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CAMPUS HAPPENINGS • PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • UPCOMING EVENTS



PARADE OF SHOES

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Thanks to all who supported our President's Parade of Shoes on April 8 at the Joint in Maite! Sponsors, judges, contestants, audience members, and our awesome announcer for the evening, the one and only Rick Nauta! It was a great time for a great cause - student scholarships! Special thanks to our winners for strutting their stuff with some amazing footwear. In the Man Shoe category, Mr. Identity Crisis; in both the Scintillating Sandal and Bombshell Bootie categories, GCC's own Tishawna Smith (pictured left); in the Sinful Stiletto category, Nicole Tesiro; in the Funky Footwear category, Stella San Nicolas; and with some very creative Sustainable Shoes, Mr. Jun Bravo. Congrats and Si Yu'os Ma'ase to all! See you next year. Start your shoe shopping now!

Students earn credit for volunteering at FESTPAC

CJSS students enrolled in a special GCC FESTPAC summer session are earning 3 credit hours for each one of 4 courses being offered with a service learning component. The courses: Pacific Cultures; Interpersonal Relations; Intro to Community Services; and Social Values & Criminal Justice Process, are in three-hour blocks Monday - Friday, where the students volunteer at a FESTPAC site, and complete a final paper and class presentation to fill academic requirements.

Culinary Arts students are volunteering at either the GCC kitchen, Sagan Kotturan Chamoru, or the Hotnu Bakery in Inarajan to assist with food demonstrations for the various island nations. Biba FESTPAC!

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IMPORTANT DATES

SUMMER SESSION:

June 3 - July 15

FALL SEMESTER

BEGINS:

August 17

FALL SEMESTER

REGISTRATION:

now through August 10

SUMMER STEEP:

May 31 - June 21

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CULINARY BUFFETS

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Culinary Arts students again offered the best lunch buffet deal on the island this month, serving buffet lunches on Thursdays in the MPA through April 28. Students in the Asian Pacific Cuisine class taught by Chef Bertrand Haurillon prepared and served the buffets, several of which were so popular that they ran out of food! Each week highlighted a different Asian country. The students had to successfully plan and execute the buffets within a certain budget, creating the menu, purchasing the food, preparing the dishes, and presenting them in an attractive buffet display. The final buffet took place on May 5 during the annual May Harvest at the Guam Department of Agriculture.

POSTSECONDARY NEWS & EVENTS

Accounting for the Future

The Association of Gov't Accountants and the Guam Society of CPAs sponsored the 5th annual Accounting for the Future Conference on April 18, bringing dozens of GCC and UOG accounting students to the Westin Resort to hear about the accounting profession from those actually working in it. Workshops centered around marketing plans, taxes, and how to get into the profession.



Addressing Sexual Harassment on campus

GCC students joined University of Guam students at Speaker Judi Won Pat's Legislative roundtable on April 8 to discuss how they feel about the College's updated sexual harassment policy. Kudos to the students who provided input, and to COPSA's Ms. Kelly Cook, who participated in the policy update group as the student representative.





POSTSECONDARY NEWS & EVENTS

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Technology Job Exploration Fair

GCC's Technology Department hosted a Technology Job Exploration Fair on April 21 in the MPA. Guest speakers from the Air National Guard, Army National Guard, American Job Center, the Bank of Guam, Dimensions System, Docomo Pacific, FireCom, G4S, GTA, L&K Communication, Pacific Human Resource Services, Inc., and Pacific Data Systems shared information with Computer Science, Computer Networking, and Office Technology majors about the different positions being offered within their respective agencies, and careers in their respective fields.



Project AIM teamed with Rotary for Career Exploration Fair

The Bank of Guam, United Airlines, Dusit Thani Guam, Micronesia Brokers Inc., TrackMe Guam, Triple J, Marianas Express Lines, Westcare, American Medical Center, Docomo Pacific, G4S, RFP Production, and Department of Labor's American Job Center provided dozens of GCC and UOG students with information and advice about career options at the Project AIM - Rotary Club of Northern Guam Career Exploration Fair in the MPA on May 22. Industry representatives spoke with the students about job prospects and provided information about their respective companies. The Bank of Guam conducted mock interviews so students could practice their job interview skills.



