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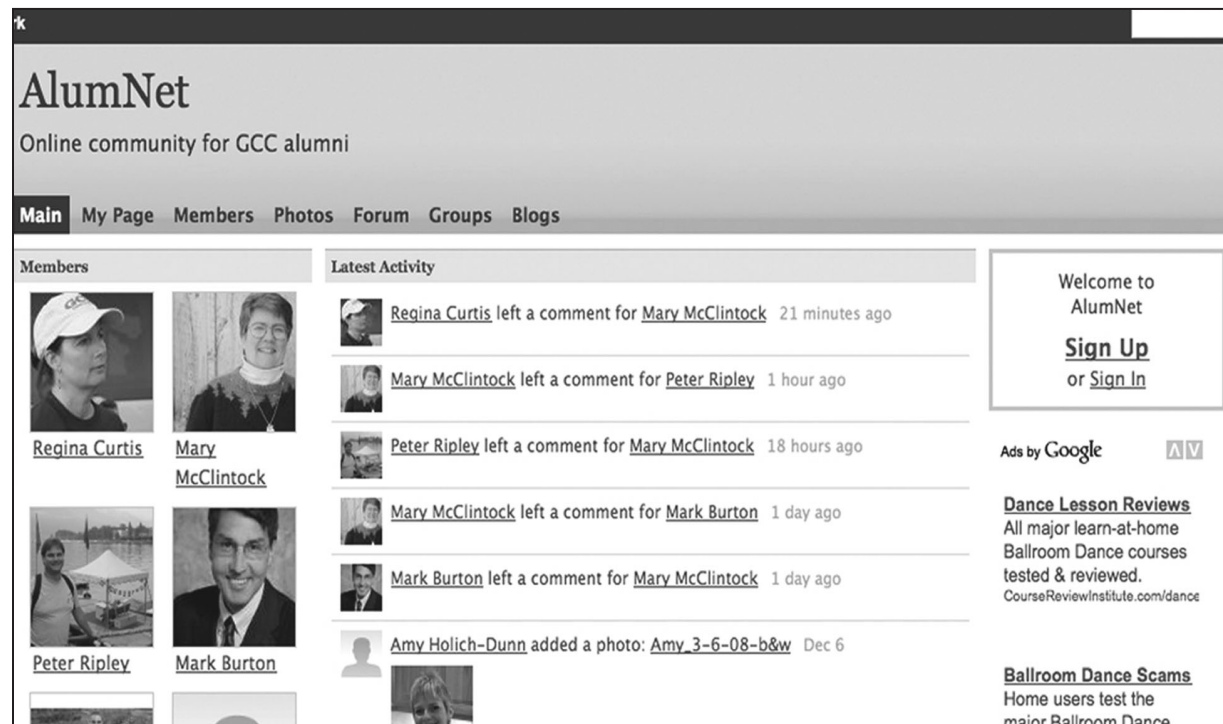
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GCC Alumni Association Builds Community with AlumNet

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GCC alumni eager to connect with people they knew at GCC or meet GCC alums who share their interests have a great new tool to make those connections. AlumNet (shown above) is the GCC Alumni Association's new online social network and can be viewed by visiting www.gcc.mass.edu/alumni and clicking on the link to AlumNet.

Wish you could find that guy who was such a whiz in your GCC marketing classes to help you promote your new business? Want to re-connect with friends from long-ago GCC nursing classes? Moving to another state and hoping to find outdoor trip buddies like the folks you knew in the Outdoor Leadership Program?

Check out AlumNet, the GCC Alumni Association's new online social network, 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 tool to make those connections.

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 or program, participate in discussions, blog, and post photos and videos. They also can 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

build a community of alumni. We also wanted to have a venue to share photos and information about the many Alumni Association events."

Andrew Seward attended GCC from 1984-1986 before getting a bachelor's degree at UMass and a master's in engineering and an MBA at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Now an engineer working for IBM 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 TEME group and I'd like to re-establish those friendships."

While AlumNet can help alumni find long-lost friends, it is also a way to meet new ones, and to help other alums and current students. Peter Ripley is a family practice physician in Monument Beach, MA. He said, "My reason for joining AlumNet is to provide an insider's perspective on a road less travelled. My time at GCC was pivotal and put me on the path to becoming a physician, a most rewarding career. I hope to share my experience from high school to GCC to Williams College to University of Pittsburgh

School of Medicine. I'd love to spread the word that two years at GCC can place a student on the road to attaining an M.D. degree. My goal is to provide encouragement and advice, just like Rob Yacubian at GCC did for me, for students or alums who are pursuing the medical field."

