Business Club Visits the Big Apple

By Mary McClenot, ’82

Ask most people what they imag- ine when they hear “Business Club trip,” and they probably don’t say meeting an attorney whose entertain- ment law firm represents Lady Gaga and Britney Spears, learning a song and dance choreography from a cast member of the Broadway show “Chicago,” and then attending the show, watching the longest base- ball game in the history of new Yankee Stadium, and checking out next year’s cars at an international auto show. Ask them ten GCC Business Club members who visited New York City earlier this month on the Business Club’s 13th annual trip to New York, and you’ll hear that and more. The trip was organized by the Club and Thor-Simmons, Co-Director of GCC’s Business and Information Technology Department.

For these students, “Business Club trip” will remain them of a Manhattan conference table with Simmons’ ubiquitous friend, attorney Steven Beer, who special- izes in the use of crowdfunding. Beer, a Partner at the Law Offices of Franklin, Weinrib, Rudell & Vassallo, was impressed with GCC students. “It was powerful to meet with Steven Beer and hear about his extensive experiences with crowdfunding. It helped me see possibilities for fund- ing my business. I also learned a lot from and about my peers, as we planned the trip in GCC’s Remington Business Studio, and then as we navigated unfamiliar situations along the way. It was a good bonding and networking expe- rience and we each were able to teach each other.”

Business Club President Laura DiLuzio, 32 of Northfield, learned from both planned and unplanned experiences on the trip. She said, “It was powerful to meet with Steven Beer and hear about his extensive experiences with crowdfunding. It helped me see possibilities for fund- ing my business. I also learned a lot from and about my peers, as we planned the trip in GCC’s Remington Business Studio, and then as we navigated unfamiliar situations along the way. It was a good bonding and networking expe- rience and we each were able to teach each other.”

Business Club Treasurer Jamie Dahuris Fernandez, 20 of Florence, was able to meet with Beer and talk about his experiences on the trip. She said, “It was so much of value in each part of the trip. I learned about stage presence from the Broadway workshop and about how crowdfunding might be useful for businesses I might own.”

Dahuris Fernandez, 20 of Siszewitz, performs as OLIVIA, part of the pop music group TheC@r@

The community is invited to attend a reception to honor Ethel May “Ruthy” Case to be held at the GCC Downtown Center on Friday May 1, 5:30 p.m. Ruthy, who passed away in January at the age of 93, touched many lives as a Community Activist, College Dean, Army Commendee, Feminist, Devotee of Education and Life-long Learning, Senior Advocate, Child of Immigrants, Corporate Gypsy, Cancer Survivor, and Devoted Mother.

All are welcome to join GCC President Bob Pura and the Case family to celebrate the life of a remarkable woman who left a significant mark on her community.

Please Join Us:

Munger and Poverty with Dino Schindel TODAY! Friday April 24 - 11:00 AM

Main Campus - Man-Building - Corn - 3E8

Join Schindel, Director of the Executive Office of Statewide Services, and focus on the relationship between poverty and race and the social and economic status of low-income families. Topic: “Munger and Poverty with Dino Schindel.”

Veterans Appreciation Day
Monday April 27 - 10:30 AM

Main Campus - Man-Building - Patrick/McEwan

Join us for a Veterans Appreciation Event at the Middle Street Main Building. The event will begin at 10:30am, and a Veterans Appreciation Program will be presented for all students and attendees. Food will be provided based on availability. Members of the public are welcome. All are welcome.

Get Down to Business: GCC Business, Information & Technology (BIT) Program Information Session
Wednesday, April 29 at 5:30 p.m.-6:30 pm.

Main Campus, East Building, Rosen/E14 & E8

Join us for an overview of BIT programs at GCC, including a NEW certificate in Athletic Facility Management. Information and open house will be available.

FAFSA May 1 Priority Deadlines for MA Residents & GCC Students

Priority deadline for 2015-2016 FAFSA submissions filed by May 1st maximize student eligibility for grant aid! Free FAFSA assistance is available at the Financial Aid Office, Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm and Fridays 9am-3pm.

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Wednesday April 29 - 12:00 PM

Main Campus - Man-Building - Corn - 3E8

Appointments can be made at redcross.org, but walk-ins are welcome.

Archibald Macleish Annual Poetry Reading with Elton Dorr Watson
Thursday May 7 - 11:30 PM

Main Campus - Man-Building - Corn - 3E8


Bolshoi Ballet Master Class with Ilya Kuznetsov
Thursday May 7 - 7:30 PM

Main Campus - East Building - E107

A master class with noted Bolshoi Ballet dancer, Ilya Kuznetsov from Moscow’s Bolshoi Ballet to dance under the tutelage of GCC’s professional professor of Dance, and the ground public, Riverside. Riverside and the general public are invited to attend and learn about the art of ballet and watch the Bolshoi perform. The master class will run from 4-6pm, and is open to all GCC students for $25 and GCC faculty and staff for $30. Space is limited.

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