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Practical Nursing Pinning Ceremony

Congratulations to the 18 students of the Practical Nursing class of 2016, on their nurse pinning ceremony on Jan. 15 at the Sheraton Laguna Resort. These generous graduates took the initiative to then deliver appreciation donation gift baskets to Guma Mami, Ordot Habilitation, the Mental Health Day Unit, and the Skilled Nursing Unit on Jan 20. The students took the initiative for the donations on their own - **“purely an act of kindness, appreciation and generosity on their behalf,”** according to Jenn Artero, PN instructor. PN grads - you make us proud!

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First day of class!

January 11th, GCC welcomed over 2,100 postsecondary students back to campus. New students attended the New Student Orientation on December 28th, 2016 - a week before registration for spring semester ended. Have a great semester everyone!

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Guam Community College is a leader in career and technical workforce development, providing the highest quality student-centered education and job training for Micronesia.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

BRIGHTEST STARS!

Katrina Mae Tahimik

Congratulations to Katrina Mae Tahimik, GCC Tourism & Hospitality student, for winning the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Foundation (AHLEF) Brightest Stars video contest - which comes with a \$1,500 prize! Check out her award-winning video below! Also, Katrina earned her Certified Hospitality and Tourism Management Professional credential from the Certification Commission of the American Hotel Lodging Association. This is a professional designation created specifically for graduates of a high school Lodging Management Program, and “attests to successful completion of the knowledge and experience requirements, reflecting a commitment to maintaining the highest standards of competence as a hospitality professional.” Katrina is a graduate of the Okkodo High School LMP program.

<https://www.facebook.com/guamcc/videos/1589843507701730/>

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Adrian Davis

Also, congratulations to GCC Liberal Studies graduate Adrian Davis, who is also earning his Human Services associate degree AND attending classes for his baccalaureate degree over at the University of Guam, for being featured as a Scholar Profile in the APIASF January 2017 eNewsletter.



"As a Pacific Islander, higher education is important to me because it shows what we are capable of achieving. People tend to stereotype our part of the world just because poverty exists; however, if we achieve high goals, we can prove the others wrong. I can serve as living proof. I have earned multiple scholarships from APIASF. I am part of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and a member of various clubs at Guam Community College. I currently serve as the GCC Board of Trustees Student Member after earning my Associates Degree and was previously the COPSA (Council on Post-secondary Student Affairs) President of GCC's Student Government. As you can see, I have achieved a lot the past few years. We should stand strong because we can all succeed together."

Adrian Davis
APIASF/Anne Chow Scholarship
Guam Community College | Majoring in Liberal Arts/Studies

GCC SPORTS TEAMS!

Congratulations to the GCC Men's College Basketball team and the Women's College Volleyball team, for their awesome competitiveness in the new college league on Guam. Go Team GCC!

ALSO: Help us pick a new team name for GCC, to go along with our new logo system!

Email your suggestions to gcc.pio@guamcc.edu

GCC Women's College Volleyball Team: (Front row from left): Corrine Risin, Wanisha Sokono, Arvi Quioc, Team Captain Theresa Rice (Back Row) Assistant Coach Sally Sablan, Erwine Takasy, Jasie Villanueva, Ji-Marie Guerrero, Constance Camat, Ericca-Jean Tomada, Jonia Areieta, Sylvania Amor and Coach Ricky Tyquiengco. Not shown: Praesha Primo

GCC Men's College Basketball Team, from Left to Right: (First row) Lee Kaminaga, Daniel Duenas (Second row) Team Manager Sally Sablan, Ryan Kusto, Raymond Tolentino, Manz Santos, Devin Leones, Team Captain Brandon Duenas, GCC President Mary Okada (Third Row) Coach Jose U. Munoz, Jaydee Manlapaz, Ryan Soulik, Everard Foster, and Chris Obermeyer. Not shown: Joel Yangitemai and Assistant Coach Matthew Hoover



Secondary CTE Programs

Students in the SSHS DECA Marketing program

were the champions of this year's Guam Junior Achievement program, winning Company of the Year, at the award ceremony at the Bank of Guam Headquarters on Jan. 14. The SSHS team won the following awards:

Grand Award: Company of the Year

- 1st Place: Product of the Year
- 1st Place: Best Commercial
- 1st Place: Best in Show
- 1st Place: Production Vice President of the Year
- 2nd Place: Best Annual Report
- 2nd Place: Marketing Vice President of the Year
- 2nd Place: Finance Vice President of the Year
- 3rd Place: Return on Investment (845%)
- 3rd Place: Best in Technology

With 10 other teams competing in this year's program, Michelle Randle, GCC CTE Marketing instructor at SSHS, says the students were very proud of their company's results. As the winning team, the officers will be traveling to Tokyo to compete in the Regional Tournament February 19-24. The trip is fully funded by Junior Achievement. Southern High School's team, under the advisement of Yvonne Tam, GCC Marketing Instructor, took home the top prize for the Return on Investment and Best 5 Products categories.





Simon Sanchez High School's Lodging Management Program

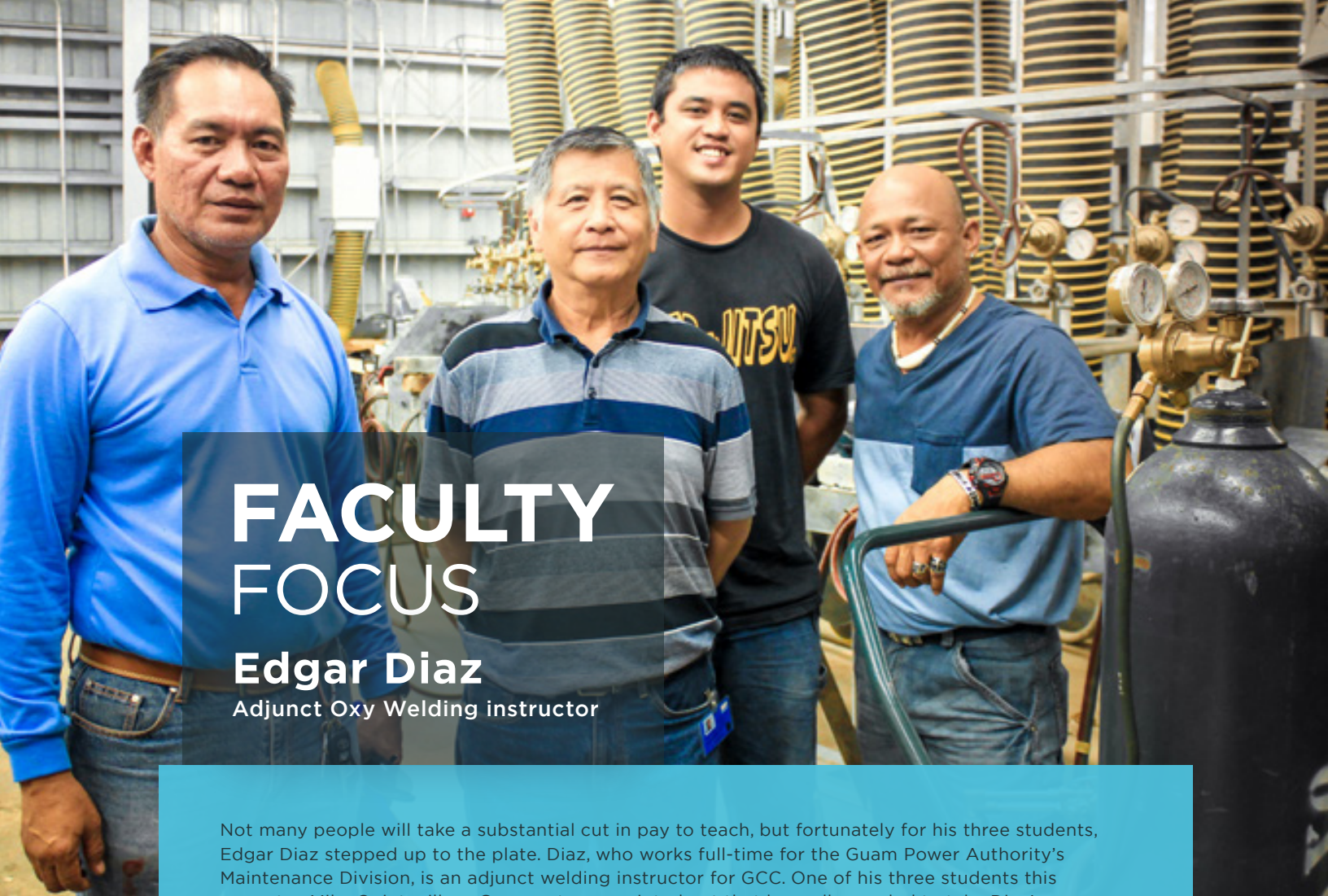
conducted its annual "Be A Tourist" field trip on Jan. 12. The objective was to have tourism students experience Guam through the eyes of tourists. At the same time, students acted as tour guides at assigned scenic and historical sites. Altogether, 50 LMP students visited nine tourist sites and enjoyed their experience as tourists/guides.



