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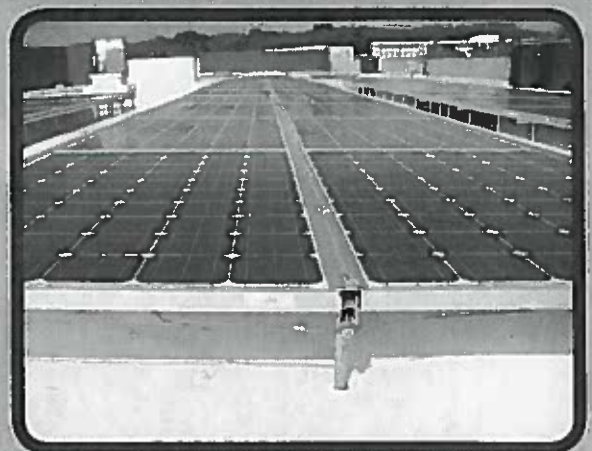
Campus Happenings v President's Message v Upcoming Events

## Mission Statement:

The mission of Guam Community College is to be a leader in career and technical workforce development by providing the highest quality education and job training in Micronesia.

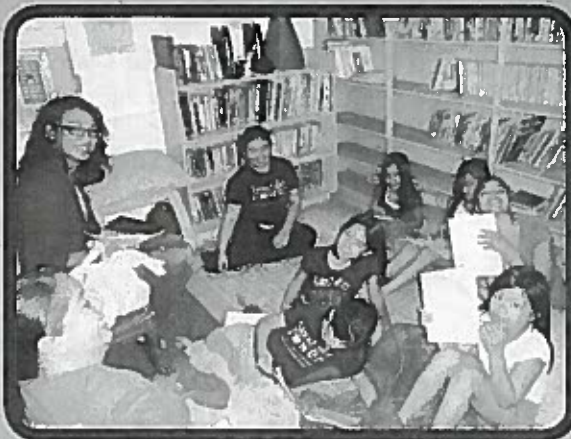
## Largest civilian renewable energy producer!

GCC is the Guam Power Authority's largest civilian producer of renewable energy, thanks to the photovoltaics (solar panels) installed on our AALG Allied Health Center and the new Learning Resource Center. Other photovoltaic projects at the college include the LRC parking lot, the Northeast parking lot, the upcoming Student Center and the renovated Foundation Building, and various other photovoltaic-powered parking and streetlights around campus. Michael Makio, vice president and principal architect of Taniguchi Ruth Makio Architects, and the designer of both Allied Health and the LRC, says that with all of the photovoltaic projects in place, GCC's estimated monthly energy savings will be approximately \$ 2,570 per month, with an annual savings of nearly \$31,000. "We are grateful to the Department of the Interior for awarding us the grants to fund these renewable projects," said Dr. Mary Okada. "These new buildings benefit our students not only by providing a wonderful study environment, but also, the energy savings



Photovoltaic panels installed by Pacific Solar & Photovoltaics cover the roof of the AALG Allied Health Center.

allows us to afford other needs that the college has in academic areas."



## Taylor wins HPICC award

Sophomore Marina Taylor, shown conducting a writing exercise at the Island Girl Power (IGP) Clubhouse in Dededo, is the recipient of the Hawaii Pacific Islands Campus Compact (HPICC) 2011 Community Impact Award for a project she initiated with IGP during Dr. Carol Galvez-Reid's English 111 Fall Semester 2010 class. "I intend to pursue a degree in the realm of social sciences once I am finished with my associate's degree at GCC. Following the completion of my bachelor's degree, I intend to continue with a graduate education, but I am interested in first devoting my time to an organization such as the Peace Corps or the Japanese Exchange and Teaching Program (JET). Congratulations Marina!

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT...



President Okada speaks to members of the Chair Academy on June 1st during its opening session.



GCC personnel participated in the Chair Academy, a worldwide leadership training program for college and university leaders, in June. Row 1: Pilar Pangelinan, Christine Sison, Barbara Merfalen, Lani Gamble, Marlana Montague, Vicky Schrage, Theresa Datuin, Amada Manzano, Katherine Chargualaf. Row 2: Rachael Salomon, Fred De Torres, Rosa Tudela, James Kline, Jeff Fabro, Nenita Perez, John Jocson, Cheryl San Nicolas, Joni Kerr, Yvonne Tam, Apolline San Nicolas, Kevin Dietrichs, Rick Tyquiengco, Norman Aguilar. Row 3: Irene Santos, Leo Pangelinan, Gary Hartz, Fred Tupaz, Thomas Sharts, Robin Roberson, Latisha Leon Guerrero, Ava Garcia, Chris Poliquit. Row 4: Frank Evangelista, John Griffin, Travis Carbon, Bill Lamb (facilitator), Joe Peters, Chris Dennis, John Payne, and Scott Geddis (facilitator).



Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo visited the campus on June 10, meeting with the students in the Congressional Earmark grant construction training class for which she secured funding, and touring the Learning Resource Center.

Even though it signaled the start of summer, the month of June was a busy one here at GCC. In addition to our summer postsecondary schedule, we again were blessed with three summer programs for middle and/or high school students and graduates. Project AIM's Summer Success and the College Access Summer Bridge programs are in-house productions, so to speak.

We are also once again honored to partner with the Citi Foundation, which sponsored our PostSecondary Education Accessibility Initiative, allowing 20 high school seniors or graduates to take college level courses here at GCC. We thank Citi for its generous \$20,000 donation, and congratulate all those who worked to make these valuable programs a reality.

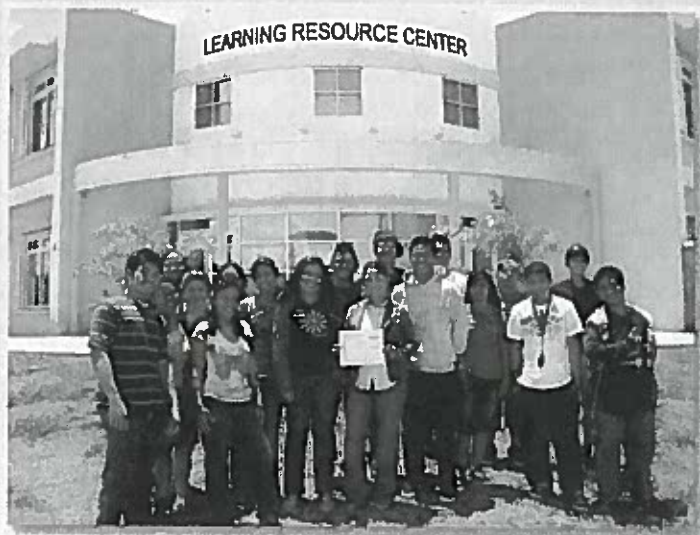
Also congratulations to all our employees who began the Chair Academy, and to Marina Taylor, our second student in as many years to win the HPICC service award! Faculty, be sure to sign up for the upcoming training in order to be able to use the new state-of-the-art media technology in our Allied Health lecture halls. Thanks to Wes Gima and Ed Ada for designing and installing this equipment, which is sure to wow our students and everyone that uses it!

Finally, our LEED-certified LRC and the photovoltaics on its roof and that of the Allied Health Center, and the parking lot photovoltaic project that you've been so patient with, have all earned GCC the designation as the island's largest civilian producer of renewable energy. We've known for some time that we are a progressive, cutting edge institution, and this proves it.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and Happy Liberation everyone!



# Summer Programs!

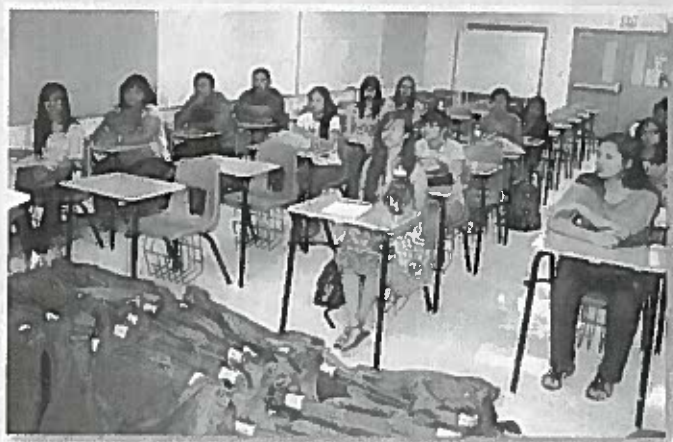
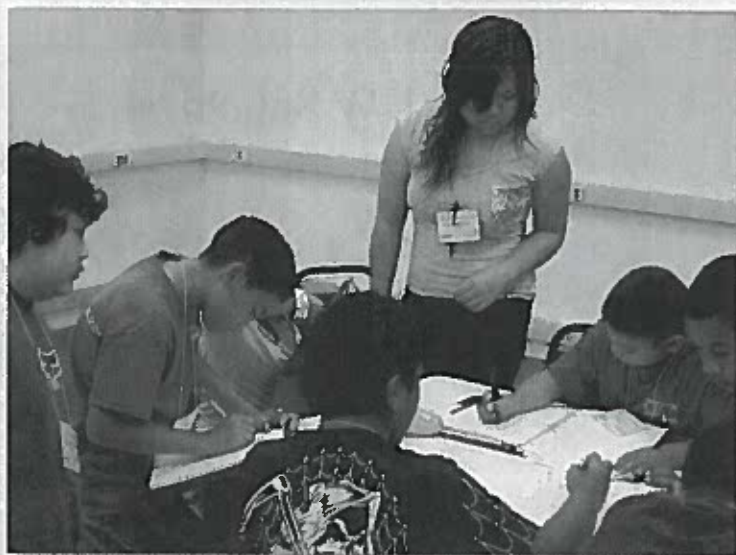


## PROJECT AIM SUMMER SUCCESS

Summer Success prepared 19 recent high school graduates from Guam's public high schools for postsecondary education. The students took refresher English and math classes daily, and attended workshops on various study skills, technology skills, and life skills. They earned certificates of completion and then took the GCC Placement Exam on June 23rd.

