What are Working Professionals Saying About GCC’s Online Computer & Business Courses?

By Mary McClintock, ’82

“An incredible number of useful business tools and techniques that make our students very valuable in the workplace and the ‘go to’ people for the Office suite,” according to GCC Computer and Information Systems (CIS) faculty member Doug Wilkie. “Many students taking our classes have told me how the skills they’ve learned in our courses help them with the demands of their jobs. But don’t take my word for it. Here’s what the students are saying.”

• Brandon Lively, Vice-President, Information Systems, Greenfield Co-operative Bank, Greenfield

GCC graduate with Associate of Science in Computer Information Systems

“GCC Computer Information Systems classes, both online and on campus, have helped me grow as a professional. Classes that have had the most significant impact for my work include:

• Microcomputer Software Tools I (Excel and PowerPoint) - I was able to improve efficiencies and work flows by taking advantage of what I learned to improve or make new internal spreadsheets.

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The Information Security PowerPoint presentation I created for my final class project is still in use at the Bank.

Relational Database Design - I created a complex but user-friendly database for our ITF department that could generate benefit statements, vacation schedules, and various employee reports as well as track training and compensation for each employee.

• Madeleine Roberts, Assistant to the Director of Business Intelligence at Fazzi Associates, Student at GCC, majoring in Accounting and earning certificates in Office Administration / Computer Information Systems and Bookkeeping

“Online courses I have taken at GCC include Computer Programming Principles and Concepts, Microcomputer Software Tools II (Excel and PowerPoint), Creative Writing, and Microeconomics. PowerPoint has been very useful in my new position at Fazzi Associates.”

• Clinton Stover, Realtime, Hawecki Real Estate, Amherst

Student at GCC, studying toward Accounting degree, will receive Computer Aided Bookkeeping certificate this semester

“I have done so well with the variety of ways to take classes at GCC that I plan on finishing my certificate and then moving on to an Associates in Business at GCC. Professionally, I have learned great tools to implement in my career to gain a greater mesh to my clients and the community.”

• Amanda Raymond, Office Manager, Bolley Sanitary Services, Colrain

Studying toward Associates Degree in Office Management, graduating Fall 2014

“I was put to the test at GCC every day in my job especially Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. I have also taken my accounting classes online, learned about the accounting process and then use Quickbooks in my job.”

• Karen Maurer, Full-time Medical Record Auditor, Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Northampton

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“I have taken Microcomputer Software Tools I and II, Relational Database Design, and Principles of Financial Accounting I and II. Online I am using the skills I’ve learned to start a bookkeeping and tax service. For example, I’ve designed letterhead and a business card, mail merged sales letters, and created spreadsheet to calculate depreciation and a customer profit database for my small business.”

Congratulations to the new members of Phi Theta Kappa

Greenfield Community College inducted its newest members of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society for their academic achievement earlier this month induction particu-

introduced by Grace Allen, Wayne Allen, Kathryn Burke, Ann Clark, Nathaniel Green, Tonyi Colvin Faldols, Huey Magee, John-

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— Karen Montague, Chair, Phi Theta Kappa

— Kelly Rizzotto, President, Phi Theta Kappa

— Mandy Salazar

— Tim Smith—theatre

— Olivia Smith—dance

— Catherine Weinstock—music

— Kyle Whitmer—dance

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