On Jan. 30, Hilton Guam Resort & Spa Assistant General Manager, Mr. Shinozaki, was the guest speaker for the SSHS LMP junior class. He spoke about the importance of communications and professionalism in the guest service industry. Mr. Shinozaki also serves as the chairman of GCC Hotel Advisory Committee.



Fifteen SSHS LMP seniors earned their Certified Guest Service Professional (CGSP) credentials from the American Hotel & Lodging Association. They took the test in October 2016, and just received their pins and certificates this month, according to instructor Eric Chong.



FACULTY FOCUS

Edgar Diaz
Adjunct Oxy Welding instructor

Not many people will take a substantial cut in pay to teach, but fortunately for his three students, Edgar Diaz stepped up to the plate. Diaz, who works full-time for the Guam Power Authority's Maintenance Division, is an adjunct welding instructor for GCC. One of his three students this semester, Mike Quintanilla, a Guam veteran, pointed out that he really needed to take Diaz' oxy welding class to keep full-time status, or he would lose his veteran's benefits. Diaz' two other students, Vaun Laguana and Carlito Galo, are in the apprenticeship program and needed the course also. Diaz says that when he got the call from Dr. Liz Diego, Associate Dean in charge of adjunct instructors, telling him that there were only three students registered and asking if he would be willing to teach the class at a reduced pay rate, he said yes.

"I want to pass on my knowledge, and help out our vets,"

Diaz explained.

Kudos, Edgar Diaz, for being a shining example of putting "students first, mission always!" Diaz, second from left, with his students Carlito Galo (far left), Vaun Laguana (in back), and Mike Quintanilla, during class on Jan. 25.

Kudos to Barbara Mafnas, GCC Medical Assisting instructor and licensed breastfeeding coach, for her involvement in the Department of Public Health and Social Services' grand opening of its Breastfeeding Room in the Mangilao facility on Jan. 26. Nursing mothers are lawfully protected to breastfeed their children in safe, clean and appropriate public areas without fear of reprisal, hostility or directions to leave the premises, according to Public Law 32-098. GCC's Breastfeeding Room is located in the Health Services Office in our Student Center.





STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Toni Chamberlain

When it comes to GCC institutional history, Toni Chamberlain is the go-to person. In 1978, Toni became the first administrative secretary for the Bureau of Business Services (the former GCC Business Office) at the newly chartered Guam Community College. She worked there for just a year, during the time when Dr. John Salas was the first provost, and then left for 10 years to “work all over GovGuam.” She returned to the administrative halls of GCC in 1989 to become the administrative assistant for then-President John Cruz, and has been here “since ever since.” In that time, Toni also became the first employee to submit, and have accepted, a Prior Learning Assessment portfolio. “I was able to accelerate my associate degree (back then it was called Office Administration) by 12 credit hours,” she said.

“GCC is the best run GovGuam agency - I like to tell everybody that,” said Toni. “We have the best employees. We’re the best.”



FROM THE President

DR. MARY A.Y. OKADA

Hafa Adai and welcome to spring semester 2017 here at GCC! We started off the semester on a great note with the pinning for our 18 Practical Nursing graduates on Jan. 15 at the Sheraton. This was a great way to start the semester, as these students provided inspiration that the goal is in sight to those who had just started classes four days earlier, on Jan. 11th. (We expect to have over 300 graduates at our Commencement on May 12!) On the facilities front, construction is well under way for the renovation and expansion of Building 100, so please excuse the inconveniences that may occur such as limited parking while concrete is being poured, etc. The new, sustainable two-story building will be well worth it! Also, congratulations to our Continuing Education & Workforce Development Office for its first month-long ESL immersion program with Dong Seoul University from Korea. The 25 students who spent a month on Guam learned some English, some Visual Communications techniques, and a lot about the Chamorro culture! Congratulations are also in order for the GCC Men's Basketball team and the Women's volleyball teams for their fine performances in the college league. Finally, please be on the lookout for our 2017 Distinguished Alumnus. If you know someone that graduated from the former GCC Voc Tech High School or from one of our postsecondary programs and who is making things happen professionally on Guam or in our region, we want to hear about them.
Biba GCC!

FROM THE
ALO'S Desk

DR. RAY SOMERA
Accreditation Liaison Officer
Office of Vice President for Academic Affairs

On Jan. 16, I flew to Dong Seoul University (DU) with John Cruickshank, a senior policy advisor with the National Science Foundation (NSF), and his twin brother James Cruickshank, Research and Development Director for the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Agency (HUD), to explore specific areas of collaborative partnerships in career and technical education, in furtherance of a cooperation agreement between GCC, DU, NSF and HUD. This trip took place while 25 students from Dong Seoul were on our campus taking part in a month-long English Immersion program run by our Office of Continuing Education & Workforce Development.

During a courtesy call with DU President, Dr. Yoo Kwangsup, the Cruickshanks and I spoke of the US federal government's interest in furthering the US-Korea alliance through NSF and HUD. I spoke about the history of our MOU and GCC's desire to develop and enrich our existing program in English language training through cultural immersion, as well as explore other areas of partnership in terms of educational programs. We then gave presentations before a group of selected faculty, deans and directors of the various divisions of DU. A rich and productive discussion ensued after the presentations. John also explained the change in federal policy regarding NSF sub-awards to foreign institutions. As of last year, NSF now allows 10% overhead for foreign institution sub-awards. These sub-awards however will need to be coursed through a partner US institution (GCC, in this case) that will serve as the fiscal agent for a prospective federal grant. The DU officials expressed great interest in this possibility, though the discussion was not as substantive and thorough, because of the language barrier. We also toured the campus for program familiarization purposes. We visited various departments and divisions, including the automotive shop and culinary kitchen. One notable building we visited was the Ideas Lab, where DU students can concretize ideas (such as cell phone products and apps) via a 3D printer, with the guidance of a lab specialist. We also observed student companies started by entrepreneurial students and housed in various departments that get funding support from the government. The trip was largely successful because GCC and DU were committed to engage in conversation about furthering the MOU relationship that focuses on the respective strengths of both institutions. The presence of the federal officials from NSF and HUD became the critical catalyst that propelled the active engagement of all parties involved.

Then on Jan. 18, I flew to Los Angeles for my ACCJC team training, in preparation for a February 27 - March 2 visit to Irvine Valley College (IVC) in California. I have been primarily assigned as lead writer for Standard IIA, and have been tasked to coordinate the writing of the sub-standards by the four (4) faculty members of the team. My secondary assignment is Standard IVA. Having already read the IVC ISER, I am certain that I will have a lot of meaningful and substantive take-aways from this visiting team assignment that I can apply to GCC's own ISER, which is due to ACCJC sometime in October 2017.

Community

National Science Foundation Workshop

On Jan. 20, GCC's STEM related faculty were invited to a workshop in the Student Center with the National Science Foundation's invigorating John Cruickshank, regarding how to apply for the INCLUDES grant.



GCC helps sponsor First LEGO LEAGUE competition

The Tigger team from Andersen Elementary School captured the gold medal at the First Lego League Pacific Championship 2017 on Jan. 21 at Micronesia Mall. Despite this being Andersen's first time entering the competition, Team Tigger bested 17 other elementary and middle school teams, winning an invitation to LEGOLAND for the upcoming Open Championship. The local non-profit organization SiFA (Science is Fun and Awesome) will provide the airfare for the team and coaches, and pay for the Tigger's registration in the competition.

"This competition not only encourages critical thinking in STEM, but instills 'gracious professionalism.' Through the program the participants are challenged in three aspects: core values, research and engineering. The atmosphere was inspirational and energetic, and the team that will represent Guam is truly worthy of the opportunity," Dr. A.J. Sunga, First Lego League Guam organizer, SiFA founder, and GCC science professor, said of the competition.

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GCC is example of FEMA best practices

Officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency used GCC as an example of mitigation best practices with FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance funding, visiting the College on Jan. 23 to take photos and video of Building E, which was renovated and expanded with help from a \$1.45 million FEMA hazard mitigation grant. FEMA officials “thought of GCC for many reasons,” according to Leo Espia, State Hazard Mitigation Officer for Guam, and the Deputy Administrator for the Guam Office of Civil Defense.

Espia escorted Phillip Wang, FEMA Sr. HMA Specialist, and Lorena Willess, FEMA HMA Specialist, on a tour of Building E so the two could take photos of its sustainable features and talk with GCC officials about the building’s usage and utility savings.

“They recognize the GCC project as one of the hazard mitigation project best practices that the rest of the nation can learn from,” said Espia.

