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Dear School Personnel,

**Do you have students who have expressed an interest in social justice and peace, but are not sure where to go?**

**ANNOUNCING THE NEW LIBERAL ARTS OPTION IN PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AT GREENFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE! (LPJ)**

*What is it and what can you do with it?*

**Peace education** encourages students to become responsible, caring citizens of the world. It develops global thinking, respect for diversity and the rights of all forms of life. It enables students to recognize social injustice, its contributing factors and the actions necessary to bring about justice. Peace education fosters personal growth that allows the student to respond to conflict (intrapersonal, interpersonal, local, regional and global) in a nonviolent manner.

**Social justice education** focuses on the study of injustices of all types with a goal of understanding the contributing factors, the repercussions and the possible solutions.

**Peace education and social justice education are intrinsically linked.** Social justice education is an integral part of peace education. Peace education is the soil that nurtures the seeds of justice. One cannot teach about peace without teaching about the injustices that fuel conflict.

Graduates of this liberal arts option will develop the skills listed above and will be able to find rewarding careers in many fields, including education, law, diplomatic and government services, social services, international relations, military, labor movement, humanitarian relief and emergency preparedness, international development agencies, United Nations and related agencies (UNICEF/UNESCO), peace research, ecology and environmental work, architecture, mediation and conflict resolution, theology/ministry, communications and NGO's (nongovernmental organizations) such as Amnesty International, Oxfam, Human Rights Watch, etc.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 413-775-1127 or [jenks@gcc.mass.edu](mailto:jenks@gcc.mass.edu). Students are welcome to make an appointment, visit the website (<http://www.gcc.mass.edu/departments/psj>) or to visit the campus or a class. It's never too late to register! I'm looking forward to hearing from you and your students.

Sincerely,

Abbie Jenks, MSW, Advisor

