

CHACHALANI

CAMPUS NEWS AND EVENTS FROM STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES AND OUR COMMUNITY

SPRING COLLEGE ASSEMBLY

This year's Spring College Assembly marked the beginning of GCC's reaccreditation preparation. We are up for accreditation review with the Accrediting Commission for Community & Junior Colleges (ACCJC) in 2025, but there is still some work to do before then. During the College Assembly, all employees, faculty, staff and administrators participated in the review of the standards and provided feedback on further strengthening the College's commitment to our students and community by way of the new ACCJC standards.

The accreditation process is a GCC community effort - stakeholders were given the opportunity to engage in dialogue regarding accreditation standards. We are one of the few colleges whose accreditation review will be based on the new 2024 accreditation standards, which means GCC will qualify for an 8-year accreditation cycle.

During the College Assembly, participants were randomly assigned group numbers for the accreditation breakout sessions. Each group was tasked to an accreditation standard. The information gathered in these sessions was shared and discussed as a whole and will be used when preparing GCC's accreditation report for submission to ACCJC.

The second half of the College Assembly included a detailed presentation on the 2020-2026 Institutional Strategic Master Plan, or ISMP. Francisco "Kiko" Palacios, GCC Sustainability & Project Coordinator discussed the Institution's progress in carrying out ISMP related activities from prior years and the result from these findings. Afterwards, breakout sessions were created to gather input and ideas on how GCC departments or programs can better prepare their ISMP assessment activities for the upcoming cycle.

ALUMNA GIVES BACK TO COMMUNITY

Ageline Sahagun Salas, a GCC Alumna in Medical Assisting and soon-to-be medical doctor was on Guam the weekend of April 15, 2023 to host her free "Teddy Bear Island Clinic" at the Micronesia Mall Center Court.

The event was a community program geared towards reducing children's fear and anxiety around medical personnel, procedures, and vaccinations. Through fun, interactive play with a free teddy bear, the program aimed to promote healthy behaviors while simultaneously inspiring Pacific Islander youths to seek out medicine or allied health as potential careers.

Children lined up at the center court to play the role of the doctor and their teddy bears as their patients. Children role-played medical tasks with guidance from students from the Guam Community College and the University of Guam studying to be health professionals. Teddy bears went through several different stations such as vitals check, medical laboratory with real microscopes, immunizations, and even a mock x-ray machine.

GCC is always happy to hear about these great success stories and even happier to be a part of them.



GCC + GVB FAM TOUR

GCC was invited to the “One Guam Trade Show” event at the Dusit Thani Resort on Thursday, April 12, 2023. The Reach for College and Tourism & Hospitality programs set up booths and advised attendees of the many opportunities at GCC.

The event was created by the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) to bring visiting Japanese travel agents together with its tourism industry members. The travel agents are part of a familiarization tour in partnership with the Japan Guam Travel Association and various GVB members.

The focus of the tabletop at Dusit is to really encourage group travel and rebuild relationships between our travel trade and GVB members.



BOT MEMBER LEON GUERRERO REAPPOINTED



Mr. Carlo M. Leon Guerrero was sworn in by the GCC Board of Trustees on April 14, 2023. The confirmed reappointment by the 37th Guam Legislature is for the term of 5 more years, November 2022 - November 2027.

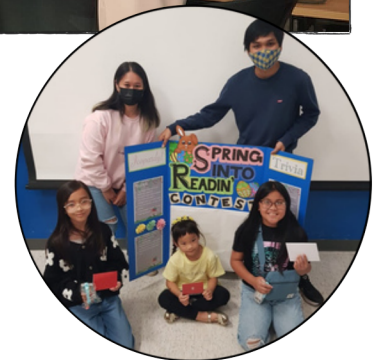


Children ages 4 - 10 participated in the "Spring Into Reading" activity on Saturday, April 8. Children were treated with a visit from PBS Guam's Clifford the Big Red Dog. The free public event was put together by GCC Literacy Navigators.

Yummy and nutritious snacks were offered while kids, and parents alike, colored in their fun page activities, and listened in on the "Hungry Caterpillar" amongst other titles during storytime.