STEEP model container homes highlight sustainability

Team Avatar won the January 6, 2017 GCC Sustainable Technologies and Environmental Education Program (STEEP) challenge to create a sustainable home model based on the use of shipping containers. Maria Silvestre from St. John’s School, Jennifer O’Brien from JFK, Lelamay Manglona from Southern, and Ramon Cruz from GWHS designed a container home that was a tribute to Guam’s veterans and that contained solar panels, a water catchment system, natural lighting features, and a fish pond that fed an aquaponic garden. All four teams had awesome entries - congratulations to all 19 students who participated in and learned at this year’s STEEP! The GCC STEEP program invites high school students to participate in a sustainable technologies workshop during summer and winter breaks, to inspire them to study science, technology, engineering and math.





FIRST ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM A SUCCESS!

The GCC Continuing Education & Workforce Development Office held its first ESL Immersion Program with students from Dong Seoul University in Korea from Jan. 6 - Feb. 1. The 25 students studied English, of course, plus Visual Communications and Chamorro History. Dong Seoul President Dr. You Kwangsub and several of his faculty and staff also visited the College. The program was designed to further an educational partnership between GCC and DSU.



ECOWARRIORS SUSTAINABILITY CORNER

Kudos to all who helped clean around the GCC campus the morning of Jan. 28 for Island-wide Beautification Day. Si Yu'os Ma'ase for making a difference in our environment!

EMPLOYEE NEWS

The search is on...for our 2017 Distinguished Alumnus!

Download the nomination form at www.guamcc.edu, fill it out, and submit along with supporting materials to the GCC Development & Alumni Relations Office by 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 7, 2017.

A person is eligible if he or she has been an alumnus for a minimum of five years after having graduated from the former Guam Vocational & Technical High School (GVTHS) or any of Guam Community College's secondary, postsecondary or Adult Education programs; earned their high school equivalency at GCC, or earned at least 30 credit hours at GCC or the former GVTHS.

Selection is based primarily on materials submitted by a nominator. The selection committee will consider the nominee's professional accomplishments, philanthropic or public service to the community and/or GCC, and achievement recognition at a national level. The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented each year at Commencement.



New Employee Orientation

GCC's Human Resources Office held a New Employee Orientation on Jan. 27 for employees hired in the latter part of 2016. Welcome to GCC!



Accommodative Services Workshop

Guam Legal Services Corporation presented a workshop on Jan. 26 in Room 1201 on Section 504, regarding the rights of our students with disabilities and how our Accommodative Services Office provides accommodations for these students at the College.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Minagof Añu Nuebu!



Senmagof Komplí' años para i Empliao Kulehon Kumunidat Guahån Siha Ni mafañagu-ñiha gi Ineru/Tumaiguini 2017 na mes!

Happy Birthday to the Guam Community College Employees celebrating their birthdays in January!

ADRIAN ATALIG
JEROME BLAS
DOLORES CAYABYAB
JICK CEJOCO
JONAH CONCEPCION
JESSE CRUZ
VIVIAN CRUZ
BONNIE DATUIN
JOHN DIAZ
JOEL EGANA

VIVIAN GUERRERO
HUAN HOSEI
JOHN JOCSON
LUCY JOO-CASTRO
CATHY LEON GUERRERO
SARAH LEON GUERRERO
SEAN LIZAMA
BARBARA MAFNAS
CHUCK MENO

TODD OLSON
ANJELICA PEREZ
ESTHER RIOS
TONY ROBERTO
CARMEN SANTOS
IRENE SANTOS
RAY SOMERA
LEONARD TENORIO
REBECCA TOVES
FRANCES UNTALAN

Puedi i Tinituhon i Sakkan u fatto' minaolek siha para todus hamyu.
May the New Year bring good tidings of great joy to all.

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GCC's new logo system **ROCKS!**

Several hundred students, faculty, staff and administrators gathered in the Student Center courtyard on Feb. 16 to usher in the College's year-long 40th anniversary celebration by launching a new look - a "logo system" - for the College.

"We are very excited about our new logo system," said Dr. Mary Okada, GCC President. "We are especially excited that it was developed in-house, with talent from our own Visual Communications program."

A New Logo Group, headed by Jayne Flores, GCC Assistant Director of Communications and Promotions, gave the G-C-C letters a more fluid and sustainable look and feel. Flores says the system is the first of its kind on Guam. "It's very unique. Each program now has its own variation of our new main logo," Flores pointed out.

The process took about two years, according to Flores. "We put together a logo group with faculty, staff, administrators and students, and did a lot of soul-searching about what GCC stands for in the community, and about what we want our new logo to say about the College," Flores added. "This logo signifies a modern, sustainable GCC, and that is how we want our students to feel about their education here - that when they graduate, they will have sustainable knowledge and skills that will carry them throughout the rest of their lives," she said.

During the launch, the first 200 students with a valid GCC student ID card received a free t-shirt and raffle tickets for free logo items. Student Russell Cruz won a Samsung Galaxy S7 phone, courtesy of GTA.



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Important Spring Semester Events

- March 30** Spring Festival
- March 31** Chalani 365 year-round registration.
The Schedule of Classes includes Summer and Fall 2017, and Spring 2018 classes!
- April** entire month is Earth Month! See GCC Earth Month flyer for activities!
- April 7** Counseling Pathway to Success 9 - 11 am in A-26
- April 21** President's Parade of Shoes 6-10 pm @ Tumon Sands Plaza Atrium
<http://www.guamcc.edu/Event/Default.aspx?id=NgA1AA==>
- May 12** Graduation 4:00 PM

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Rodney Cruz

Rodney Cruz is poised to become a GCC alumni twice. Cruz graduated from the GCC Voc Tech High School back in 1998. After joining the military, being deployed, having been wounded, and coming back home to heal, he enrolled at GCC and is now preparing to graduate with his associate degree in May.

Cruz recently wrote this note to Dr. Okada, Mr. John Payne, and GCC's Veterans Club Advisors:

"Thank you for all the support these past several years in all the efforts addressing the needs for our Disabled Veterans enrolled at our college. GCC has been at the forefront of honoring our islands heroes, providing not just an institution of higher learning, but also an institution that welcomes a large percentage of veterans that have been diagnosed with disabilities due to their service and sacrifices. ...As I look toward the last months here at the college, I hope that many more young and old students will change the way they look at success in life, and realize that college is not about just earning a degree, but more so about bringing change into our community as young professional leaders and setting milestones through their achievements. It is with this team at GCC that my leadership was shaped and my legacy defined by the moments shared, the decisions made, the actions taken, and even the mistakes overcome throughout the many days, months, and years here at GCC as a student. Dreams have become reality, and success hopefully becomes a legacy. One that is not measured in how much a student invested, but more so in the impact that one person leaves behind so that others may enjoy the freedom of education and knowledge that empowers them to succeed. I believe the greatest legacy a leader can leave is having developed other leaders, and when I leave GCC all that will matter is the people (students, staff and faculty) that I connected with in such a way as to hopefully have added value and meaning to their lives. Dankulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase Para Todos Hamyu!"

POSTSECONDARY NEWS

APIASF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES!

GCC congratulates the following 10 GCC students that received a scholarship award in February from the APIASF AANAPISI Scholarship for AY 2016-2017 and 2017-2018:

Kyle Catilo	(APIASF/Wells Fargo)	\$5,000
Eugenius "Gene" Pewtress	(APIASF/Wells Fargo)	\$5,000
Aidan Miller	(APIASF/Coca-Cola)	\$5,000
Xavier Aldan	(APIASF/Wells Fargo)	\$5,000
John Albert Martinez	(APIASF/Walmart Foundation)	\$2,500
Jenelyn Baisa	(APIASF/USA Funds)	\$2,500
Angel Mar Pamintuan	(APIASF/USA Funds)	\$2,500
Kelly Ann Cook	(APIASF/ISA Funds)	\$2,500
Kelly Medler	(The Walt Disney Company/APIASF)	\$2,500
Chyryll Crisologo	(APIASF/Hilton Worldwide)	\$2,500

The total award from APIASF for GCC students is \$35,000!
It PAYS to apply for these scholarships!!!

EDUCATION'S DAY OF PLAY

The GCC Education Dept. sponsored a "Day of Play" for students, employees and their young children on Feb. 4 from 2-5 pm in the Student Center Courtyard.



CONGRATULATIONS AMATYC STUDENT MATH LEAGUE WINNERS!

The AMATYC Student Math League, Round 2, took place on Feb. 23 in the MPA. The winners, holding their AMATYC certificates, are Tomi-Ichi Mobel (1st place), Joy Escalante (2nd place), Jeremiah Hecita (3rd place), and Steven Caasi (5th place). Not shown are Delena Raymond (4th place) and Derek Cepeda (another 5th place). Also shown are GCC math instructors Jose Lopez and Christie Marie Ginson.