## COLLEGE ACCESS SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM

The College Access Challenge Grant Program's free Summer Bridge Program for middle and high school students filled two sessions with 60 students each. They took Math, English, Computer Ed, Science, Social Studies, College Preparation and Chamorro Language classes, attended career-oriented field trips, and had guest presenters tell them about real-world work experiences.



## CITI PSEAI

The Post-Secondary Education Accessibility Initiative was funded by Citi Foundation and enabled 20 high school graduates or incoming high school seniors to take a six-week college preparation course that included English and math, financial aid counseling, college coping skills workshops, and managing money workshops conducted by Citi employee volunteers. High school graduates could even earn college credits toward a postsecondary program that they intend to pursue.



# Education Day Care Workshops

## Start Smart Training



The Education Department held two Saturday workshops for caregivers at island daycare centers in June: a Start Smart training on June 4, and a Fun and Learning Training on June 18, both in the MPA. At Start Smart, caregivers learned how to use children's books to promote positive growth and development. At Fun and Learning, caregivers learned about using the creative arts to promote the positive growth and development. All caregivers were given copies of the children's books highlighted at each workshop, as well as lessons and activities to take back to their centers and implement with young children.

## Fun & Learning Workshop



## AAUW Scholarship



GCC Criminal Justice major Ariane G. Nepomuceno, third from left, was awarded a \$500 scholarship by the American Association of University Women Guam Branch on June 2 during a luncheon at the Fiesta Hotel. Pictured with Nepomuceno are Mary Okada, GCC President, and other members of the AAUW.



## Assessing Assessment Survey Report

How has the College assessed its 11-year old assessment initiative, and in particular, its implementation? Utilizing a survey instrument jointly developed by the Assessment, Institutional Effectiveness and Research (AIER) Office and the Chair of the College Committee on Assessment (CCA), current CCA members, former CCA members, and TracDat users were surveyed in order gauge their perceptions regarding the implementation of the College's comprehensive assessment initiative. To find out more, click on [Assessing Assessment Survey Report 2011](#).



## Senators honor Okkodo LMP national champions



Okkodo High School Lodging Management Program national champions Donna Lubas, Iris Lapid, Jessica De Vera and team captain Raquel Maminta accept resolutions congratulating them on their accomplishment from senators on June 29 in the Legislative Hearing Room in Hagatna. To the left of the ladies is Norman Aguilar, Okkodo LMP instructor, and behind Sen. Sam Mabini is Barry Mead, GCC Tourism & Hospitality Dept. chairman.

## JFK graduates first Guam high schoolers to earn National Career Readiness Certificates

Nine John F. Kennedy High School graduates that had been in GCC's CTE programs are the first students in the Western Pacific to pass the national National Career Readiness Certificate exam. They now hold certificates outlining their qualifications for the workforce. Left to right: seated: Students Susana Waathag, Loreen Figirag, and Nikki Decipulo. Standing: Rose Marie Nanpei, GCC CTE counselor at JFK, and students Kimberly Takai, Roman Elgarico, Francesca Solivio, Ivana Sanchez, Anthony Clark Ponce, and JFK Principal Kenneth Chargualaf. Standing in back: Victor Rodgers, GCC Asst. Director, Continuing Education & Workforce Development.





## SMILE Mixer



The GCC student organization Society of Management Industry Leaders for Excellence (S.M.I.L.E.) hosted a Student/Business Mixer on June 8 at the Outrigger Resort, inviting public and private sector business professionals and recent GCC graduates to network for hiring purposes. Frank P. Arriola, Chief of Staff for Gov. Eddie Calvo, gave the keynote speech. 1st Row Seated (L-R): Colleen Punzalan, Frank Arriola, GCC Board of Trustees, Mary Okada, GCC President, Elizabeth Long, Beatrice Cruz, and Misaki Igarashi. 2nd Row: Orlean Arriola, Cassidy's Insurance, Mike Kohn, Fred Tupaz SMILE advisor, Gary Hart SMILE advisor, and Pilar Pangelinan, GCC Accounting Instructor. 3rd Row: Jose Angoco, Ron Cabuhat, Elizabeth Sanchez, John Galu Muna, and Melissa Faculo.