Eventgoers were treated to several rounds of "Jeopardy"-style trivia. Trivia winners were the top three in the group and won great prizes.

SPRING INTO READING ACTIVITY



BSCTE SHOWCASE

On April 28, a groundbreaking event took place at Guam Community College as the first Bachelor of Science in Career and Technical Education Learning Outcomes showcase was held. Rozelle Ragat, the first program completer, and BSCTE student, Robert Torres, presented the program's learning outcomes to the GCC community.

Their presentation highlighted the collaborative Project-Based Learning unit they implemented in their respective practicum classrooms. Ragat's AutoCAD students designed a blueprint for a trifold school house poster board, while Torres' Introduction to Carpentry students executed the design.



This real-life demonstration of the practical application of the program's curriculum was an opportunity for Ragat and Torres to showcase the teaching skills and the effectiveness of the BSCTE program.

Ragat, who will be graduating in May, expressed her passion for teaching construction technology in the future. She credits the BSCTE program for providing her with invaluable experience and knowledge that has prepared her for success in her future teaching endeavors.

The Guam Community College Bachelor of Science in Career and Technical Education program is designed to equip individuals with the necessary skills and knowledge to succeed in teaching CTE.

PASSPORT TO SERVICES



On Friday, April 21, the Cosmetology department volunteered their time and represented GCC in the Guam Homeless Coalition's "Passport to Services" at the CHamoru Village Fest Pac Huts.

Services provided to the island's homeless population included medical screening for chronic medical conditions, immunizations, intake for public assistance benefits, housing, employment assistance, haircuts, a boxed meal, food, and clothing. GCC Cosmetology provided haircuts at no charge.

Other partners at the event included the Division of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities (DISID), VARO, the Department of Public Health and Social Services and others.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY

Finance & Administration Department hosted its Administrative Professionals' Day celebration on Wednesday, April 26.

The spread of sweet treats included a boba drink station, donuts, cookies, and more.

Students from the office technology gave "thank you" treat boxes to GCC administrative staff.



CULINARY PLACES IN SMOKIN' GRILLS

Congratulations to GCC's Culinary Program Chef, Paul Kerner & his team of culinary student chefs in the 2023 Smokin' Grills BBQ Competition on Sunday, April 23.

The annual competition was the first since 2019. The event was part of the 40th Anniversary Smokin' Wheels at the Guam Raceway Park that weekend.

The team took home:

- 1st Place in the Beef Category
- 3rd Place in the Pork Category



WINE & WHISKEY TASTING



The 5th Annual Wine & Whiskey Tasting event was held at the Learning Resource Center (LRC) on Friday, April 28, and was a huge success.

The event is held to fundraise money for the GCC Foundation - which is the fundraising arm of the College. The Foundation then turns monies raised into scholarships for our students.

At the event, Culinary Chef Instructors Paul Kerner and Bertrand Haurillon, along with student chefs, prepared and served savory and sweet dishes to eventgoers. The Culinary Program received great crowd reviews on the dishes they prepared.

A huge thank you to those who made this event possible as well to those who attended and shared their Friday evening with us! See you again next year!

GCC TALK, WHATSAPP GROUP



If you would like to receive campus-wide announcements and updates scan this QR code to join the "GCC Talk" WhatsApp group. You may also join by using clicking this link:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KNHT0hzZ0JIIRetlOSJhqA>



GWHS CLEAN-UP, PART 2



Photos by: Mr. Pete Roberto, Associate Dean, TPS & Dean Pilar Williams, TPS

Guam Community College "Happy Laborers" teamed up to clean up George Washington High School on Saturday, April 15, 2023.

The happy laborers cleared out metal and mixed debris to help make the campus safer for everyone.

This was the second clean up in less than a month. Dr. Julie Ulloa-Heath says there is still more to clean up, and will share the date of "Clean Up #3" when it is scheduled.

More "Happy Laborers" will be sought out so please volunteer when/if you can.

GET TO KNOW

Get to Know ...