ECOWARRIORS ACTIVITIES

Feb 3 - Eagle Field, Mangilao, Rt. 15 (back road to Andersen). Assisted military groups tackling one of the most disgusting dumpsites on our island.

Feb 4 - Ritidian Beach Clean-up, Guam National Wildlife Refuge.

CALLIGRAPHY!

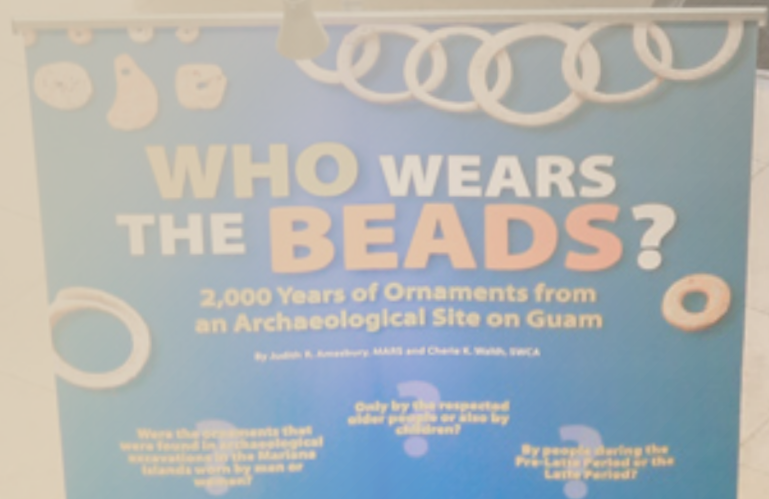
The Japan CLUB (Customs, Language, Understanding, Beliefs) invited the campus community to a Japanese calligraphy session on Feb. 22 in Room A30. Here participants display their characters written with traditional brush, ink and paper.



WHO WEARS THE BEADS? PACIFIC CULTURES GUEST LECTURERS

Francis Hezel, producer of the public education video “The First Settlement of the Marianas” guest-lectured in Dan Owen’s Pacific Cultures class on Feb. 8 about his involvement in the Federated States of Micronesia and the region, and about what he hopes to accomplish with his new video.

On Feb. 15, archaeologist Judy Amesbury spoke to the class about her “Who wears the Beads?” project detailing 2,000 years of ornaments discovered in an archaeological site on the island. Amesbury set up her Beads display in the GCC Learning Resource Center on Feb. 24 and allowed GCC to host it through March 24. Si Yu’os Ma’ase Judy and Francis!



Congratulations to the GCC Women's Volleyball team for their awesome efforts on the court playing the UOG team!



SPARC CHAIR YOGA!

The GCC Sports and Recreation Club (SPARC) offered a Yoga Chair Activity on Feb. 27 in the Student Center Training Room. Special thanks to our volunteer yoga instructor, Dr. Marsha Postrozny!





GCC VETERANS CLUB HOSTS FIRST MINI-FORUM

Several dozen students attended the first GCC Student Veterans Club mini-forum, “No Veteran Left Behind,” on Feb. 24 in the MPA.

“We hosted this mini-forum to help our veteran students become more aware of all the services available to them,” said Rodney Cruz Jr., president of the GCC Student Veterans Club. “We were also honored to accept a \$1,000 check from the family of the late Sgt. Paul Nathaniel Moore, a fallen Guam Army National Guard veteran and police officer, for the first GCC scholarship available to veterans – the Sgt. Paul Nathaniel Moore Memorial \$1000 scholarship,” Cruz noted.

Veteran students can apply for the scholarship via the GCC website scholarship page at www.guamcc.edu/runtime/scholarships.aspx. [Click Here](#)

Veteran Senators Frank Aguon and Joe S. San Agustin presented the GCC Veterans Club with a resolution commending them for offering these services for Guam veterans. Also, thanks to the government agencies, non-profit organizations, and employers that provided information at the forum:

- GCC’s Financial Aid and Accommodative Services offices
- Department of Veterans Affairs Benefits Administration Office
- Guam Vet Center - Department of Veterans Readjustment Counseling
- Guam Department of Labor
- WestCare Pacific Homeless Outreach Organization
- Naval Base Fleet and Family Support Center
(for information on VA benefits and the Family Employment Representative Program)
- American Job Center
- Pentagon Federal Credit Bank
- Guam (State) Veterans Affairs Office
- DZSP21
- Galaide Professional Services Inc.



GCC VETERANS CLUB ACCEPTED INTO SVA

GCC's Veterans Club added another accolade on Feb. 3 - acceptance into the Student Veterans of America (SVA). SVA is a national coalition of nearly 1,400 student veteran organizations across the United States, dedicated to ensuring that veterans are supported in their transition to education and employment, according to its web site, studentveterans.org. Rodney Cruz, GCC Veterans Club president, says this is a huge benefit for GCC students who are veterans.

“As a result, we now have access to a vast network of peers who have been there. The sharing of best practices, resources, and ideas is an invaluable asset to joining SVA as a chapter,” said Cruz. “Being an SVA chapter also gives us added leverage and influence when advocating for veterans on campus or out in our community,” Cruz added. He noted that SVA has already offered scholarships for Guam student veterans to attend SVA training. According to Karin Buck, Chapter Liaison at SVA National Headquarters in Washington D.C., SVA benefits include access to programs, resources, networking and professional development, advocacy, and research.

GCC's veteran student population is approximately 240 students, or over 10 percent of GCC's entire postsecondary student population.



OKKODO WINS LOCAL PROSTART COMPETITION

Competing in the GCC CTE High School ProStart competition for only the third year, Okkodo High School on Feb. 16 moved to the top of Guam's high school culinary ranking, winning the competition at the GCC Multipurpose Auditorium.

Of the all-senior team, captain Ella Mae Tinoso, Xela Marie Olivario, and Hennessy Sanchez have all been competing together in the ProStart program at Okkodo since they were sophomores. One Jim Mangligot is new to the team.

"I'm overwhelmed, and very proud," said Tinoso. "The three of us (ladies) have been together since sophomore year, but our teammate Jim is the one who stood out - it's his first competition," she said.

Chef Kennylyn Miranda is the Okkodo ProStart instructor, as well as a GCC Culinary Art graduate. "I'm so proud," Miranda said of her students. "We've been working so hard for this," she said.

The Okkodo team, along with mentor Chef Peter Duenas and Vicky Schrage, Tourism & Hospitality Department Chair, will head to the National ProStart Invitational in Charleston, South Carolina April 28-30.

GCC PROGRAMS ATTEND OCEANVIEW CAREER WEEK

Kudos to the Counseling, Criminal Justice & Social Sciences, Education, English, and Tourism & Hospitality Departments for representing GCC during the Oceanview Middle School Career Week Feb. 20-24. Si Yu'os Ma'ase for promoting our programs to these middle schoolers/future GCC students!



FACULTY FOCUS

BRIAN MUNA
GCC Career Counselor,
Okkodo High School

Brian has been working for GCC as a career counselor at Okkodo High School since August 2012. He is one of the six GCC CTE career counselors stationed in Guam's public high schools, helping students to decide on career pathways that provide them with the option to graduate with college credits in a GCC program.

"What I love most about my job is its collaborative nature and being able to work as a team. I have my secondary faculty to thank here at Okkodo High School for taking me into the Okkodo site and always continuing to push each other to do great things for our students. I love working with students, most especially when helping them find direction in whatever path they may choose, be it college or career."

In his spare time, Brian is an aspiring filmmaker who enjoys making films, mentoring, and writing. He is a 2001 graduate of George Washington High School, and earned his B.A. in Psychology and a M.A. in Counseling from the University of Guam.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

MEET THE Mes Chamorro Committee!

Un Dankolo na Si Yu'os Ma'ase to our volunteer Mes Chamorro Committee: (from left) Roland Manglona, Bertha Guerrero, Rose Siguenza, Tasi Mafnas, Fermina Sablan, Ely Damian, Vera DeOro, Juanita Sgambelluri, Dr. Julie Ulloa-Heath, and Phil Guerrero. In back: the one and only Frank Camacho!

They are helping us celebrate the true spirit of the Chamorro culture during the month of March, with decorations in campus offices, a merienda on March 24, and a Mes Chamorro luncheon on March 31. Biba Chamorro



FROM THE President

DR. MARY A.Y. OKADA

Hafa Adai and welcome to our new GCC logo system! We proudly launched our new look on February 16th, with several hundred students, faculty, staff, administrators and guests in attendance. It is unique to Guam and very eye-catching. Please follow the Logo Guidelines that are posted on MyGCC under both Work Life and Student Services (Student Activities and Student Organizations) as we bring our new look to life around campus. Also, congratulations to our Student Veterans Organization on being accepted into the Student Veterans Association – a national organization dedicated to student veterans around the country. You are doing us proud, and your first mini-forum for veteran students and their dependents was very well attended. More congratulations to the 10 GCC students that were awarded Asia Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund Scholarships for AY 2016-2017 and 2017-2018. These students earned from \$2000 to \$5000 by applying to the APIASF Scholarship Fund – so as our GCC Financial Aid officers and I have been telling students for years – APPLY. Check our Scholarship page and watch for scholarship announcements on MyGCC and on our Facebook page. It's free money!

