weren't able to take care of while they were here, but the days aren't quite as much fun. As we all know, when our family isn't around the quiet can be deafening. So, we welcome their return with eagerness. Many will be returning for their second year and many will be beginning their college experience. They will begin to grow at GCC just like the many alumni before them. They might transfer on after two years or they might go out and begin their careers with the skills learned at GCC. Wherever their path leads we would like them to "never forget where you began to grow!"

Our Homecoming theme this year is "There's No Place Like GCC" and I was reminded of that yesterday at our SUNY Chancellor's Award program. The Chancellor's Awards for Excellence are honors given to acknowledge recognition for consistently superior professional achievement and to encourage excellence. SUNY publicly announces its pride in the accomplishment and personal dedication of its faculty and staff. Seven of our faculty/staff were recognized and two of them were GCC alumni! Every one of the recipients gave a brief speech and each commented on how much they love being at GCC to teach and work with so many others who care about students and do what needs to be done to see them succeed and move closer to their dreams

Like us on our Alumni Facebook page and tell us your favorite GCC memory, professor or friend and why "there is no place like GCC." Just follow the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/GeneseeAlumni>

Save the Date!!!

"There's No Place Like GCC"

Homecoming 2013

September 27 – 28

A Cougar Pride Event!

Homecoming Highlights

Friday, September 27

8:00 pm – Nik and the Nice Guys

Tickets: \$5 at the door

Students: FREE

Saturday, September 28

9:30 am – 12:00 pm - Family Fun and COOL KIDS in the Forum

12:00 pm – Cruising at the College

5:00 pm – Athletic Hall of Fame Induction

6:30 – 9:30 pm – Rotary Oktoberfest

Buy tickets through GCC and receive a free Homecoming t-shirt and GCC receives \$5 toward student scholarships.

To register and purchase tickets for Oktoberfest click on the following link:

<http://www.genesee.edu/depts/alumni/homecoming/register.cfm>

View the full Homecoming schedule at

www.genesee.edu/alumni/homecoming

Endowment Challenge Grant

Your gift will be matched dollar for dollar! Help a GCC student with your donation today and your gift will be doubled. Any contribution you make this year will be placed in our Challenge Endowment Fund. The earnings from the fund will provide assistance to deserving students who have no other way to overcome an unforeseen financial hardship and continue their education. Remember, if you give \$50, your gift becomes \$100. If you give \$100, your gift becomes

\$200. Invest in a GCC student!

You can also make an online pledge at: <http://www.genesee.edu/about/foundation/donate/>

Alumni Hall of Fame nominations are being accepted for the 2014 Alumni Hall of Fame. <http://www.genesee.edu/depts/alumni/halloffame/>

Campus News

Nursing Job Fair

Thursday, October 31
12:00 – 2:00 pm
Batavia Campus Forum

The **Career Corner newsletter** is now available! Please use the following link to go to the Publications section of our Webpage and click on the Career Corner newsletter. <http://www.genesee.edu/home/offices/career/career-resources/>

“Building the Ice Cream Empire”

<http://www.genesee.edu/news/articles/dspArticle/4423/>

Successful Alumni, Scholarship Recipients in Spotlight at GCC Annual Discover the Stars Reception

<http://www.genesee.edu/news/articles/dspArticle/4422/>

Belly Dancing Classes:

Weekly on Sundays starting Sept. 8, 2013 through Dec. 8, 2013
at Stuart Steiner Theatre, Dance Studio Room E214

2:00 – 2:50 p.m. Beginners Lessons – continuous start
3:00 – 3:50 p.m. Advanced Lessons – previous belly dancing experience suggested
Lessons are free of charge and open to the public (ages 16 to 100)
No Class: Dec. 1

Paw Prints

Barry Sheldon '67-69 played baseball at Batavia High School 64-67 and was a 7th round draft pick of the NY Mets. He declined the Met's offer and attended GCC. Barry was inducted into Section V Hall of Fame on July 7, at Frontier Field.

