



After 33 years of service in the community college system, Vincent Fulginiti retired as the Dean of Students at Asnuntuck Community College. Vince began his career as an adjunct instructor and wore “many hats” at the college throughout his tenure. One of the most important events he supervised for the college was the annual graduation ceremony. He assisted thousands of students over the years at Asnuntuck and will be deeply missed by the students, faculty, and staff. The college honored Vince at a dinner on Friday, May 4, at the Crown Plaza in Enfield. ♦

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successful and challenging college program will have the additional bonus of part-time employment with the sponsoring company.

Successful candidates for these scholarships, each of which is valued at \$4,000 to \$5,000, must have high school level math and reading competencies and a genuine commitment to a career in technology. Upon successful completion of the one-year 30 credit program, scholarship recipients will transition to full-time employment with their sponsoring company. The 30 credits will apply to both associate and four-year degrees in advanced technology. For more information, please contact the Manufacturing Technology Center at 860.253.3189. ♦

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Foundation News

• Congratulations to the cast and committee of the 4th annual Murder Mystery Dinner-Karaoke Killer- held at the Crowne Plaza in Enfield. The event was dedicated to the memory of Mary Lou Strom, long-time supporter of the college. Mary Lou Strom, through her dedication, motivation, and, most importantly, her fun-loving spirit was instrumental in the continued success of the Murder Mystery Dinner. The event raised approximately \$16,000 to support scholarships and program development at the college. Cast members included: Jennifer Miarecki, Matt Ferri, Carl Sferrazza, Jo Ann Walk, Gary Cote, Mike Tipppo, Tom Casey, Joanne Kane, Maura Gardiner, CeCe Blackmon, Dean Wern, Laurie Rosner, Bill McGurk, Dave O'Connor, Rich Aniolowski, Martha McLeod, and Patty Piellucci. Thank you to the committee for all their hard work: Patti Andras, Mary Arcouette,

Carmela Brennan, Mary Ann Burke, Chris Casey, Julie Cotnoir, Karen Jarmoc, Joanne Kane, Joyce Keating, Linda Landberg, Sharon McHugh, Vicki Palermo, Kathleen Tallarita, and Sandy Zukowski.

• Friends of Asnuntuck Community College ~ You are invited to the 2nd Annual Event in the Tent on Saturday, June 2, at 7 pm on Asnuntuck's front lawn sponsored by the ACC Student Senate. Enjoy the music of Connecticut's #1 dance band, Major Motion. Celebrate the accomplishments of the class of 2007 and Asnuntuck Community College. This is a free community event for the graduates, their families, current students, alumni, and friends of Asnuntuck Community College. For more information, please contact the President's Office at 860.253.3001.

• Save the Date for the 7th Annual Asnuntuck Community College Foundation Golf Classic, Monday, July 23. Shotgun start at 12:00 noon at Elmcrest Country Club, East Longmeadow, MA. Registration includes 18 holes, cart, lunch and dinner. For more information, please contact Chris Casey 860.698.6267 or cwsncasey@cox.net. ♦



Dean Wern, Maura Gardiner, CeCe Blackmon - Foundation Murder Mystery Dinner

Freshwater Poetry

Desire

Let us be like the rain
which forgets why it is here
and takes no thought to where it is going.
No longer will we kneel at this windowsill
With our hands stretching westward
We have disregarded hours
Waiting for a moment just like this;
Dark with its possibilities.
Here now, is an embrace which will wound you.
Here is a kiss behind which waits
the whole of gravity's force.
And as I pull you forward, like a distant star
Entire worlds will burn
In this sweetness that spreads like fire
Across the farthest reaches of our tongues

By Matt Harding

Matt Harding is a student at Asnuntuck Community College. In 2004 he placed first in Freshwater's Annual Poetry Contest, and his winning poem was published in *Freshwater 2004*. His poetry has also been published in *Common Ground Review*.

ACC student represents Connecticut as the New Century Scholar at American Association of Community Colleges Conference

Asnuntuck Community College student and Enfield resident, Christa Douglas, has been selected as a New Century Scholar through Phi Theta Kappa, a two-year college honorary society. Her application for the All-USA Academic Team received the highest score in Connecticut. The New Century Scholar is an additional scholarship and national recognition opportunity available only to students nominated to the All-USA Academic Team.