The spring semester is in full swing now with many campus activities, including our Spring Festival on March 30, and the launch of Chalani 365, GCC's new year-round registration, on March 31st. Please check with your academic advisor or counselor to see how this new way of registering ahead for classes can help YOU to get ahead at GCC. Biba!

ILOILO SCHOLARSHIP

Si Yu'os Ma'ase to the members of the Iloilo Science & Technology University Alumni Association of Guam for their generous donation of \$500 to the GCC Foundation to provide a scholarship to a GCC student. Presenting the check to President Okada on Feb. 6 were, from left: Rose Escalona, scholarship chairperson; Maria Fe Napalan, asst. treasurer; Lino Escalona, founding president; Frank Huelar, 2016-17 president; Dr. Okada; Julieta Sontillanosa, vice president; Al Siaocong, past president; Estela Saloma, treasurer; Remy Huelar, lifetime member; and Sonia Siaocong, board member.





From Feb. 27 - March 2, I was part of an evaluation team for an ACCJC Accreditation Visit in Irvine, California, that helped to validate this particular college's Institutional Self Evaluation Report (ISER). On my way back to Guam, I stopped in Honolulu to attend the PPEC-organized workshop entitled, "Making Student Learning Assessment Useful and Used," facilitated by assessment guru Linda Suskie, in preparation for GCC's own accreditation team visit during spring semester 2018.

At the time of our visit to the Irvine campus, the college had recently (less than a year ago) implemented TracDat version 5, which gave rise to a lot of confusion and inconsistency in the recording and management of assessment data. Some key lessons and insights that serve as meaningful take-aways for preparing for our own visit by an ACCJC evaluation team include:

Provide the campus with a "big picture" of what the visit will entail so that there is consistency in terms of conversations across stakeholders on campus - from administrators to staff to faculty to students (particularly, student leaders). [Develop an Accreditation Site Visit Guide for campus stakeholders.]

Refresh the campus memory regarding models being used to integrate planning, assessment, and resource allocation processes (in our case, the Data-Driven Dedicated Planning (3DP) model so that there is a collective understanding of the culture of evidence on campus.

Re-publish and update (as necessary) all institutional plans and other institutional documents that will be reviewed by the team.

Invite students to the open forum during the visit so the evaluation team hears their voices. Also invite long-time GCC employees, industry partners that will speak about the benefits of their linkages with the community college, and alumni who can speak about their college experience.

Provide the campus community with graphically illustrated results of assessment and how they are used for improvements at the course or program levels. Include as part of the College Assembly agenda. Devote a Chachalani feature article on this topic to disseminate this to the college community, or extract from AIAR and publish in Chachalani.

Divide TracDat reports so that they become individual chunks of meaningful information: Plan, Data Collection, Results, Use of Assessment Results. Our decision to remain with TracDat (version 4.9) rather than switching to version 5 or 5.5 was a wise decision.

In monthly Board meetings, henceforth, include "Accreditation Update" as part of the President's report so that the Board is always kept in the loop insofar as accreditation is concerned (to address Standard IV.C.13).

I have completed the ISER Template, which is a dummy report format that simulates the final report when written, along with approximate number of pages for various sections. This should give the writing teams a general idea of the various parts and sections of the report in its entirety. The ISER template includes parts of the report, from cover page to the Quality Focus Essay or QFE at the end.

At the PPEC, Linda Suskie presented 10 big ideas, along with ample opportunities to discuss each one of them. Among these 10 discussion points, the idea that most resonated with me was the "knitting together of assessment results" so that these lessons give rise to campus conversations college-wide (our Transformation-inspired break-out sessions during college assembly, for example) which are then used for improvement purposes.

The countdown continues: less than one year to our accreditation visit. Let's keep focused!

EMPLOYEE NEWS

HR PHASE II CUSTOMER SERVICE TRAINING

93 GCC employees attended HR's Phase II Customer Service Training regarding Handling Complaints and Difficult Customers. The training was delivered in two sessions on Feb. 3 and 17. Attendees learned current data and trends surrounding the impact of bad customer service on businesses, as well as techniques to help alleviate customer escalation. They also enjoyed some team building! Si Yu'os Ma'ase, HR Office!



COMMUNITY

ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE 2017 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS!

GCC graduates are making significant contributions to Guam's workforce. Celebrating those contributions is the goal of the Distinguished Alumni award. If you know someone that you feel should be a GCC Distinguished Alumnus, please help us to highlight that person's accomplishments by nominating them for this prestigious award. Download the nomination form at www.guamcc.edu, fill it out, and submit along with supporting materials to the GCC Development & Alumni Relations Office by 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 7.

A person is eligible if he or she has been an alumnus for a minimum of five years after having graduated from the former Guam Vocational & Technical High School (GVTHS) or any of Guam Community College's secondary, postsecondary or Adult Education programs; earned their high school equivalency at GCC, or earned at least 30 credit hours at GCC or the former GVTHS

HOLISTIC LIFESTYLE TIPS

EMMA BATACLAN, RN

GCC Health Center Reference:

aharmonyhealing.com (by Shelly Alexander)

Stay Hydrated. Our bodies are around 70 % water. Water is essential for life. Respiration, metabolism, and digestion all require water to function optimally. Drinking purified or spring water and eating water-rich foods will help you stay hydrated. Drinking water and eating water-rich foods also moves toxins and waste out of your body, enables you to burn calories more efficiently, and will increase your energy levels naturally.

Eat cultured/fermented foods on a regular basis. Cultured/fermented foods fill your body with healing probiotics, enzymes, and key nutrients for good health. These cultured/fermented foods will heal your digestive system, optimize digestion so you can digest foods better, eliminate cravings for sugar, help cleanse your body, strengthen your immune system, and increase your energy. (Example: Kefir, Kombucha, Sauerkraut, Pickles, Miso, Kimchi, Raw Cheese, Yogurt)

Start your day with a green smoothie. Green smoothies are one of my favorite ways to start the day. Green smoothies are easy to digest liquid nutrition that tastes yummy and provides you with a boost of energy and hydration in a glass. Combining green leafy vegetables and fruits in a smoothie is the perfect way for you to enjoy nutrient-dense whole food nutrition in an ideal and easy way and drinking them on a regular basis will strengthen your immune system.

Eat a dark leafy green salad once or twice daily with lunch and/or dinner.

Leafy greens and vegetables like onions, cucumbers, carrots, celery, and radishes are water-rich and packed with nutrients that will give you more energy, strength, and better immunity. Enjoy your salads with simple homemade vinaigrettes that are made with cold pressed extra virgin olive oil or raw nut/seed oils and fresh citrus juice or vinegars like raw apple cider vinegar.

Practice mindful eating.

Mindful eating aids digestion and better absorption of nutrients, which will help keep you strong and energized. Mindful eating also helps us to recognize the difference between true hunger and emotional eating. Some ways to practice mindful eating are to be grateful for the wonderful foods you are about to enjoy. Stop to breathe deeply for several minutes before eating. Savor the flavors, colors, textures, and smells of the food and take the time to chew it slowly. Don't eat in front of the television!

Aim for a good night of sleep every night.

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Reduce your stress level.

High stress levels drain your energy and compromise your good health. When you feel stressed out, stop what you're doing, take a small break, and breathe deeply for 5 minutes to calm your mind. Exercise regularly. Take time to relax and do something good for yourself every day. Stay positive even in the face of difficulties.

Exercise on a regular basis. The benefits of regular exercise are well researched. Exercise improves your mood, keeps you physically fit, boosts your energy, builds muscle and strong bones, strengthens your immune system, lowers the risk of disease, and relieves stress.

Make sustainable personal care and home cleaning choices. Start using eco-friendly, organic, natural products on your body and in your home. This will reduce the toxic burden on you and on our planet. I hope that these holistic lifestyle tips will help you to experience more energy, strength, and immunity in your life!

Guinaiya
i flores lina'la...

Love
is the flower of life



BIBA YAN MINAGOF HA'ĀNEN UMAGUAIYA!

**Senmagof Kompli'āños para i Empliao
Kulehon Kumunidåt Guahån Siha
Ni mafañagu-ñiha gi Fibreru/Maimo' 2017 na mes!**

Happy Birthday to the Guam Community College Employees celebrating their birthdays in February!

RODERICK ANGAY
ROSE AQUINDE
ANTONIA CABATIC
SHEENA CAMACHO
THERESA DATUIN
MARGARITA DAVID
VICENTE DIAZ

JAMES FATHAL
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GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

MARCH • APRIL • MAY 2017

Guam Community College conferred 573 degrees, certificates, and/or diplomas upon 525 graduates at the University of Guam Calvo Field House on May 12. It is, for the second consecutive year, the largest graduating class and the largest number of credentials conferred in the College's 40-year history. It was also the first year that tickets were required for the ceremony.