## PIN Grant Video

Partners Invested in Nursing's Future is a GCC/UOG grant to enhance awareness of nursing and close the gap in the shortage of nurses in Micronesia. Mark Tenney of Feet First Films was on island June 29 to film a documentary of the grant process, including teaching methods. He filmed GCC nursing instructor Dee Manglona giving instructions to GCC nursing students.



## GCC Class of '86 celebrates 25th Reunion!



GCC's Class of 1986 celebrated their 25th Reunion at the Nikko Hotel on June 25th. Still partying after all these years are: (Front l to r) Rita Cruz, Cydee Aguigui, Maisie Adrillano, Doris Bukikosa, Ester Abuan, Geri Atiogue, Marie Page, and Joe San Agustin. (Middle) Jennifer Pruski, Michelle Dueñas, Zita Taitano, Frank Blas, John Roberto, Mike Setzer, Karl Hanszek, and Joey Gogue. (Standing) Rose Flores, Louise Muna, Francis Cruz, Velma Luzanta, Gil Sugitan, Max Zeller, Therese Muna, Gerry Quitugua, Owen Lorzano, Andrew Akima and Frank Mafnas.



# New Lecture Hall technology



Wes Gima, GCC Program Specialist, and Ed Ada, Blu Island Corp. manager, on June 10 demonstrated to College administrators, staff and donors the capabilities of the exciting and versatile technology now available in the Lou Leon Guerrero and Shigeru and Dorothy T. Okada Lecture Halls in the AALG Allied Health Center. The technology was funded by donations from the Okada and Leon Guerrero families, and includes a high definition projector capable of 1080p, surround sound speakers, and combination mode capabilities that connect the two lecture halls for conferencing or video presentations. Faculty and staff, be on the lookout for announced training sessions to be able to use this new equipment!

## Campus Construction Update



### Student Center - December 2011

Construction is moving along for the new Student Center, which is scheduled to open this December.

### Other Ongoing Projects

Our photovoltaic parking lot lighting and D wing generator projects are under way. Your patience with the parking situation is greatly appreciated as we GO GREEN!

### Renovated Foundation Bldg. Spring 2012

Construction has started on the renovation to the Foundation Building, which is scheduled for completion in Spring 2012, just in time for GCC's anticipated reaffirmation of accreditation!





## New Employees: Welcome to GCC!



Laura Nelson  
Program Specialist



Catherine Solidum  
Systems Programmer



Ariana San Nicolas  
Admin. Assistant



Mark Eclavea  
Library Technician



Jerome Blas  
Supply Expediter



Tammy Cabrera  
Test Examiner



Albert Toves  
Maintenance Worker



Georginia Quinn  
Admin. Assistant

## Promotion!

Congratulations to  
Priscilla Rideb for her  
promotion to Buyer III!

## Upcoming Dates!

August 1 - Department Chair Training  
August 9 - 12 Express Registration 9 AM - 5 PM MPA  
August 12 - Faculty Start Date  
August 15 - Convocation 6 PM, Hyatt Regency Guam  
August 17 - First Day of Weekday Classes  
September 5 - Labor Day Holiday



# Malago' i Kulehon Kumunidat Guahan ma diseha gi i empleao siha Biba Kompli'años para Huño 2011.

Guam Community College would like to wish the following employees a Happy Birthday!  
June 2011

Kenneth C. Bautisa  
Antonita F. Cabrito  
Johanna L. Camacho  
Joselyn C. Cruz  
Elizabeth J. Duenas  
Teresita C. Guerrero  
Paul N. Kerner

Terry Kuper  
Barbara B.B. Leon Guerrero  
Latisha A.N. Leon Guerrero  
Marlena O. Montague  
Doris C. Perez  
Rowena Ellen Perez  
Marivic C. Schrage

## *Gi Fino' Chamorro*

**Ayudante** - helpful

*Get ayudante si Doris yanggen guaha nisisidat-mu.*

Doris is very helpful when you have a need.

**Pá'gogoha'** - right now.

*Kao siña mattu hao mágí gi ofisinan-mámi pá'gogoha'?*

Can you come to our office right now?

**Aligao** -to look for, check, search

*Kao siña un aligao i papel kao gaigi gi i lamasa-mu?*

Can you check if the paper is on your desk?

**Tuge'** - write

*Kao siña un tuge' taimanu i chalan para i eskuelan kumunidat Guahan?*

Can you write the road directions to Guam Community College?

**Mangge'** - Wrote

*Mangge' si Isa katta' para i che'lu-na láhi ni' gaigi gi iya Afghanistan.*

Isa wrote a letter to her brother who is in Afghanistan.