POSTSECONDARY NEWS & EVENTS

Supervision & Management Zero-K

GCC students in the Supervision & Management 208 Personnel Supervision course hosted a Zero-K Carnival "Pinwheels for Prevention" on April 29 in the GCC Courtyard. The carnival was a service learning project designed to benefit the Guam Foster Families Association. The students organized games, entertainment (including a magic show), and food for dozens of students and GCC employees and their families and friends, raising nearly \$5,000 for FFA.

Students Leading Students

We forgot to include the ever-popular Students Leading Students conference in the last issue! It brought nearly 150 GCC students to the Westin on March 11 for workshops on how to succeed in the workplace. The conference is sponsored by the Center for Student Involvement and the GCC Counseling Department.

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4-Year degree?

GCC is currently engaged in discussions to offer one 4-year degree in a career and technical education program, possibly in 2018. On April 19, Norman Aguilar, Tourism & Hospitality Dept. chair, pitched the idea of a bachelor's degree in Hospitality Tourism in two separate concentrations: Culinary & Pastry Arts, and International Hotel & Restaurant Management. Business & VisCom chair Robin Roberson presented his pitch for a bachelor's in Visual Communications on April 29. Once the field is determined, a request for approval will be sent to ACCJC. Stay tuned...



Simply Shakespeare

Students from the GCC Introduction to Theater presented their final projects, "Simply Shakespeare," on April 29 in the MPA. The students directed, designed and acted in their own modern interpretations of famous scenes from William Shakespeare, and they were funny!

Calligraphy!

The Japan CLUB hosted a Japanese Calligraphy Session on April 13 in Room A30, showing students and anyone else interested how to artistically write Japanese characters using traditional brush, ink and paper.

SM Shark Tank

Supervision & Management students, under the direction of their instructor, Patrick Maloney, presented their final project, a business plan, during the last two weeks of April, in a "shark tank" setting where the students voted on the best plan.

POSTSECONDARY NEWS & EVENTS

Building E

SPARC also purchased a ping pong table for Table Tennis for students. SPARC advisors Troy Lizama and Ricky Tyquiengco and officers Adrian Flores, Jon Collado, and Benjamin Borja set up and tested the table tennis in the E-bldg workout room. Students can reserve the workout room (sign-up sheet is located outside the workout room) for table tennis and check out the paddles and balls at the Center for Student Involvement by submitting their GCC ID. Paddles and balls must be returned no later than 5pm. For more information, please email gcc.sparc@gmail.com

Building E

Thanks to SPARC for the volleyball and ping pong equipment! The GCC Sports and Recreation Club made volleyball poles for students to use on campus. SPARC advisors Anthony Roberto and Ricky Tyquiengco and officers Mark Mendoza, Adrian Flores, and Jon Collado assisted with making the poles for GCC students. The volleyball poles are located in front of the E-bldg. Students can check out the volleyball net and volleyball at the Center for Student Involvement by submitting their GCC ID. All equipment must be returned no later than 5pm. For more information, please email gcc.sparc@gmail.com.



Ecowarriors celebrate Earth Month with bula activities!



March 31

A very successful plant sale during SpringFest!

April 19

Carpool Day at GCC

April 22

A live streaming video of the NOAA research vessel, Okeanos, as it explored the deep sea in the Marianas Back Arc.

April 23

Earth Day celebration at the Agana Library by taking the Climate Change Wheel to the children and explaining the climate process to them.

April 30

Clean our House Day at GCC 9- 11 AM

Guam Nature Alliance Pago Watershed R2R Adventure – hiking through the badlands and the coast on a tour/ scavenger hunt; and taking part in an erosion control activity, Leo Palace short tour, kayaking, microplastics and beach cleanup activities.

