Alumni notes

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with The Young Entrepreneurs Society in
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Director of Re/EE program at GCC.
Brandon Turner did well in his
attending Springfield Technical Community
working as a Ford mechanic for ten
mechanic specializing in
Ford vehicles. After graduating from
Ford
mechanic
in
high school in 1997, he attended
mechanic/technician specializing in
first career working as an auto

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Brandon Turner, GCC's RE/EE Program Director, talks with Teresa Jones, RE/EE Program Coordinator. Brandon decided to create a solar water and heating system for his house. After designing a system, he sought expert advice to make sure his design was feasible. Brandon asked Greenfield's Solar Store owner, Mark Skinder, if he could recommend someone to consult with him. Mark referred Brandon to Gary Clark, owner of Clark Sustainable Energy and a solar hot water system installer, to assist him with the design. Brandon worked with Gary, and the system was installed and operated successfully.

While studying for a certificate in Renewable Energy/Energy Efficiency (RE/EE) at GCC, Brandon Turner is learning about more than how solar electrical systems work to provide power to a home – he’s learning about how Greenfield Community College is a key part of a system that powers the community. A diagram of a solar energy system shows various parts all linked together to work, as the system produces electricity. Brandon's story shows how a community "system" links parts together to produce successful individuals and a prosperous community.
Affordable Access for All…

GCC President Robert L. Pura

Of higher education and job training. A wonderful reputation, and more than twenty thousand dollars a year. University tuitions that start at more than forty thousand dollars a year have overwhelmed at college and school students and their families are indeed choosing GCC. For the hard-working families in our community. At the same time, however, the need for college and enrollment also creates the need for more resources and scholarships. The college is doing more with less, as the enclosed brochure demonstrates, and it needs your help. These extraordinary missions for “wonder” ordinary people to empow er and what they do to carry on great colleges.

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Dear Alumni and Friends of GCC,

GCC has had a new way to connect with current GCC students through the Career Alumni Mentor Program (CAPM). CAPM is a collaborative effort with the Alumni Association and the GCC Career Center. People who care about GCC are offering up their time and effort to help students navigate life on campus and over time to career and professional opportunities. The mentor program is described here:

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