

GENESEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
49th Commencement Ceremony
Sunday, May 21, 2017

PRE-COMMENCEMENT MEDIA HOUR NOTABLE GRADUATES

12:00 – 12:45 pm / President's Conference Room



Megan Molisani – As a Teacher Education Transfer major, Megan has excelled in every aspect of her GCC student life. While carrying a 4.0 GPA, she has been on the President's List for academic achievement all four semesters, a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and she was recognized as a PTK All-New York Academic Team member. Megan was also a resident assistant at College Village, a work-study student in the Marketing Communications Office, a volunteer at the Child Care Center and she participated in two annual Fashion Shows as a model. She is transferring to Nazareth College to earn a certificate in Teacher Education and hopes to one day teach kindergarteners. She is resident of Clyde, New York and graduated from Clyde Savannah High School in 2015.



Joseph Henry Falkowski III – A Criminal Justice major with plans to transfer to Niagara University to continue his studies, Joe has been the president of GCC's Student Government Association this past year. He earned President's or Dean's List honors throughout his GCC studies and also received the Golf Team Coaches Award for Leadership as a member of the GCC Golf Team. Additionally, Joe was recognized with the Trustees Award for Leadership and Commitment to the College. Joe's dream job would be director of Homeland Security or serving the public in an emergency management capacity at the local, state or national level. He is a Batavia, New York resident and graduated from Notre Dame High School in 2015.



Victor C. Obeta – A native of Abuja, the capital of Nigeria, Victor is one of GCC's 133 international students this year. He is majoring in Sports Management and is a member of GCC's men's soccer team. He has worked hard both on and off the field achieving the following honors and awards: 2016-2017 Scholar-Athlete Award; Student of the Month (March); two times on the President's list and one time on the Dean's List; an officer of the PTK Honor Society, and he took first place in the annual resume writing contest. He actively participated in many special GCC events and opportunities including the Scholars Symposium and Global Education events. He has overcome significant obstacles to study in the USA and he is self-sponsored. He hopes to be able to continue his studies in order to achieve his ultimate dream which is to return to Nigeria and build a school for underprivileged Nigerians, calling it the Victory Soccer Academy.



Seonggyung Choe – A native of Busan, Korea, Seonggyung Choe, or “Song” as she is commonly called, is a Fashion Design major and this spring she received the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence (see photo with SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher and GCC’s Dr. Virginia Taylor). She immersed herself in GCC’s Multicultural Communications Club which is affiliated with Toastmasters International. Not only was she co-president, but she also won several speaking awards and earned a Leadership International Certificate. Her additional involvements include being secretary for GCC’s Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, she presented at the Global Education’s Experiences Around the World Poster Session, and she was certified in Life Bound professional training. Song helped produce the 36th Annual Fashion Show, “Elysium” with her scene entitled, “Fates/Moirai” highlighting Greek deities of Fate. She is transferring to the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City.



Sabrina Ahmed – A Fine Arts major who has already earned a college degree from her native homeland in Bagladesh, Sabrina came to GCC to immerse herself in the arts and particularly the College’s ceramics coursework. She lived at College Village as a resident assistant, earned President’s List honors for two semesters, and was an Orientation Leader. She was recognized with the following awards: Photo Club Award in the *Vision* Exhibition; Honorable Mention in a GoArt Show; Helle Rakfeldt Leetma International Art Scholarship; and she was the Volunteer of the Month and a member of the PTK Honor Society. She is currently applying for F-1 OPT (Optical Practical Training) Visa, and hopes to work in the United States for one year and then attend RIT in 2018. Sabrina’s dream is become a fine jeweler and coalesce her traditional artistic vision along with contemporary design.



Zahédie Martir – As a multi-lingual student fluent in five languages, Zahédie came to GCC from her native homeland of Curaçao. She is a business and general studies major with dreams to establish her own investment firm and work with global companies around the world. She earned President’s and Dean’s List honors as a student, and worked as a resident assistant at College Village and a work-study student in Admissions. She is transferring St. John Fisher College into the Finance program with a minor in marketing.

Editor’s Note:

President’s List: GPA of 3.75 or higher

Dean’s List: GPA between 3.5 – 3.74