Great Recycle Roundup at the Agana Shopping Center and at Talofofo Banana Festival at Ipan Beach!

A photograph of Rose Loveridge, a woman with blonde hair, wearing a black graduation cap and gown with a yellow stole. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. In the background, other graduates and a building are visible.

FACULTY FOCUS

Rose Loveridge
RN, MSN

Kudos to Rose Loveridge for going above and beyond for her students. One particular student did not pass her Practical Nursing class, but Rose saw the potential and helped the student file required paperwork with the Guam Board of Nurse Examiners, so that the student could take the Certified Nurse Assistant, or CNA exam. This student can now become gainfully employed. Si Yu'os Ma'ase Rose, for identifying a different pathway for students when the first one may not work out!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Victor De Roca

MIS Computer Technician II

Victor recently earned his ETA Certified Data Cable Installer certificate. His Staff/Administrator Development application was approved and he successfully completed the Data and Voice Cabling course provided by GCC's Computer Networking Program and passed the ETA (Electronics Technicians Association International) certification exam in February. This exam was designed by the Electronics Technicians Association. By passing it, Victor was granted Certification with the ETA as well as membership into the ETA. Way to go Victor!

From the President

Dr. Mary A.Y. Okada

Hafa Adai everyone! April was a month of final projects, conferences, job fairs, and FestPac and graduation preparations here at the College. It is wonderful to see so much activity on the part of our students and faculty. Offering four summer courses that include service learning at FestPac is a great way to integrate community involvement and education – so congratulations to our Culinary Arts program and Criminal Justice & Social Science Department for that feat! Kudos to those who set up the job fairs, with industry partners coming on campus to meet with our students face-to-face. This is always a valuable endeavor – having businesses visit our campus to see the physical improvements that are happening, as well as to interview our students and see their potential as employees. I want to make special note of the presentations for bachelor's degrees given by our tourism and visual communications programs in the Student Center training room on the 19th and 29th of this month. As many of you know, discussions are in the works for GCC to submit an application to offer one bachelor's degree program. We will further pursue this process after our accreditation visit in 2018, but the fact that the discussion is happening and that programs are vying for this degree are all positive steps. Also, thank you to everyone who attended or supported in any way our annual Parade of Shoes fundraiser. Our shoe categories may expand, so start shopping for next year! Congratulations to our graduates, and make sure to take in FestPac!



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From left to right:

Maria Gahan, Fulbright Program Officer, Western Hemisphere; Athena Fulay, Senior Manager for Institutional Engagement; Pamela Scheffler, Fulbright Liaison, Hawaii Community College; and Dr Ray Somera, GCC Vice President for Academic Affairs.



From the ALO's Desk

Dr. Ray Somera

Vice President for Academic Affairs

I attended the Spring Regional Training for Fulbright Liaisons from April 14-16 at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, in order to gain knowledge about the various programs and initiatives offered by the Council of International Education Services (CIES), the implementing federal entity for the Fulbright Program; and to network with fellow liaisons from various campuses across the country to learn about their probable replication at GCC. The Fulbright Program is a great way for GCC to internationalize our campus, which is of course one of our Institutional Strategic Master Plan goals. Although most of the 23 participants at the conference were from 4-year colleges, a colleague from Hawaii Community College (HCC) at the training shared a lot of examples regarding the HCC Fulbright experience within the past year.

We can integrate several Fulbright ideas into GCC's internationalization efforts in the coming academic year, namely, the Fulbright Ambassador program, which allows designated US visiting scholars to provide a lecture on campus (with all expenses shouldered by Fulbright, and with 2-6 days duration); and the Outreach Lecture Fund, which allows designated non-US visiting scholars to deliver a campus lecture (also at Fulbright's full expense). The Outreach Lecture Fund could benefit the internationalization of our campus through the curriculum, and benefit the community at large through partnerships with nonprofit organizations and community-based organizations.

