Vision and Mission Statements

**GREENFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Mission**
Greenfield Community College provides a high quality education to all who seek the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive and effect positive change in their lives, communities, and the world. With excellence, innovation, and an unwavering commitment to teaching and learning together in an inclusive and caring environment, we empower all learners to reach their full potential.

**Vision**
GCC aspires to be an agent for a more equitable, just, vibrant, and resilient world through education.

**Purpose**
Teaching and learning together

**Core Values**
Inclusion, Transparency, Creativity, Integrity, Innovation, Sustainability

**GREENFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION**

**Mission**
The Greenfield Community College Foundation supports the College by raising funds, developing resources, and building philanthropic and community relationships to enhance programs and initiatives that create opportunities for students, faculty, and staff and advance the College’s mission and reputation in the local and global community.

**Vision**
The Greenfield Community College Foundation is an important fundraising and “friend-raising” arm for the College. We support the future development and enhancement of all aspects of life at the College and our efforts foster greater loyalty and result in increased endowment and annual fund contributions.

Our priorities include:
- Affordable access to high-quality academic experiences for students, faculty, and staff.
- Enrichment of the cultural, economic, and civic life of our community.
- Supporting the three pillars of the College mission: Student Success, Academic Excellence, and Innovation.
- Providing the College the needed funding to support the physical, mental, and social-emotional well being of students.
- Supporting the College in expanding efforts to recognize, encourage, and celebrate our increasing diversity and foster equity in a global community.
- Ensuring that personal or social circumstances for each student are not obstacles to achieving their educational potential.
Message from the Interim President of GREENFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A Journey Together

As we enter the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic with all of its related uncertainties, we should pause and reflect. I am deeply honored to serve as interim president at this moment in history. The College and our community have endured hardship, isolation, loss, and challenges. As a newcomer, I am struck most by the perseverance of our students, faculty and staff in the face of adversity. In many ways, higher education is the pursuit of ambition, which requires sacrifice in the present for reward in the future. I am extremely proud of our students. GCC is clearly an excellent vehicle to help us heal as we come together as a community and look forward.

Through teamwork, we achieve our mission to provide high-quality education so that graduates acquire the skills necessary to secure a satisfying profession, to engage in further study, or simply to find joy in learning. The collaboration among the many extraordinary members of the GCC community ensures that the education and support services we provide are effective, efficient, equitable, and accessible. As GCC begins to implement its 5-year strategic plan, we are excited to close the skills gaps and prepare students for existing and future jobs as we rebuild our economy and promote social justice.

We are deeply grateful for the many ways you support our community’s college. The success of GCC is only possible through our collective effort. As the College gears up to mark its 60th year in 2022, I look forward to celebrating this proud milestone with you. It is a privilege to join you to ensure access to an excellent and affordable college education for everyone in Franklin County and the Pioneer Valley.

With every good wish,

Richard R. Hopper, Ph.D.
Highlights & Impacts of the Year

July: GCC SEEKS RACIAL JUSTICE
GCC faculty and staff formed a grassroots racial justice group to develop a substantive response on campus to George Floyd’s murder and aftermath. They engaged in hard conversations, such as those about the unconscious, often subtle, ways even avowedly progressive people may undermine those in black and brown communities.

August: TRAINING EMS STUDENTS
With careful safety procedures in place, GCC’s EMS (Emergency Medical Services) students trained in person on campus to learn vital hands-on skills. Nearly all students passed their certification exams, which is well above the national average, and most had jobs lined-up when they completed the program.

September: $45,000 RAISED FOR GCC SCHOLARSHIPS
The 30th annual golf tournament, “Striving and Driving for GCC Scholars” raised over $45,000 for scholarships. Usually in May, the tournament was on September 21 due to COVID-19. Volunteers, sponsors, and golfers, such as co-chair Nancy Donoghue and her son David, stood out for their flexibility and dedication to GCC.

October: VIRTUAL STEM WEEK SPARKED STUDENT INTEREST
GCC STEM week tradition continued online. Science, technology, engineering and math activities October 19 through 22 included a Flora and Fauna in the Valley Photo Contest, STEM Occupations Research Webinar, and a live Zoom “Exploring the Soils of GCC” with Professor Anthony Reiber.

