New Scholarship Named for Phyllis Rubin Nahman

By Mary McCintock, ’82

GCC’s Massage Therapy Certificate Program continues to provide high standards of technical training in massage therapy while offering a foundation in professional development, with options for full-time day programs, part-time evenings or a self-paced distance learning option. Each year, 120 students are graduated with a 120-hour program, or 580 students are graduated with a 600-hour program. The program prepares students for entry into the massage and bodywork natural healthcare profession. The latest state Board of Massage Therapy requirements for the Massachusetts Board of Massage Therapy require 500 hours of classroom instruction and 500 hours of clinical practice. The program offers students the opportunity to prepare for entry into the massage and bodywork workforce.

Who will be GCC’s Distinguished Alum for 2010? Nominations due February 26

Each spring one Greenfield Community College alum is honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award. “We know that GCC changes the lives of its students forever,” says Regina R. Curtis, ’86, President of the GCC Foundation. “That’s why we also look to the GCC students go on to change the lives of their communities, and we’re looking for those alumnae to recognize for their leadership.” Please nominate someone who has:

• Risen to prominence in their profession
• Contributed to their community in an altruistic and exemplary way

Nomination forms can be found online at gcc.mass.edu/distinguishedalumni. For more information, contact Sandy “Nancy” Ruby ’82 (nrbubry@msn.com or 413.775.1540) Chair of the Distinguished Alumni Award Committee.

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Free Income Tax Assistance Available

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) is a free tax preparation service available to the community at Greenfield Community College beginning Thursday, February 4, through April 15, 2010. In addition, ten tax home sites and five mobile units will be set up in the community and on the GCC campus. VITA is an extension of the IRS, providing a free resource to the community. The program is designed for taxpayers making less than $40,000 per year. To receive assistance, visitors must bring their 2009 tax returns, a valid ID and proof of income.

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For more information, visit 413.775.7352. Visit the GCC Foundation.

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In all the Tutoring Program Co-coordinator GCC English Instructor and Peer Tutoring Program Coordinator Mary Ellen Kelly said, “In all the students being considered for the Nahman Scholarship are asked to write a statement describing how the world of their future. Our self-image as a learner, our capacity for learning, our confidence in our ability to learn and grow. At Phyllis’ core is a genuine caring for humanity.”

Sarah Reid, a former student of Phyllis, reflected, “When I started at GCC in 1994, I was a young, single mother on welfare unsure of my future. My self-image as a learner was blank and empty. In my first semester I took an Intro. to Women’s Studies class taught by Phyllis and for the first time ever, I was the same. Her warmth was like an embrace, my smile, when someone believes in you, especially after a long education, is so powerful that you feel like your smile, when someone believes in you, especially after a long education, is so powerful that you feel like your future. I blossomed into myself under her guidance. Under her tutelage, I began to challenge the world we live in. I chose to follow my passion for the written word to the profession of English Literature, a field that was unknown to me. I would not have been able to become a published writer without Phyllis’ influence.”

According to GCC President Pat Fara, “Phyllis is an outstanding alumna of GCC and what she is afflicting of everyone with whom she comes in contact. When asking

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