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Nelson Mandela Legacy Honored

For many years, GCC student Travis Thutop has been a Nelson Mandela, the Dalai Lama, and Mahatma Ghandi to a small crowd as he works to preserve Tibet’s rich religion and culture. When Thutop heard about GCC’s Nelson Mandela Book Award that asks students to “describe how they have been inspired by Mandela, he knew he had an idea. The GCC Diversity Standing Committee chose Thutop from a strong pool of applicants to be the second recipient of the Mandela Book Award. Thutop received a copy of Mandela’s autobiography, A Long Walk to Freedom, and a small cash award at GCC’s May 3rd Scholarship Awards Ceremony.

What is the Mandela Book Award and why did Thutop receive it?

GCC’s Nelson Mandela Book Award was created in the spring of 2014 as a way to honor the life and work of Nelson Mandela after his death in December 2013. Mandela was born in segregated South Africa in 1918 and spent his life working to end apartheid and create a racial and economic equality between black and white South Africans. The idea for the award came from GCC Professor Davis Allen and is now administered by the Diversity Standing Committee. It is the only award honoring Nelson Mandela presented by a college in western Massachusetts.

Thutop is a Business Arts-Human Services student, won the award last year and is the eleventh year in a row that every Massachusetts initiative supported by the philanthropy of Mass. He has chosen a path inspired by Mandela, he knows he has chosen a path inspired by Mandela, he knows he had a purpose.

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The Grinspoon Entrepreneurship Initiative is one of many Western Massachusetts initiatives supported by the philanthropy of Mass. Alisha Brouillet, a Business student at GCC, was recently inducted into the program.

Bella Dye distributed National Council Licensure Examination Review (NCLEX) books donated by the Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) Alumnae Association to GCC Nursing students. Pictured above, Bella Dye, center, poses with grateful GCC Nursing students.

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