GCC's Most Distinguished Graduate for 2017 was Anthony Victor Borja Reyes, who graduated with dual Associate of Science degrees in Civil Engineering Technology and Pre-Architectural Drafting, having earned a 4.0 in each major. This year's Distinguished Graduate, Robin Daniel B. Alex, earned an Associate of Science in Computer Networking. The 2017 commencement speaker was Command Sergeant Major Agnes Quintanilla Diaz, the first woman to rise to the coveted CSM rank in the Guam Army National Guard. During the ceremony, GCC awarded Erika Sotto Cruz, Deputy Superintendent of Educational Support & Community Learning at the Guam Department of Education, with its 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award. She graduated from the former GCC Voc-Tech High School in 1985.

"It is a proud year for us at GCC," said Dr. Mary Okada, GCC president. "Conferring credentials on the largest number of graduates to date is a great way to celebrate GCC's 40th year of providing quality workforce development education for Guam and the region."



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Guam Community College is a leader in career and technical workforce development, providing the highest quality student-centered education and job training for Micronesia.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Anthony Victor Borja Reyes

A.S. Civil Engineering Technology
& Pre-Architectural Drafting
GCC 2017 Most Distinguished Graduate

Anthony Victor Borja Reyes grew up in the villages of Agat and Santa Rita, and graduated from Southern High School in 2013. From an early age, he liked math. When he enrolled at GCC, Anthony says one of the best things he discovered was Project AIM (the federally-funded program for first generation college students). “They have great tutors and a good computer lab. It was a place where I could go to do homework or just hang out.” When he first started at GCC, Anthony says he placed in remedial math and English courses. “I struggled, and kept studying,” he said. A member of Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for two-year college students, Anthony now finds it amusing that, “I’m the guy who got placed in remedial math and now I’m the guy everyone comes to for help with their engineering and math-related homework.” The 21-year-old son of Brenda Ann Reyes and Steven Victor Espinosa, Anthony, who was diagnosed with autism and Asperger’s Syndrome, earned a 4.0 GPA in both of his majors. He wants to study transportation engineering, and is thinking about joining the Navy. He is already cross-enrolled at the University of Guam, in UOG’s Pre-Engineering program.

POSTSECONDARY NEWS

May Highlights

Congratulations to Norma Jean Flores

the GCC Accounting student awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Association of Government Accountants, Guam Chapter, May 17 at GCC. Si Yu'os Ma'ase, AGA, for your support of our students! From right: Edwin Limtuatco, GCC Controller/AGA member, Maripaz Perez, AGA Scholarship Committee member; Pamela Aguigui, AGA Scholarship Committee chair; Norma Jean Flores scholarship recipient; Yuka Hechanova, AGA Guam Ch. President; and Carmen Santos, GCC Finance & Admin VP/AGA member.

Project AIM recognized 18 graduating participants in a ceremony on May 5 at the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa.



Wine Tasting!

The GCC Foundation hosted its first Wine Tasting in the Learning Resource Center on May 19. Kudos to the Development & Alumni Relations Office for hosting the event, and to the Culinary Arts chefs and students for their role in providing an amazing array of hors d'oeuvres that helped make the evening a stunning success!

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POSTSECONDARY NEWS

April was Earth Month

GCC's Earth Month activities included:

- Clean Our House Day April 8 on campus. Volunteers cleaned the campus and sorted and transported plastic recyclable materials to the recycling facility.
- Education Department's Ride-a-bus-a-thon on Earth Day, April 29. GRTA noted that GCC helped encourage over 200 public transportation riders to take the bus that day. Education plans to make this an annual event!
- GCC volunteers cleaned up an area of Mangilao around GCC the morning of April 29 - Earth Day/Islandwide Beautification Day.
- GCC Ecowarriors also participated in the Fanihi Count on May 19 at Andersen Air Force Base.

April Highlights



Parade of Shoes!

The GCC Foundation this year teamed up with Guam AutoSpot to host the 40th Anniversary edition of the annual President's Parade of Shoes on April 21 at the Tumon Sands Plaza Atrium. The best parade to date featured its signature "Strut your Stuff" contests, including the Sustainable Shoe category, where the competitor's shoes must be made entirely of recyclable materials. Also this year, the Foundation added an AutoSpot employee category, which the AutoSpot employees completely ROCKED! Si Yu'os Ma'ase to Guam AutoSpot and to all who attended and to those who helped make the event a smashing success!

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CULINARY BUFFETS

The MPA was the most popular lunch place on campus during Wednesdays in April, as the Culinary Arts students taking Chef Paul Kerner's Pacific and Asian Cuisine course again put on their sumptuous lunch buffets. This year included dinner take-out buffets as well. The \$10 buffets consisted of mouth-watering dishes created by these very talented students, under the guidance of Chef Paul Kerner and Chef Bertrand Haurillon.



SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUMS

Human Services, students hosted three forums for students outlining the statehood, free association, and independence options in "Social Justice, Guam's Quest for Decolonization, on April 19, 24, & 26 in the MPA. Thanks to the CJSS and English Depts. for their help with the forums.



STUDENTS HOST ZERO K

GCC Supervision & Management students hosted their 3rd annual Zero K at the Student Center on April 29. This year's theme, "Pinwheels for Prevention," focused on awareness of child abuse. The students' goal was to raise funds and awareness in the community for the Foster Families Association, the non-profit organization established in 2001 that provides support for foster parents, and advocates for the safety and well-being of foster children on the island.



ROLAND QUITUGUA

from the Guam Department of Agriculture updated Dan Owen's Pacific Cultures class on the rhino beetle and a possible new threat to coconut and palm trees in Micronesia, the Red Palm weevil, on April 17.

PROJECT AIM

hosted the UOG- TRIO-ETS (Educational Talent Search) Program on April 12. Approximately 50 students and two staff members toured the GCC campus.

On April 21, College of Micronesia /Yap campus-TRIO Upward Bound student participants visited our campus as well.



GCC ANNUAL ACCOUNTING CONFERENCE DRAWS NEARLY 100 STUDENTS

The GCC Accounting program held its annual Accounting for the Future Conference April 7 at Pacific Star Hotel. The GCC Association of Junior Accountants student organization facilitated the workshops for 98 participants. Thanks also to VisCom students for setting up a photo booth for professional head shots for students.

Kudos to the Association of Government Accountants and the Guam Society of Certified Public Accountants for sponsoring the conference.



Reach for College hosted a workshop for high school seniors on April 4 in the MPA to inform them about Chalani 365, CLYMER, and other programs available for student success at GCC.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

For the fourth consecutive year, GCC has hosted the proclamation signing for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month – this year on April 6 in the Multi-Purpose Auditorium. Military and local officials, including Gov. Eddie Calvo, joined GCC officials in highlighting awareness of these two issues on our island.



CHALANI

365

POSTSECONDARY NEWS

March Highlights

Chalani 365, GCC's new year-round registration, officially launched on March 31. This innovative year-round registration program is designed to improve students' opportunities to stay in school and graduate in a timely manner. Chalani 365 enables students to register at one time for an entire academic year: summer-fall-spring, fall-spring-summer, or spring-summer-fall. This method eliminates the hassle of having to register for classes every semester, and guarantees students a spot for required courses. To learn more about Chalani 365, check with your advisor, call 735-5531, or log onto www.guamcc.edu.

CLYMER

Another new program, CLYMER (Classroom Learning Yields Math & English Readiness) allows students with good grades in upper level high school math and English courses to register directly for MA and EN110 courses, and NOT take a placement test in order to register for those classes at GCC.



SPRING FEST

GCC's annual Spring Festival attracted over 500 students, faculty, staff, administrators and guests to the Student Center courtyard on March 30.

POSTSECONDARY NEWS

STUDENT MEET & GREET

Kudos to the Math & Science Department and the Career & College Success math faculty for hosting a Meet & Greet for students March 29 all day in LRC Room 112 for academic advisement and to help students register through our new Chalani 365 year round registration.



TOURISM & HOSPITALITY

The Tourism & Hospitality Dept. held its 1st Annual Job Fair and Career Exploration on March 28 in the MPA, providing students with opportunity to seek summer jobs, career opportunities, and to network with potential employers.

Reilly Ridgell, former GCC TPS Dean and the author of the text used in GCC's Pacific Cultures course, "Pacific Nations & Territories," was the guest lecturer on March 22. Thanks to Mr. Ridgell for sharing his insights and to student Kevin Reilly for arranging the visit!



MATH KANGAROO / MATH CARNIVAL

GCC's Math Department has hosted International Math Kangaroo day on Guam since 2009. On March 17, the Math Dept. hosted over 300 students from public and private schools for the Math Kangaroo, and afterward, the Education Department hosted a very popular Math Carnival at the Student Center. Way to team up, Math & Education!!!