The student receiving the highest All-USA Academic Team application score in each state was named a New Century Scholar and represented his/her state in the opening ceremonies at the AACC Convention. Each New Century Scholar will receive a \$2,000 scholarship and each institution received special recognition at the AACC Convention. The New Century Scholars program is sponsored annually by the American Association of Community Colleges, The Coca-Cola Foundation, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, and Phi Theta Kappa.

Ms. Douglas, a full-time mother of two children ages four and six, is studying Accounting at Asnuntuck Community College. She plans to continue her education in Accounting after she graduates in June 2007, perhaps at AIC, and eventually would like to become a CPA. In her winning essay, Ms. Douglas wrote about how she used skills acquired in her marketing and speech classes to increase the induction rate into Phi Theta Kappa. Ms. Douglas attended the AACC Convention in Tampa on April 14 with President McLeod to receive the award and recognition. ♦

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ACC student scores perfect score on the American Medical Technologies Exam

Jill Welch wasn't sure what she would do when she was laid off from her position at Retail Brand Alliance after 27 years. A resident of Enfield for 30 years, she was aware of Asnuntuck Community College and the many programs offered. So, with the encouragement of the counselors at CT Works, Asnuntuck, and assistance from the WIA program, she decided to pursue the Registered Medical Assistant Program at Asnuntuck. Ms. Welch also knew the job market in the allied health field was ripe and as caregiver for her mother, the course of study was a great match. As a 52 year old, self-supporting adult, she knew her education was crucial in her future career opportunities.

She states, "my life experience has helped me see the value of my education and my education has helped me in life—"

After finishing a full year of course work in September 2006, Ms. Welch took an externship with Manchester Family Medicine and registered for the American Medical Technologies Exam (AMT) in November. She is the first Asnuntuck Community College student in the program to take the exam to become a Registered Medical Assistant (RMA). She was quite nervous about taking the computer based exam; however, she walked out of the Springfield Testing Center in November without realizing she scored a perfect score: 99 out of 99. It was not until her instructor in the RMA

program, Michelle Swan, pointed it out that she realized what she had accomplished. Ms. Welch praises her instructor, "Michelle is an excellent teacher. Her method of teaching was key to my success in understanding the material which was very overwhelming at first."

Since passing the AMT exam, Ms. Welch has been on several job interviews and has a full-time job offer which she is still considering. She states, "my life experience has helped me see the value of my education and my education has helped me in life—especially understanding the doctors and nurses caring for my mother."

For more information about allied health program at Asnuntuck Community College, please contact Jessica Campbell 860.253.3066 or Sue Champagne 860.253.3034 in the Continuing Education Office. An open house will be held on August 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. for anyone interested in learning more about the allied health programs: medical assistant, medical professional coder, pharmacy technician, EMT technician, personal care attendant, or phlebotomist/EKG technician. ♦



ACC signs Chinese sister school agreement with Qingdao Vocational and Technical College in China

In November, President McLeod of Asnuntuck Community College signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish a sister college relationship between Qingdao Vocational and Technical College (QVTC) of Shandong Province, People's Republic of China, and Asnuntuck Community College. As part of the Connecticut Educational Leadership Delegation 2006, President McLeod traveled to China with 21 other educational leaders and consultants.

Accompanying President McLeod to China from the community college system were Mr. Bill McGurk, President and CEO of Rockville Bank and CT Community- Technical Colleges Board of Trustee member, and Ms. Qing Mack, Director of Institutional Research at Asnuntuck Community College.



Qingdao Vocational and Technical College is a national model college which is supported financially by the Central Government. Shi ZhongJian, Ph.D., President of QVTC, was honored as the first "Outstanding President in Vocational Education in China," in August 2005. The college is composed of the International Cooperative School, Haier Household Appliance School, and the Economic Management School and 12 other schools. At present, QVTC has 8,000 full-time residential students enrolled and 5,000 part-time non-residential adult students.

Asnuntuck Community College and QVTC are similar in many ways. Both colleges offer associate degrees; prepare students for the workforce; partner with business and industry; and focus on teaching and learning. In addition, each one is growing rapidly and is balanced between technology and the arts.

The Memorandum of Understanding establishes an agreement to explore ways to promote cooperation between the two colleges including: joint educational activities, venues for students from both institutions to communicate and connect with each other through technology and classroom projects, and visits by and exchange of teaching and administrative personnel.

In January, an introductory course in Chinese Language, Culture, and History was offered at ACC. Fifty-five students participated in the Saturday course. The course will be offered again in Fall 2007, as well as a Chinese Language I course. To register, visit www.acc.commnet.edu or call 860.253.3010. ♦