



GREENFIELD

Community College



Office of the President

Social justice and peace must be taught. It is essential then that higher education embrace Social Justice and Peace Studies within the curricula of our nation's colleges. No institution of higher learning would be better suited for this work than the community college.

Known as "The People's Colleges" and "The Ellis Island of Higher Education," community colleges embrace a strong commitment to the egalitarian principles on which this nation was established. Each year, more students of color, more students with disabilities, more students without financial support and more first generation students enter community colleges than any other segment of higher education.

Community College faculty and students can together study, learn and teach the issues that create and sustain social justice and peace. The potential for long term change is significant and the impact individually and within the community is profound. At Greenfield Community College our vision states "Lives change for the better every day at Greenfield Community College. Families grow stronger and so too our community. Our vision is to strengthen our community one student at a time. We understand our role and responsibilities, as a college in the global community, to create a better world for all." No one program better embraces that vision. GCC unequivocally supports our Peace Studies Program and applauds the commitment and the passions of our faculty and our students committed to that study.

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