Dean Pilar Williams

"Dean Pilar" ... when you hear her name you cannot help but have an ear-to-ear smile, almost like a reflex. This because you know that a chat with her will be a great one, pep talks included. In this month's "Get to Know..." Dean Pilar shares her private life with us, which we appreciate.

Dean Pilar joined the GCC family eight years ago as an Associate Dean for the School of Trades & Professional Services. She has been with us even before, then as an adjunct instructor after she clocked out from her "8 to 5" as a school principal for several of Guam's Catholic Schools.

Fun fact #1: Dean Pilar comes from a family of educators stemming from her mother, then her dear departed brother, +John. She loves being in the classroom teaching, "It is necessary for me to be in the classroom. I love to feel that pulse," she said. She will be teaching Interpersonal Relations (PY125) in Fall 2023.

When she isn't on campus or acting in her capacity in public, she is the main caregiver of her 95-year-old father and 93-year-old mother, which she loves doing. Dean Pilar also loves jumping on her bicycle for a ride, which she has loved since she was a child. Fun fact #2: She loves volleyball, she played outside hitter in high school and college.

When you walk into Dean Pilar's office, you will notice the photo prints hanging on her walls. Those are all Pilar Williams' originals, each piece has a story which she'd love to share with you, if you'd like to know. Our favorite piece is the "Uruno" shot, it'll summon your chicken skin. Fun fact #3: Dean Pilar is also an "artsy" person as she crafts rosaries using wires, Earth stones, beads, Swarovski crystals, and other materials and "gifts" them. She enjoys the calm and relaxation she gets from creating her unique rosaries.

Fun fact #4: Dean Pilar loves butterflies. The significance to her is a symbol of new life and a constant reminder that you can get through it, even through the hardest of times!



May

Happy Birthday to You

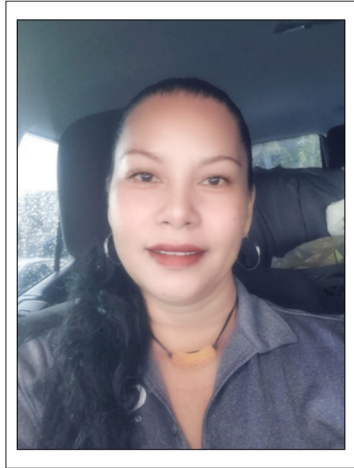
- 01 - Megann Rojas, Student Support
- 04 - Norman Aguilar, Faculty, TPS
- 04 - John Payne, Accommodative Services
- 04 - Kimberly Borja, TPS
- 05 - Kirsten Rosario, Education
- 07 - Katherine Chargualaf, Visual Communications & Marketing
- 16 - Mercy Repil, Nursing
- 19 - Marilyn Concepcion, Admissions
- 23 - Chef Kennynlyn Miranda, Culinary & Food Service
- 24 - Dr. Anthony Jay Sunga, Math & Science
- 25 - Troy Lizama, Counseling
- 25 - Dr. Marsha Postrozny-Torres, Education
- 28 - Hennessy Torres, Culinary & Food Service



Congratulations on your

Promotion!

**Shirley August
Administrative Aide, ABE**



CAMPUS EVENTS/MEETINGS

- 02 - Last Faculty Senate Meeting for 2022/2023 @ Room E103, 2:30 p.m.
- 02 - Last day of Tuesday/Thursday Classes
- 03 - Culinary To-Go Lunch "Korea" @ Culinary Kitchen (Bldg. 400), 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- 05 - Cinco de Mayo
- 08 - Last day of Monday/Wednesday Classes
- 11 - Board of Trustees meeting @ Learning Resource Center (LRC), 12 p.m.
- 12 - Medical Home Health Aide Boot Camp III & IV Completion Ceremony @ MPA (Bldg. 400), 1 p.m.
- 14 - Mother's Day
- 18 - Commencement Rehearsal @ UOG Fieldhouse, 1 p.m.
- 19 - Commencement Ceremony @ UOG Fieldhouse, 9 a.m. (Graduates' Showtime 8 a.m.)
- 25 - VA Education Benefits Q & A Session @ MPA (Bldg. 400), 10 a.m.
- 29 - Memorial Day Holiday

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