Mark Burton of Damascus, MD, and Mike Davis of Florence, MA, also want to share information about their fields of expertise. Mark said, "My field is reverse mortgage lending. These days, issues involving mortgage lending, retirement finances, and the care and support of seniors are large topics that affect many people. I would love to be able to contribute my knowledge in these areas to the broader community." Mike Davis, a business librarian at UMass Amherst, said, "I'm eternally grateful for the education I received at GCC in the 1980s. GCC gave me the personal confidence and academic tools I needed to start a career and make my way in life. Through the new GCC AlumNet, I hope to give something back to GCC and its students."

These AlumNet users are just a handful of the thousands of alumni who share the experience of attending GCC. Just as GCC opens the door to limitless possibilities for students, AlumNet now opens the door to limitless connections among GCC alumni.

Join the GCC Alumni Association online
Visit www.gcc.mass.edu/alumni

Get Started at GCC

Join us Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at the Downtown Center Campus (located at 270 Main Street), 1 to 6 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Learn about the programs and services GCC has to offer, how to pay for college and how to apply and get started for the Spring Semester beginning in January. For more information, contact the Admission Office at 413.775.1801.

Learn How to Afford College

What is financial aid and are you eligible? Did you know there are other options and scholarships available to help pay for college?

To learn the answers to these questions, you are invited to attend Financial Aid Information Night on Monday, January 12 or Monday January 19, 2009 (each with a snow date of the next day, Tuesday). Sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the East Building Room 125, Main Campus. Session is approximately 1 hour. Financial aid counselors will be available to answer questions and provide information

about sources of financial aid and scholarships available. For more information about Financial Aid Information Workshops call 413.775.1109.

TEXTBOOK BUYBACK

December 17, 18, 19

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

December 22

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sell your unused or good condition textbooks back to GCC. Main Campus Bookstore. Contact 413.775.1191.

Registration now in progress

- For information on academic advising call (413) 775-1339.
- For information on placement testing call (413) 775-1147.
- Open registration: Friday, January 23.
- Day and evening classes begin January 28.



Take a course during January Intersession

All intersession classes meet daily, Monday through Friday.

Financial Aid can apply to January courses!

- BUS 116-1; E-Commerce, 3 cr**
9:00 am - 11:50 am, January 6-26
- DAN 101-1; Introduction to Dance, 3 cr**
9:00 am - 11:50 am, January 6-26
- ENG 101-1; English Comp. I: Expository Writing, 3 cr**
8:00 am - 11:50 am, January 6-26
- ENG 112-1; English Comp. II: Exploring Literature, 3 cr**
8:00 am - 11:50 am, January 6-26
- FRE 111-1; French Skills Practice I, 2 cr**
9:00 am - 12 noon, January 6-16
- PCS 101-1; Public Speaking, 3 cr**
9:00 am - 11:50 am, January 6-26
- PHI 104-1; Introduction to Ethics, 3 cr**
9:00 am - 11:50 am, January 6-26
- PSY 101-1; Principles of Psychology, 3 cr**
9:00 am - 11:50 am, January 6-26
- SPA 111-1; Spanish Skills Practice I, 2 cr**
9:00 am - 12 noon, January 6-16
- SPA 112-1; Spanish Skills Practice II, 2 cr**
9:00 am - 12 noon, January 6-16

Register through Wednesday, January 7, 2009
For registration information call 413.775.1801



Take a Workshop during January

Workshops beginning in January
Location is GCC unless otherwise noted:

- Journeyman Plumber**
January 6, (Smith Vocational High School)
- Intermediate EMT**
January 5
- Journeyman Electrician**
January 7, (Franklin County Technical School)
- Journeyman Electrician**
January 8, (Smith College)
- Cabinetmaking**
January 12, (Franklin County Technical School)
- Introduction to Quickbooks**
January 13
- CNC Router for Woodworking**
January 14, (Franklin County Technical School)
- Computer Basics for Beginners, Level I**
January 14
- Grant Writing 101**
January 16
- Employment Law**
January 21
- Machine Science**
January 26, (Franklin County Technical School)
- Master Electrician**
January 27
- Import/Export Now**
January 28

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starting every month, January included!
For registration information call 413.775.1803

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