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Deptford Twp. – Dean of Lifelong Learning Madelyn Pennell has spent the last 17 years focusing on Gloucester County College students of all ages—from pre-school youngsters learning their A, B, C’s at the Early Childhood Education Center, to adults seeking to improve their job skills, to senior citizens expanding their knowledge for personal enjoyment.

Now, Pennell — better known around the GCC campus and in the business and education sector as Molly — has decided to shift her energy in a personal direction. On October 31, Pennell officially retires from the GCC ranks leaving in her wake an impressive list of accomplishments.

During her tenure at GCC, the Mullica Hill resident has been responsible for every aspect of the Lifelong Learning division, including the Business & Industry Training (BIT) Center and customized training programs for area businesses. Before the College reorganized the Lifelong Learning Department two years ago, Pennell, who has an associate degree from GCC, bachelor’s degree from Glassboro State College (now Rowan University), and an MBA from Wilmington College, was responsible for oversight of the Adult Education program and worked closely with the South Jersey Chemical Manufacturers Safety Council creating the initial program in 1995.

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Since the reorganization, Pennell has devoted her expertise to Continuing Education and Workforce Development training, in addition to supervising the Early Childhood Education Center and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. She has served on many GCC committees and represented the College at county and state organizations including the Gloucester County Workforce Investment Board, the Southern New Jersey Economic Development Council, the New Jersey Association of Community Colleges Continuing Education Administrators, the Senior Continuing Education Officers, the National Council of Community Service and the Continuing Education Program Committee.

Pennell and her husband, Howard, live on a South Jersey farm not far from their two sons and daughter-in-laws. “My four grandsons, ranging in ages from 7 to 12, are active in whatever sport is in season so we spend a great deal of time watching them play,” said Pennell. “I’m looking forward to spending more time with my family, working on my garden and getting back to some of my creative interests.”

Gloucester County College colleagues, students, and friends all wish the GCC Director a healthy and rewarding retirement.

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