

# Foundation establishes \$5,000 fund

The Lauren Rose Albert Foundation has established a \$5,000 fund at Gloucester County College to provide textbooks for single mothers attending GCC.

The grants, at \$250 per semester, will be awarded to 10 women attending classes this fall.

The program was set up as a result of meetings between Susan Rose, Executive Director of the Lauren Rose

Albert Foundation, and William F. Anderson, GCC President.

Under its provisions, Lauren Rose Albert Foundation students who maintain satisfactory grades will receive another \$250 each for the spring, 2005 semester.

The money was channeled through the GCC Foundation.

GCC officials will monitor progress of the award recipients.

"This is one of the most inspirational grants ever made through our Foundation and to our College," said President Anderson. "We appreciate all the work that Mrs. Rose and her Foundation volunteers did to provide this funding."

The textbook grants program is already in effect at Camden County College and several universities. Mrs.

able if recipients continue to meet criteria.

Those awards will be in the form of book vouchers redeemable at the College Bookstore and credited to the student's account in the GCC Business Office.

The agreement further notes that "reference will be given to employed single, or head-of-household mothers attending GCC on a part-time basis, but all single parents will be considered."

GCC and College Foundation officials have already started publicizing the availability of the book grants, so that all 10 can be awarded to qualified students before September 1.

The GCC Foundation and the College Financial Aid staff will review applications and forward them to the Albert Foundation for final selection.

The Lauren Rose Albert Foundation raises money for the book grants through a series of events, including a golf outing and drives at some 60 area schools.

A volunteer board of directors assists Susan Rose in maintaining and expanding the role of the Foundation. Volunteers include Camden County Clerk James Beach, former Haddonfield Mayor Jack Tarditi, journalist Kevin Riordan and Cherry Hill neighbor Judy Schorr.

For information, write the Foundation at 106 Kenwood Drive, Cherry Hill 08034.

Rose will be meeting with other community colleges throughout the summer, to spread the awards throughout Southern New Jersey. Her goal is to make it statewide over the next several years.

Lauren Rose Albert was the young married daughter of Susan Rose.

Mrs. Albert, 40, died in a tragic accident while vacationing in Morocco several years ago, with her husband, Todd, and another young couple.

Susan and her husband, Stuart, felt that the best way they could keep her memory alive was to assist mothers facing the daunting challenge of attending college on a limited income.

"We know that for many women, the expense of college textbooks can be a discouraging factor when they consider entering or returning to college," said GCC Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness Dr. Susan Smith. "The Albert Foundation grants will be a great assist to them."

At this point, the agreement calls for the Lauren Rose Albert Foundation to donate \$5,000 to the GCC Foundation each year.

The purpose, according to the signed agreement, is "to provide financial assistance to purchase course-required textbooks for low-income, employed single mothers attending GCC." Awards are renew-

## IN LOVING MEMORY



The Lauren Rose Albert Foundation presented a \$5,000 check to Gloucester County College President William F. Anderson, to provide textbooks for single-mother students enrolled at GCC for 2004-05. Making the presentation is Albert Foundation Executive Director Susan Rose, of Cherry Hill. At left is Foundation volunteer, Judy Shorr, also of Cherry Hill. The Foundation is named in memory of Mrs. Rose' daughter, Lauren Rose Albert, who died in a traffic accident in Morocco five years ago. The book grants program is already offered at several colleges and more are being added throughout Southern New Jersey. Mrs. Rose and her volunteers hope to make it a statewide program over the years.