Bonnie Palis has written a book *Uglier* about a bipolar woman attempting to live a normal life after life triggers set her off. At the present time, *Uglier* is only available on Kindle for \$3.99. Bonnie's book has seven reviews and each one is positive. To order or read bits of the book go to: http://www.amazon.com/Uglier-ebook/dp/B00E7827B6/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1377523267&sr=8-1&keywords=uglier

Jim Sliker '75 is living in Oregon and running his Financial Advisory Practice. Jim was in SGA while attending GCC and he like to connect with any other SGA members from the Class of 1975. If you're from that class, let me know and we'll get everyone in contact to talk about the “good ‘ole days” at GCC!

Chris Suozzi '84 was recently highlighted in the Alumni Profile of the SUNY Blog. The blog is an ‘Alumni Profiles’ series

that highlights SUNY alumni's prestigious and ongoing achievements throughout the world. To view Chris' profile go to the following: SUNY Blog (<http://blog.SUNY.edu>).

John M. McGowan '85 was the recipient of the 2013 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service for his work in Career Services to improve connections between GCC and the community.

Christine (Giese) Belongia '90 was the recipient of the 2013 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service at GCC.

Tim Baker '08 received his BA from Empire State College. Tim is working at BOCES in Batavia as a fulltime substitute teacher in all classrooms.

Mary Galliford '08 announced her engagement to Steven Skoczylas of Batavia. An October 19, 2013 wedding is being planned.

Briana Coogan-Bassett '09 demonstrated some of her work at the Dansville Chalk Walk on Saturday, July 21, in the Dansville Public Library. Briana received the Virginia Carr Mumford Scholarship for artwork exhibited at the College.

Lori Mould '11 is a recent winner in the GVC2013 Student Academic Conference Essay Contest. As a winner, Lori is given hotel accommodations and \$200 grant toward her meals to attend the Conference on October 18 and 19 in New York City.

Jordan McElligott '13 GCC lacrosse team has transferred to Division I Monmouth University.

Jamie Tyrrell '13 had the opportunity to participate in a week-long Rotary Youth Leadership Award Program held at SUNY Fredonia. Jaimie, from London, England, earned his associates degree in Fashion Merchandising in May a plans to move to New York City to work in fashion and e-commerce field.

Passages

Michele M. Unger '75 passed away Tuesday, June 18, 2013. Michele was a registered nurse for more than 38 years and was committed to nursing excellence. She obtained doctorate in nursing practice for Rush University. Michele served Honor Flight Rochester, Inc. as a volunteer and was a member of the Board of Directors.

Michael M. Hunter '77 passed away June 21 in his Cheektowaga home. He was a graduate of Travel and Tourism.

Janet (Jeffery) Fedak '82 passed away on Wednesday, July 3 in Niagara Hospice House in Lockport, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Janet was a graduate of the Travel and Tourism program.

On the Road with the GCC Cougar

We know our graduates make tracks—all over the world and we'd love to join you on your adventures! If you're planning a trip abroad, across state or around the various local hot spots, let us know ahead of time and we'll send you a PAW PRINT. Just pack it in your bag, snap a photo of yourself/family/friends with the PAW, and send it to us. We can't wait to share with our alumni all the cool, interesting and fun places our Cougars have gone!



Please stay connected! Share with us what's new with you - a new job, promotion, marriage, birth, award, publication or exhibit? We'd love to hear from you and share your news with others. It's easy just go to www.genesee.edu/alumni and update your information. Don't forget to send photos! Or send an email to Alumni@genesee.edu or jkchristenson@genesee.edu. You can also call the Alumni Office at (585) 343-0055 ext. 6265.

Submit your "Paw Prints" now! alumni@genesee.edu.

Or update your information at: <http://www.genesee.edu/depts/alumni/update>

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