Also, Fulbright has revamped its scholar program website, with a lot of downloadable resources available for us to start building international connections that benefit both faculty and students through the Fulbright visiting scholar program. I urge our faculty to take a look at the site – it contains some great ideas: <http://www.cies.org/>



COMMUNITY EVENTS

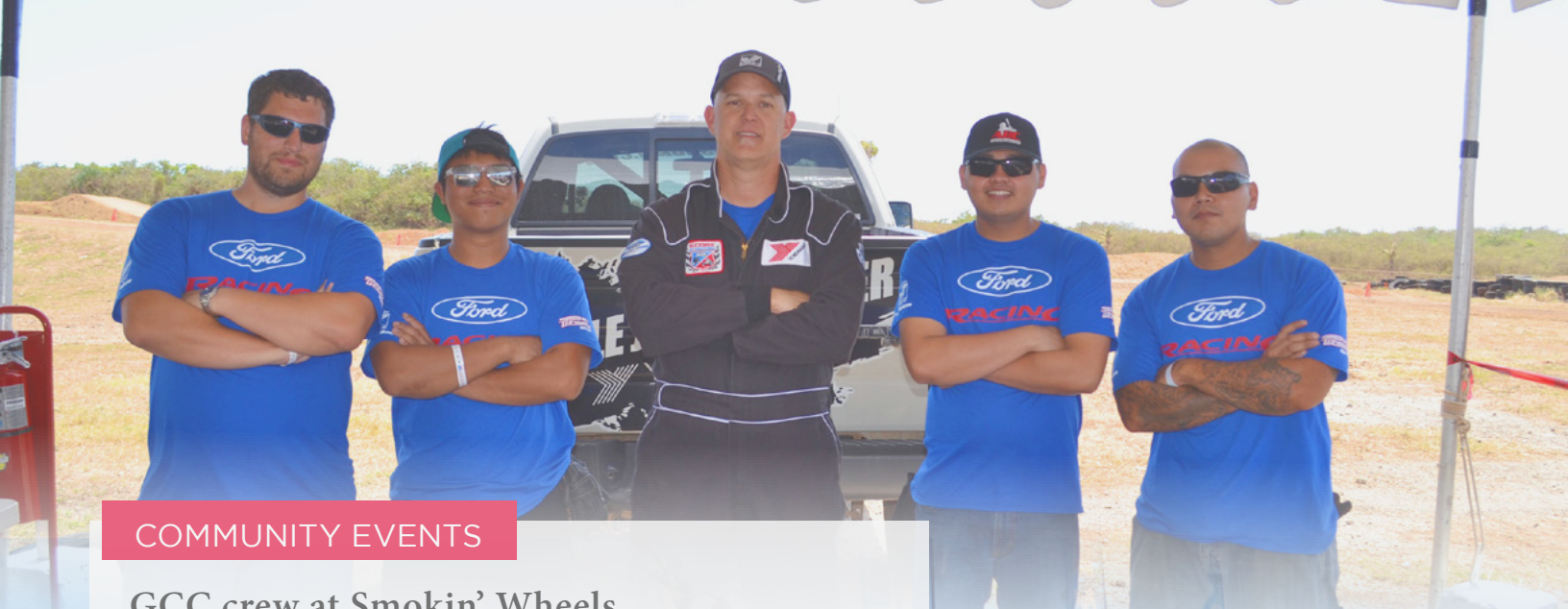
GCC Quiz Nite Team!

Kudos to MIS administrator Frank Camacho and his team for representing GCC at this year's Quiz Nite on April 29 at the Sheraton. Frank and fellow team members Margaret David, Victor De Roca, Cathy Solidum, Morris Eblacas, and Benny De Leon didn't win, but "We definitely had a blast. The best part is we weren't last place with our 13 points!" wrote Frank to Pres. Okada, who bought the tickets for the fundraiser that benefits Habitat for Humanity. Kudos to Dr. Okada and MIS for supporting this charity on behalf of GCC!