The Education & Math Departments thank the following courses, organizations, and departments for helping children from grades 1-12 have a fun day playing outdoor math games:

AC211, AAUW, ASL, GWHS AutoCAD & ECE, CCR, CD140, 221, & 285, COPSA, Counseling, SPARC, CS151, ED180 & 231, ESO, GCC Facilities and Maintenance Dept., Japan Club, MA095, 108, & 110, Math Club, PIO, PTK & Talent Club.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS IN 2ND AMATYC STUDENT MATH LEAGUE AT GCC

ROUND 2:

First place: Tom-Ichi Mobel, Liberal Studies
Second place: Joy Escalante, Early Childhood Education
Third place: Jeremiah Hecita, Education
Fourth place: Delena Raymond, Education
Fifth place (tie): Steven Caasi, Computer Science, & Derek Cepeda, Education

The winners will be given certificates issued by the American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges (AMATYC). Thanks to Jose Lopez, Student Math League moderator, and to Christie Ginson and Trisha Blas Unten, Co-Moderators.

GCC's Japan CLUB hosted a booth to show how to wrap items with furoshiki (Japanese cloth) at the Japan Club of Guam's annual Arts & Crafts Fair on March 12 at the Hotel Nikko Guam Tasi Ballroom.

Fifteen GCC Travel and Tourism majors passed the HS257 Principles of Tour Guiding and GVB Modules A & B exams in May. GCC and GVB have an MOU that recognizes GCC's HS257 course; successful completers of our Principles of Tour Guiding class can then apply for the official tour guide license from GVB, according to instructor Eric Chong. 2017 marks the 20th year of GCC's involvement with tour guide training.



THE EDGE

GCC's student-hosted semester conference that provides students with tips for success in college and in the workplace, took place on March 3 at the Westin Resort. Nearly 150 students attended the event. Kudos to COPSA, the Center for Student Involvement, Project AIM, and the Counseling Department for organizing the event.

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SECONDARY CTE PROGRAMS

Okkodo takes 2nd at ProStart nationals!

Okkodo High School seniors Ella Mae Tinoso, Xela Marie Olivario, Hennessy Sanchez, and Jim Mangligot kept Guam on the high school all-star culinary map with their Ahi Tuna Pokè Spring Roll, Chateaubriand, and Guamanian Style Mango Doughnuts, taking 2nd place in the National ProStart Invitational in Charleston, South Carolina on April 30. Thanks to scholarships from the competition, team captain Ella Mae Tinoso will be attending The Art Institute in Las Vegas, Nevada, majoring in Culinary Arts. Jim Mangligot, Hennessy Sanchez, and Xela Marie Olivario will be attending Sullivan University in Louisville, Kentucky in the fall. Mangligot and Sanchez will be majoring in Culinary Arts and Olivario will pursue a major in Baking & Pastries. All four students have been with the Prostart program since their sophomore year.

Ella Mae Tinoso and Xela Olivario are currently employed with the Dusit Thani and Jim Mangligot is currently employed at the Hyatt.



4 SSHS LMP seniors received their Certified Hospitality & Tourism Management Professional (CHTMP) credentials from the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute (AHLEI) in May. From left: Ara Austria, Darlygn Zapanta, Saniel Cabrera, and Rebecca Amuan worked hard and passed the national Hospitality & Tourism Management Program years one and two exams and completed at least 100 hours in the hospitality industry.



On May 11, five Simon Sanchez tourism students volunteered at Pastries in Paradise fundraiser at the Guam Museum, helping with registration and welcoming guests.

At the Chachak Culinary Competition April 1 during the Second River Festival at Valley of the Latte Adventure Park, three GCC CTE ProStart teams stole the show, with the Okkodo ProStart team winning both the People's Choice and Judge's Choice Awards; SSHS taking second, and the JFK team taking third place.

Photo: the SSHS ProStart team, 2nd place People's Choice and Judge's Choice awards.



SECONDARY CTE PROGRAMS



JFK High School's Allied Health team won the Health Careers and Science 6th Annual Academic Challenge on March 30 in the MPA. Team members (from left): Calvin Truong, Cyrene Bansil (captain), Ezechiel Palacol, Joshua Reyes (co-captain), Albrite Cruz, Ernisha Dela Cruz, Breanna Castro, and Marlit Gonzalvo. They received a trophy, medals, stethoscopes, first aid kits, and school supplies courtesy of the GCC Area Health Education Center (AHEC) grant.



The Guam Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) held its Annual DECA/CTE Leadership Conference, "Own Your Future," March 29 at the Pacific Star Hotel. The conference focused on business and marketing strategies, and on how to dress for a successful interview.



SECONDARY CTE PROGRAMS



SSHS ProStart juniors & selected sophomores successfully demonstrated their skills by preparing and hosting a three-course Asian-inspired menu on May 8.

Yigo Mayor Rudy Matanane, GDOE Superintendent Jon Fernandez, Principal Masnayon, Asst. Principal Finona and fellow GCC teachers Eric Chong and Michelle Randle were the invited guests.

SSHS ProStart and LMP seniors presented their capstone restaurant project on March 23. The following as panelists evaluated the students' work:

Mr. Tim Murphy, co-owner, Jamaican Grill; Mr. Robby Carbullido, general manager, Pika's Café; Chef Art Zantua, owner, Fresh Bread Bakery and Panadero Café; Chef Paul Kerner, GCC; Ms. Carla Masnayon, principal, SSHS; Dr. Sukola, assistant principal, SSHS; Ms. Sarah Damian, English teacher, SSHS; Ms. Michelle Randle, Marketing instructor, GCC; and Mrs. Vicky Schrage, Department Chair, GCC Tourism & Hospitality.

Three restaurant concepts were featured:

El Punto - Spanish cuisine

Besseha - Mediterranean cuisine

Big City Spice - Middle Eastern cuisine

The restaurant concept, design, and menu came from ProStart and the LMP team took care of marketing. This culminating activity is a result of months of collaborative efforts. Guest speakers who helped students prepare for this capstone project were Mr. Zach Martir, Hilton marketing and communications, Ms. Marie Guerrero, CEO and president, B&G Pacific, Inc., and Mr. Richard Hart, president, Apple Guam, Inc.

Photos linked here: Class of 2017

(<http://gcchtmp.weebly.com/class-of-2017.html>)

On March 15, 49 SSHS LMP students visited the Westin Resort Guam. Hotel managers gave talks about their careers, and students were given a tour of its front and heart of the house. The field trip concluded with a buffet lunch at Taste!



FACULTY FOCUS

PATRICIA TERLAJE
Associate Professor,
Assessment & Counseling
Outgoing Faculty Senate President

Choosing a career among public academia service came rather easy for Patricia Terlaje. She is one of 12 children from World War II Japanese-Occupied Guam survivors, and witnessed firsthand the long-term effects of traumatic and/or violent events that ended a person's life goals. Her parents' education was disrupted by the war, making her more determined to pursue higher learning degrees and becoming a driving force behind her students' educational endeavors. Patty graduated from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam High School in 1980, and then pursued her BA in Secondary Education/Language Arts and then her Masters in Counseling from the University of Guam. Before coming to GCC, she worked as an English Instructor and Language Arts Department Chairperson with the Guam Department of Education. Patty is certified as a Master Educator and Master Counselor under the Guam Commission for Educator Certification. In addition, she holds the following credentials: Qualified Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) Practitioner, Improved Career Decision-Making Facilitator Trainer, Global Career Development Facilitator Instructor, Strong Interest Inventory Practitioner, and Distance Credential Counselor.



Congratulations to Christine Matson, GCC Librarian, who was elected the Guam Library Association Vice President of Membership on May 31.

Thank you Kenneth Perez, GCC Technology instructor and secondary Marketing instructor, for representing GCC as a speaker on technology, the Internet, and social media safety at the 6th Annual Guam Conference on Aging at the Pacific Star Hotel on May 11.

ADJUNCT FACULTY PEDAGOGY TRAINING

For the first time in GCC history, adjunct faculty engaged in a pilot Pedagogy Training during fall 2017 and spring 2018 semesters. Fifty-four adjunct faculty members signed up for the series of four training sessions. Each two-hour session held on Friday evenings provided an introduction to the most current pedagogical research and strategies that instructors are invited to utilize in their classrooms. The topics included Brain research and the implications for teaching; Education theories that included Bloom's Taxonomy and Adult Learning Theory; Learning Styles and Student-centered instruction, and SLOs and curriculum alignment. Look for more adjunct faculty training sessions this coming academic year, courtesy of Dr. Liz Diego, Associate Dean for Adjunct Faculty.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

MES CHAMORRO COMMITTEE

Congratulations to the Mes Chamorro Committee for a beautiful Chamorro luncheon/fiesta in Student Lounge on March 31! Also, un dankolo na Si Yu'os Ma'ase to the GCC Family for all their donations, either monetarily or with a dish, the administrators for their monetary donations, and especially to the GCC Mes Chamorro Committee members for all their hard work and coordination:

Philip Guerrero, chair, and Eli Damian, co-chair; Bertha Guerrero; Tasi Mafnas; Frank Camacho; Fermina Sablan; Vera DeOro; Juanita Sgambelluri; Roland Manglona; Rose Siguenza; & Dr. Julie Ulloa-Heath.



