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GCC CROSS-COUNTRY STANDOUT RECEIVES NATIONAL SCHOLAR/ATHLETE AWARD

Deptford Twp. – Gloucester County College Roadrunner Heather DiCrescenzo, of Runnemede, was named this year's recipient of the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators Scholar Athlete Award (NATYCAA).

The NATYCAA Scholar Athlete Award was first presented in 1992 and is sponsored by Summit America Insurance Services. It is given to the male and female student athlete who best demonstrates outstanding accomplishment and leadership in academics, athletics and citizenship. This year marks the first time in the history of the award co-winners were chosen in the female division. DiCrescenzo shares the honor with Lauren Penc, a senior at Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica, New York.

DiCrescenzo, who graduated from GCC in May with an associate degree in health, physical education, and recreation, will attend The College of New Jersey in the fall. During her time at GCC, she was a two-sport athlete participating in cross country and outdoor track & field.

In cross country, DiCrescenzo was individual Region XIX Champion for two years and was a two-time National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-American. She helped lead the Roadrunners to top six finishes at the National Championships both seasons including a national runner-up in 2007.

In outdoor track & field, DiCrescenzo set the school record in the 5,000 meter run and was a national qualifier while helping lead her team to a fourth place finish at the 2008 NJCAA Division III National Championships. This past season, she helped lead her team to another fourth-place finish at nationals while earning All-American honors in the 10,000 meter run where she finished second. She also placed third in the 5,000 and fifth in the steeplechase at the national meet.

DiCrescenzo is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and has been on the President's List each of her semesters at GCC in addition to actively participating in community projects and college fund raisers.

She was honored as GCC's outstanding female student athlete in February 2009 when recognized by the National Association for Girls & Women in Sport (NAGWS). She was also the recipient of GCC's Presidential Medallion for outstanding accomplishment for the 2008-2009 school year. DiCrescenzo was a contributor to the GCC 2008 outdoor track & field and cross country teams being named the NJCAA Academic Team of the Year in both of those sports.

GCC's 250-acre campus is located on Tanyard Road in Deptford, just off Exit 56 of Route 55.