PN 2015 grads plant Healing Garden at SNU

GCC PN 2015 graduates donated their time and some funds from PNSA car washes to buy plants and supplies and plant the first ever HEALING GARDEN for patients at the Barrigada Skilled Nursing Unit on April 17. The nursing students did clinicals at SNU from January - May 2015, and upon interviewing patients discovered that many of them were gardeners who had been growing their own flowers, fruits and vegetables before falling ill. The concept is that the patients will be watering, talking to, and caring for the beautiful flowers and plants to promote healing, according to PNSA advisors Rose Loveridge, RN, MSN, and Jenn Artero, RN, MSN.

L to R: Mark Cosico, Ceidree Duenas, Brenda Presto, Ailyn Cruz, Soly Akhtarpour.
(PN 2015 graduates)



COMMUNITY EVENTS

GCC crew at Smokin' Wheels

GCC students Kalen Dennis and Brian Dejoya, both from the CTE Automotive program at SSHS and employed as service technicians at Triple J, were selected by their shop foreman to serve as pit crew members for Smokin' Wheels the weekend of April. "This is quite an honor considering the company of service techs employed at Triple J," says Chris Dennis, GCC Automotive Dept. chair.

From left: Adam Butcher, Brian Dejoya (GCC student), Jay Jones, Kalen Dennis (GCC student), and Donald Torres.



GCC represented at Week of Young Child proclamation

GCC Education professor Dr. Marsha Postrozny and her daughter Camarin attended the Proclamation signing for Week of the Young Child with Gov. Eddie Calvo and First Lady Christine Calvo on April 11 at Adelup.

OHS students train in CPR

Okkodo High School's Tourism Awareness Group participated in CPR training on April 13 with Ms. Estela Gapas, the American Heart Association's Guam Chapter Regional Faculty, and her team of certified Training Faculties. The course teaches adult CPR and AED use, as well as how to relieve choking on an adult.



Promoting GCC at AIJMS

GCC College Access Challenge Grant Program's Gerald Cruz and Marylee Palomares, accompanied by GWHS CTE Counselor Hernalin Analista and GCC PIO Jayne Flores, promoted the advantages of GCC to students at Agueda Johnston Middle School during the school's annual health fair on April 27.



SSHS students inducted into NTHS

Simon Sanchez High School held its second annual National Technical Honor Society induction on April 9 at the Nikko Hotel Guam. A total of 33 new inductees joined the prestigious society.



CACGP Events

GCC's College Access Challenge Grant Program hosted a leadership conference on April 2 and their Senior Banquet on April 23, and CACGP staff members were on hand at YouthFest on April 30 at Ypao Park!



EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS

Kudos to the GCC

Coed Volleyball competitive and recreational teams for participating in the Department of Parks and Recreation GovGuam Coed Volleyball League. Once again, both teams had a lot of fun and did a great job representing our agency!

Team GCC (competitive division) From top left: Ricky Tyquiengco, Simone Bollinger, Anthony Roberto, Benjamin Sison, Anthony Jay Sunga, Sally Sablan, Vito Calvo, Wendell Roden, Hannah Pangelinan and Sharon Oliveros. Not shown: Frank Palomo



GCC Tradesmen

(recreational division)