And thank you to the Mes Chamorro Committee for donating the unused balance of donations in the amount of \$210 to the "Relay for Life" fundraiser on behalf of GCC.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase to all who participated in the GCC Relay for Life on May 26 at the GW Field. Special kudos to GCC's Relay for Life coordinators, Eli Damian, Bertha Guerrero, Rina Aguilar, Tasi Mafnas, Frances Sablan, Tamara Hiura, and Genny Mesa. GCC raised \$3,241.64 for the Relay for Life, the Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation, and Guam Cancer Care.

FROM THE
President

DR. MARY A.Y. OKADA

Hafa Adai,

As you can tell, it's been a busy spring semester here at GCC. From our fully attended student conference, "The Edge," to our Math Carnival, Spring Festival, Accounting Conference, to the announcement of our new Chalani 365 year-round registration and our CLYMER program that waives entrance exams to those with good grades in math & English, we have been focused on student success. That focus came to fruition on May 12, when we graduated the largest number of students ever in the 40-year history of Guam Community College. We are extremely proud of all of our graduates, and of the faculty, staff, and administrators that have worked so hard to help our students succeed. Thank you also to everyone who supported and attended our two 40th anniversary events held this spring - our awesome Parade of Shoes at the Duty Free Atrium, and our amazing Wine Tasting at our very own LRC (special thanks to the Culinary Arts students and chefs for their beautiful array of appetizers!). Also, kudos to our Finance & Administration team for their continued diligence that resulting in our 16th clean audit in April. That we are such good stewards of the public funds entrusted to us is another reason why GCC is so highly regarded in the community. The summer session will be a busy one, too, with classes and our Sustainable Technologies & Environmental Education Program (STEEP) in full swing. A final note: keep your eye out for GCC's sustainable float in this year's Liberation Day parade. It's our 40th anniversary, and we are going all out! Biba GCC and Biba Guam!



FROM THE
ALO'S Desk

DR. RAY SOMERA
Accreditation Liaison Officer
Office of Vice President for Academic Affairs



Hafa Adai,

Please read this update on our impending Accreditation visit by ACCJC, now scheduled for Tuesday – Friday, March 6-9, 2018, and on several conferences/workshops that Dr. Mary, Marlena Montague, Asst. Director, AIER, and I attended during spring semester:

GCC Institutional Self Evaluation Report Draft III.

From January to March, Accreditation Standard Committees I, II, III and IV edited and revised the first draft of their respective parts of the ISER. The Accreditation Steering Committee received, reviewed and merged the four Standard drafts into the second draft of GCC's Institutional Self Evaluation Report (ISER). In April, ISER Draft II was posted online for campus-wide review and feedback. The Accreditation Steering Committee incorporated feedback from the campus community into GCC's ISER Draft III, which was available for review in May. Comments and suggestions made by the campus community to Draft III will be used to develop a fourth draft that will again be vetted before final submission to the Accrediting Commission for Junior and Community Colleges in October 2017.

ACCJC Evaluation Team Visit.

Marlena Montague, Assistant Director of the Office of Assessment, Institutional Effectiveness and Research (AIER), and I served on separate ACCJC evaluation team visits to two member institutions in Irvine, California for validation of their Institutional Self Evaluation Report. The insightful experience we gained from the visit provided the following information in preparation for GCC's visit in March 2018: (1) provide the campus consistent, "big picture" information of the accreditation visit; (2) refresh the campus on the Data-Driven Dedicated Planning Model to reiterate our evidence-based culture; (3) re-publish and update all institutional plans and other documents; (4) host an open forum for students and employees to voice their opinions during the visit; (5) provide graphic evidence on results of various assessment processes; (6) divide TracDat reports by the four phases of the assessment cycle (plan, data collection, results, and use of assessment results); and (7) include "Accreditation Update" in the monthly Board meeting agenda so that board members become engaged in accreditation processes.

ACCJC Partners in Excellence Inaugural Conference.

Gary Hartz, Associate Dean of Technology and Student Services, and AIER's Marlena Montague presented at the Partners in Excellence Inaugural Conference in Irvine, California. Their presentation was entitled, "Enter the 'T Zone!': Transforming Guam Community College for 100% Student-Centered Success." The presentation illustrated how GCC is pulling together for institutional success via the Transformation Initiative. At the same conference, President Okada and I teamed up with Cuesta Community College President Gilbert Stork and Vice President of Academic Affairs Deborah Wulff to deliver an invited presentation entitled, "Making Accreditation President-Proof: The CEO and ALO as Accreditation Co-Champions."

Making Student Learning Assessment Useful and Used.

Marlena and I then attended a PPEC-organized workshop facilitated by Linda Suskie in Honolulu, Hawaii. Suskie facilitated a discussion on 10 specific ideas on making student learning assessment useful and used. The idea that most resonated for us for GCC is that Student Learning Objective (SLO) assessment is useful and used when "you have a culture of collaborating to knit the pieces together." This idea was exemplified by the sharing of results (from the data collected during the break-out session of the 2016 Fall College Assembly) at the March 20, 2017 Spring College Assembly, which were then used to propose action plans for improvement purposes.

Let's all keep our eyes on the accreditation ball, so to speak: March 6-9, 2018.
Biba GCC!

SPORTS

The **GCC Men's Basketball Club Team** bested the UOG men's team 84-70 March 3 in the UOG Calvo Field House.

GCC **Sports and Recreation Club (SPARC)** hosted a MixedFit activity for students on April 7.

Kudos to our GCC athletes who participated in the Department of Parks and Recreation **GovGuam Coed Volleyball League's** competitive division, Team Tasi, and the recreational division, the Tradesmen!



EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS

16th clean audit for GCC!

Kudos to Dr. Mary Okada, Carmen Santos, VP of Finance & Administration, and her team for earning GCC's 16th consecutive clean audit on April 3. The Guam Office of Public Accountability commended GCC for being the only government agency to qualify as a low-risk auditee for the 16th consecutive fiscal year.

"We realize that 16 years of clean audits may seem mundane to many people," said Dr. Okada, "but we'll take this kind of monotony any day, as we hope will our students and the taxpayers and donors that support GCC."

GCC held its annual Spring College Assembly on March 20. Highlights included an update on the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER), a transformation break-out session on resolving barriers to 100% student success, and informing everyone of the data and planning involved in preparing for our accreditation visit by ACCJC in March 2018.



Congratulations to Kiko Palacios, GCC Sustainability Coordinator, for being awarded the 2017 KUAM Think Green Honor on March 23! This honor is awarded to an individual who, through their efforts, has aimed to help protect, sustain and foster respect and care of our environment. Way to go Kiko!

April 2017

Guam Community College Employees April 2017 Birthdays

IMELDA ARCE

JOSEPHINE ARCEO

JOEGINES CALBANG

JOHN CAMACHO

GREGORIO MANGLONA

PATRICIA NERY

JOEY ROBERTO

WENDELL RODEN

MICHAEL SETZER, II

ZHAOPEI TENG

KATSUYOSHI UCHIMA

JUANITA TENORIO

May 2017 Birthdays

Guam Community College Employees

Norman Aguilar

Evangeline Aguon

Jennifer Artero

Danilo Bilong

Antonia Chamberlain

Katherine Chargualaf

Marilyn Concepcion

Benedict De Leon

Troy Lizama

Kennylyn Miranda

Marsha Postrozny

John Payne

Benedict Rachielug

Kirsten Rosario

Anthony Jay Sunga

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KNOW THE LANGUAGE OF OUR ELDERNS AND USE IT EVERY DAY



Kompli'ãos Empliao Kulehon Kumunidåt Guahån Siha

Måtso/Umatålaf 2017

Guam Community College Employees March 2017 Birthdays

ANA MARI ATOIGUE
DOREEN BLAS
SIMONE BOLLINGER
FRANK CAMACHO
ESTHER CASTRO
MICHAEL CHAN
JAYNE FLORES

PAUL HEALY
DARWIN JOKER
PAT LAM
DONNIE LIZAMA
ESTHER MUNA
ROMA OKADA
SHARON OLIVEROS

MELISSA PALOMO
TARA PASCUA
ROSIE QUITUGUA
CATHY SOLIDUM
CARL TAKANO
PATTY TERLAJE
ERWIN TUDELA
GINA TUDELA