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NICHOLAS W. BRANDEMARTI SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Deptford Twp. –The Brandemarti family of West Deptford has established two \$500 Gloucester County College Foundation police academy scholarships in memory of their son, Nicholas W. Brandemarti, who was lost in the World Trade Center attack on September 11, 2001.

On Thursday, December 14, the first recipient of the Gloucester County Police Academy to receive the \$500 scholarship, Michael Muckley of Atco, graciously accepted the award from Nicholas Brandemarti, Sr. and his son, Jason. Thirty men and one woman from four counties marked the completion of their 20-week training session in the GCC Physical Education Center with Acting Academy Director Fred H. Madden welcoming the attendees, families, and friends to the 31st Basic Police Class graduation. Bill Sample, retired Philadelphia police officer and President and Founder of the Sunshine Foundation, delivered the keynote address.

Muckley was selected by academy officials for demonstrating a strong work ethic, kindness and consideration for others, and a positive attitude— characteristics of the West Deptford High School standout student-athlete and Fordham University graduate who had just begun his professional career at a New York investment-banking firm before the terrorist attacks. The scholarships are funded through money raised each September from the annual Nicky Brandemarti Memorial Golf Classic and Three-Mile Fun Walk. A second

scholarship will be awarded in July 2007.

“I want to thank the Brandemarti family for providing the scholarship. I realize this is very important to them,” said Muckley following the presentation. “Receiving this scholarship means a lot to me and I’m going to put it to good use. I am honored to be the recipient.” Muckley was also presented the Physical Training Award.

“Since 9-11 there is more awareness of security and the responsibility of law enforcement,” stated Nicholas Brandemarti, Sr. as he explained the motivation behind the new scholarship. “The things going on with our soldiers overseas are an expensive price for freedom. Now, more than ever we are dependent on the peacekeepers. We don’t always realize the responsibility and danger police officers undertake each day.”

The Police Academy is located in the heart of the 250-acre GCC campus and operates as an autonomous unit within the College’s Academic Services Division. Municipal police departments, county sheriff’s offices and agencies such as the Delaware River Port Authority and College/University police departments sponsor many of the trainees. Others enter training through the “alternate route” program.

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