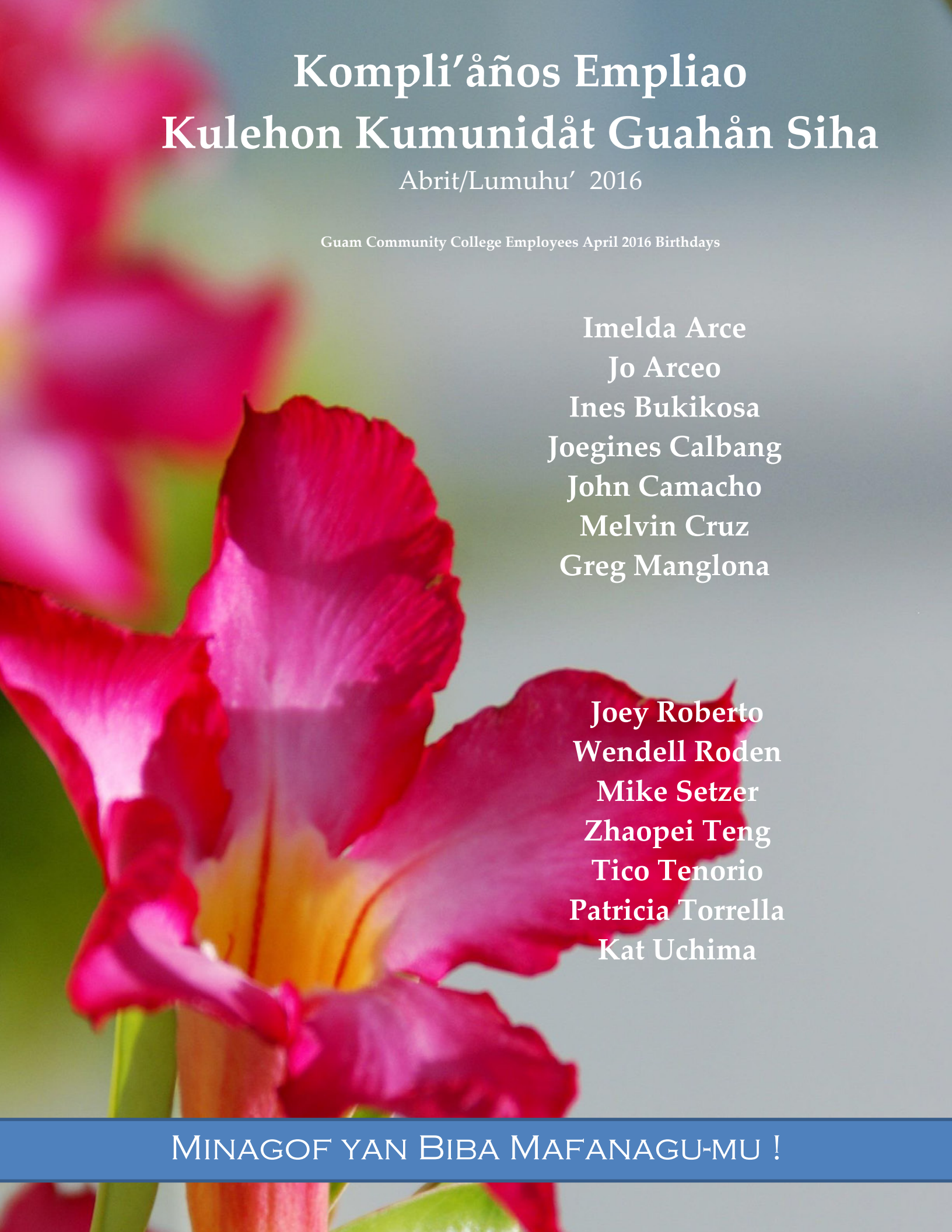
From top left: Francisco Palacios, Edwin Limtuatco, Jon Tyquiengco, Joanne Aguon, Tishawanna Smith, Troy Lizama, Pete Roberto, Dan-Michael Romulo, Gerard Dacanay, and Morris Eblacas. Not shown: Tara Pascua, Latisha Leon Guerrero, Ana Mari Atoigue, Benny De Leon, Christina Leon Guerrero, Darlynn Sablan, Frances Untalan, John Diaz, and Lyndon Pajarillo.



Health Quiz

From GCC's Student Health Center Nurse Emma Bataclan comes this interesting quiz: How much do you know about germs? Take it - it will surprise you! Thank you Nurse Emma!

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