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AlumNet is to provide an insider’s view of GCC and its students.” says Peter Ripley, president of the Alumni Association, said, “We started AlumNet to help alumni connect, to build a community of alumni. We also wanted to have a space to share photos and information about the many Alumni Association events.”

Andrew Sward attended GCC from 1984-1986 before getting a bachelor’s degree at UMass and a master’s in engineering and an MBA at REMARKER Polytechnic Institute. Now an engineer working for B&M in New York state, Andrew said, “Reconnecting with friends from Greenfield High School as we plan our upcoming 25th reunion got me thinking about my time at GCC. I had incredibly close bonds with the people in my Project TIME group. I’d like to re-establish those friendships.”

AlumNet is available to all GCC alumni and is easy to use, even for those unfamiliar with online social networks such as Facebook and MySpace. Alumni can make a profile, join an interest group related to their GCC major, participate in discussions, blog, and post photos and videos. They can also learn about Alumni Association activities in Western Mass. and beyond. Regina Curtis, President of the Alumni Association, said, “We started AlumNet to help alumni connect, to be viewed by visiting www.gcc.mass.edu/alumni and clicking on the link to AlumNet. GCC alumni eager to connect with people they knew at GCC or meet GCC alums who share their interests have a great new way to make those connections. Thank you to our Pacesetter Businesses for supporting GCC!}

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