November: WELLNESS CENTER LIGHTENED ELECTION DAY WORRIES
In keeping with GCC’s commitment to care for the whole student, the Wellness Center offered many supports to help the College community through a tense election day, regardless of political affiliation. Drop-in Zoom sessions were open to all students and employees as a space for dialogue and support.

December: LIFTING A GLASS RAISED $9,610 FOR GCC
Tomas Achaval of Nomade Wines in Argentina presided at the GCC Foundation’s first virtual wine-tasting fundraiser. The event’s success was thanks to the 103 attendees and sponsors Gage-Wiley Investments, Cabot Cheese, The Greenfield Recorder, The Daily Hampshire Gazette, Trader Joe’s, Provisions, and the Wine Rack.
January: GCC ALUM AWARDED FOR COVID-19 TESTING

Michelle Phillips ’09, Director of Ambulatory Nursing for Baystate Health and GCC nursing alumna, won Baystate Health System’s President’s Excellence Quality Award, one of the highest honors within the medical system for her leadership in COVID testing. Michelle is pictured in photo on left with her sister GCC Nursing professor Mary Phillips ’92.

February: BRINGING DIVERSITY TO OUTDOOR RECREATION

GCC hosted an Outdoor Virtual Summit on February 22, bringing together leaders from the outdoor industry and the field of social justice to discuss diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) in their communities and organizations. Current understanding is that past discrimination has created barriers to outdoor recreation activities for many non-white people.

March: GCC STUDENT AWARDED FELLOWSHIP

GCC and Northampton High School dual-enrolled student Evan LeBeau received a one-year Newman Civic Award fellowship for community-committed students that helps them develop strategies for social change. Evan will work one-on-one with a mentor from his community, Nicole LaChapelle, the mayor of Easthampton.

April: PROLIFIC POET, SCHOLAR, AND ACTIVIST AT GCC EVENT

Featured artist Nikki Giovanni shared her work, beliefs, and experience as a scholar-activist in a one-hour virtual engagement on April 7. Distinguished Professor at Virginia Tech, Giovanni’s writings range from calls for black power to poems for children to intimate personal statements.

May: GCC THANKS DONORS AND CELEBRATES IMPACT

The GCC Foundation hosted an outdoor thank you celebration for GCC donors, campaign volunteers, and past and present Foundation Board members on May 20. Eileen Torchio-Heidemann, Mitch Anthony, and others toasted to honor Regina Curtis, retiring as Foundation Executive Director, and to what will be a record-breaking year with $1.4 million raised.

June: COMMENCEMENT RETURNS TO CAMPUS

The campus community was thrilled to celebrate the determined and persistent students who completed their degrees during the pandemic. The commencement ceremony on Saturday, June 5 included both the Class of 2020 and the Class of 2021, with remarks from former President Yves Salomon-Fernández and student speaker Gray Davidson Carroll.
Changemakers in the GCC Community

LAURA GARCIA

Driving GCC’s Online Transformation

Among the many GCC staff and faculty who came together to bring about the College’s almost overnight transition during the COVID-19 pandemic, GCC’s IT department head and Chief Information Officer Laura Garcia played a major role. “We had to do a 180-degree change from a primarily on-campus presence to a primarily off-campus presence, getting laptops into students’, staffs’ and faculties’ hands, but first buying and configuring them,” Laura remembers.

Eyeing the COVID news reports in early March, Laura and her staff made a wise move and got in a big laptop order before the frantic rush crumpled supply chains. “We had enough laptops for everyone. We also reconfigured some old ones and got them out,” Laura says.

Setting the College up to be primarily virtual during the worst of the pandemic was a giant project. Laura and her team helped make sure all students without high-speed internet and computers got hotspots and could borrow laptops from the GCC library for the entire semester.

Among Laura’s biggest challenges was the mammoth workload her staff faced. She reflects, “At GCC we have really skilled people who know their stuff and are dedicated...It’s been great being at a small, agile institution that is able to change quickly together. Now we can offer in-person and remote instruction, the best of both worlds.”

GRAY DAVIDSON CARROLL ‘21

“One of the “29 Who Shine”

From dual-enrolled home school student to standing at the podium as the student speaker for GCC’s June 2021 Commencement, Gray embodies what the College can do to nurture student accomplishment. “GCC saved my life...[it] gave me a community that accepted and supported me in my academic journey and in my personal journey of embracing my queerness and the power of standing rooted in the acknowledgement of my identity,” Gray said at Commencement.

