Music Educator Influences More Than Students
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GCC Assembly Passes Ballot Question #3 Resolution

On October 12, 2010, the Greenfield Community College Assembly unanimously passed the following resolution:

The mission of GCC is to educate all members of the community. As such, the GCC Assembly encourages all members to understand the impact should 2010 Massachusetts Statewide Ballot Question 3 be passed.

Question 3 is a proposed law that will appear on the November 2, 2010 ballot as a result of an initiative petition. If passed, Question 3 would reduce the state sales tax from 5% to 3%, resulting in the loss of an estimated $2.15 billion in revenues each year. As an estimated state funding would inevitably result in a serious cut in the services and academic opportunities offered by GCC. Similarly, it would cause some service reductions for if not all public service agencies such as education, public safety, health care, and public works. Such cuts could have a devastating impact on our fragile economy. Greenfield Community College has near record enrollment at this time. Demand for courses and programs that allow students to meet different educational requirements will be reduced. A year-long required course, encourages music educators to incorporate mindfulness and contemplative practice in their class. Shippee said, “We’re really for- tunate that GCC is open to innovative teaching strategies.” Some colleges aren’t as flexible. Our students become more sensi-tive musicians and listeners through the process of deepening their mindfulness. I hope my article will inspire other music educators to incorporate mindfulness and contemplative practice in their class. In the end, I am in my students. It influences music education more than it influences music students. I think shippeem@gcc.mass.edu

Blood Drive

Wednesday, November 3, Noon–5 p.m.
Downtown Center, 270 Main Street
Contact: 413-775-1609

Events @ GCC

GCC Chorus – Preview Concert Today
Today, October 21, 12:30 p.m.
Main Campus – North Room 358

MassGrown & Fresher: Your Gateway to Massgrown Farm Products
Wednesday, October 27, 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Max Campus – Visit Building

Good Health To You: Experience Ancient and Modern Healing – NEW!
Moderator: Brian Gloe
Speakers: Nancy Edwards, Dr. Mark Taney, Janet Masucci, Rob Hayden, BA, CNMT, F. Russell Thomas, M.D.
Saturday, November 6, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Main Campus – East Building

PLEASE JOIN US
at the next GCC Alumni Association meeting, Thursday, Oct. 28, 5:30 p.m. in the GCC Downtown Center. Everyone is welcome.

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