Gray’s multiple GCC accolades include winning the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education’s 2021 “29 Who Shine,” a commencement season awards program to recognize 29 outstanding students in public higher education. Gray collaborated with GCC staff to develop Ambassadors Peer Provided Support (APPS), a program to increase connection among students and respond to student questions about the new remote learning environment. Gray also helped launch a new Slack channel where students can connect and engage outside of remote classrooms.

GCC Dean of Students Anna Berry observes, “Gray is a creator. When they see a need, they ask, ‘How can I contribute?’ and then get busy imagining, inspiring, and implementing. They possess a natural curiosity and openness that allows them to tackle problems with confidence, innovation, and creative thinking.” Gray is currently at UMass Amherst working on their bachelor’s in public health.
In the twenty-five years since Phillip Ringwood attended GCC as a 15-year-old experiencing homelessness, he has had a big impact in Western Massachusetts. As the recipient of the GCC 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award, Phil has done outstanding work in the pursuit of his passion to “strengthen community through positive youth development and civic engagement.” He became the executive director of local youth empowerment non-profit DIAL/SELF in 2012 when he was just 31.

Under Phil’s leadership, DIAL/SELF is the only agency in Western Massachusetts to build affordable and supported housing specifically for young adults, including services such as life skills education, case management, and community service responsibilities for the residents. Other programs at DIAL/SELF include “TeenLine,” outreach to at-risk youth and young adults and their allies to prevent homelessness and sexual exploitation, and “LGBTQ Housing First,” a program that serves LGBTQ housing-insecure youth. The agency also runs an AmeriCorps program that recruits people from across the country to serve 10 months at various schools and nonprofits throughout the Valley.

Phil credits the GCC staff and faculty for working outside the lines and meeting him where he was to “get me where I needed to go.” He earned two GCC associates degrees—Business Management in 1999 and a Business Administration Transfer degree in 2003.

**A Passion for Community and Youth Empowerment**

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PHILIP RINGWOOD ’99, ’03

GCC Fast Facts

**Academic Year 2020-21**

**STUDENTS**

Fall 2020 credit student headcount:

1,620 38% 62%

Male Female

Enrolled Part Time 73%

Enrolled Full Time 27%

Average Age 26.4 YEARS

Median Age 23.0 YEARS

Student-to-faculty Ratio: 12:1

**GRADUATES & TRANSFERS**

277 Graduates in 2021 earning a total of:

Degrees and Certificates 303

Associate Degrees Awarded 203

Certificates Awarded 101

40% of GCC graduates transfer to continue their education
GCC Points of Excellence

Compared to other Massachusetts Community Colleges we are:

#1 in student retention
#1 graduation rate
#1 in annual successful credit course completion rate

245 health care workers trained at GCC each year

RESULTING IN 225 job placements in health occupations

81% of GCC alumni stay in Franklin or Hampshire Counties after graduation

For retention and course completion rates:

For graduation rates:
GIFTS & INCOME

- Donations for GCC Programs, Scholarships & General Support ($1,038,934)
- Donations to Endowment ($392,056)
- Investment Income ($205,411)

EXPENDITURES

- GCC Programs ($467,625)
- Annual Student Scholarships ($273,311)
- General College Support ($160,000)
- Endowed Scholarships and Programs ($128,416)
- Administrative Expense ($87,322)
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Every dollar makes a difference

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“I think that investing in education is one of the most important things we can do as a society, in particular investing in a community college. When you donate to GCC, you’re helping many students who don’t have extra money to go to college. You’re making an investment in people who really want to get an education.”

Samira Haddad ‘16, past scholarship recipient

“Community colleges fill a gap left by four-year colleges. GCC educates students of all ages, whether they’re 18 or 50. They learn in a supportive, challenging, and interesting environment. The College encourages you to think more freely and to explore new ideas and opportunities. It’s an affordable education for a broad, diverse group of students. Without GCC, many would be left out of higher education.”

Elda James ’75, Criminal Justice adjunct faculty

Two generations of GCC scholars—Elda James ’75 and her granddaughter Catharine who started as a student in Fall 2021.
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