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CAMPUS NEWS AND EVENTS FROM STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND OUR COMMUNITY.



## Congratulations GCC Class of 2024!

### 441 Degrees & Certificates Conferred; 361 Graduated

*Photo Submitted By: Angela Cabrera, Graphic Artist III, Communications & Promotions*

On Friday, May 17, friends and family of the Guam Community College graduating class of 2024 filled the UOG Calvo Field House with their excitement, love, and joy for their commencing loved one. Student name after student name was called, making some attendees' hair stand on end and eyes tear up.

A total of 361 students were certified by the GCC President, the GCC Vice President of Academic Affairs, and the GCC Board of Trustees. This certification includes 53 Adult High School diplomas, 47 Apprenticeship certificates, 220 Associate of Science degrees, 56 Associate of Arts degrees, and 65 Certificates. A total of 292 graduates walked during the ceremony. The number of degrees is higher than the number of graduates as some students double-majored.

"I am proud to stand here today and present the GCC class of 2024..." said Dr. Mary A. Y. Okada, GCC President. "When you leave here today, remember that life moves forward and every moment you have can be celebrated with the positive ones that surround you. Become the agent of change that you long to be," she added.

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# Workforce Development Center Groundbreaking

*Photos Submitted By: Angela Cabrera, Graphic Artist III, Communications & Promotions*



Guam Community College turned the shovels at a groundbreaking ceremony for the GCC Workforce Development Center (WDC) in Barrigada on Monday, May 6, 2024. The renovations will modernize the facility's workshop spaces and training rooms and add updated training equipment.

The project is expected to be completed in February 2025. When it opens, the WDC will

house work-ready boot camps in providing entry- and journey-worker-level training in the construction and marine repair trades.

Guam has a large U.S. Naval base and is a commercial shipping hub for shipping between the United States, Asia, and islands in the North Pacific. As an island territory, Guam is reliant on the marine shipping industry for commerce and trade activity. There are three ship repair facilities providing maintenance and ship repair services for both military and commercial ships.

"It takes a very unique leader and team to recognize when they have a great opportunity," said acting Governor Joshua Tenorio. "President Okada and her team were able to secure the property and take advantage and to be very relevant with what the shortages are now in the labor workforce. These shortages are in the area of ship repair and there is a growing need and growing demand for us to expand the workforce to support these kinds of jobs."

Guam's construction sector is the second largest private sector, with over 10% of the workforce employed in this quickly growing sector. Construction on Guam is growing as the military increases their presence on Guam with the U.S. Marines moving from Okinawa and the increasing demand for civilian residential and commercial construction. The total value of building permits for civilian projects and Department of Defense (DOD) construction contracts is increasing substantially.

"For the past several years, we have been engaged in conversations on the various initiatives for economic diversification," said Dr. Mary A. Y. Okada, GCC President and CEO. "Through the Governor's initiative with the Guam Chamber of Commerce and Guam Economic Development Authority, co-led by Joe Cruz and Siska Hutapea, construction and ship repair were identified as occupational areas that needed capacity expansion. Through the college's participation in these discussions, our mission to support building the career and technical workforce for our island takes center stage," Dr. Okada added.

The bid contract was awarded in March 2024 to American Builder, LLC. for \$3,270,000. Design of the WDC was done by TRMA+ (Taniguchi Ruth Makio Architects+).

# Literacy Navigators Launch Book Distribution

*Photos Submitted By: Angela Cabrera, Graphic Artist III, Communications & Promotions*

The Guam Community College Literacy Navigators program held its inaugural “Guam Loves to Read” book distribution event on Friday, April 26, 2024, in the GCC Learning Resource Center on its Mangilao campus. Through the distribution, more than 7,000 resiliency memoirs and literature from local authors will be provided to the Department of Youth Affairs’ Youth Resource Center, the Guam Public Library System libraries, village youth centers, and the Guam Department of Education public school libraries, as part of the Literacy Navigators’ efforts to promote literacy among Guam youth.

In an effort to combat low reading and comprehension rates among Guam’s youth, Guam Community College teamed up with Souder, Betances & Associates Inc. to establish the Guam Loves to Read program to support literacy. Prior to the start of the program, GCC partnered with Souder, Betances & Associates Inc., in an effort to continually educate and train GCC faculty, staff, and administrators on the importance of literacy, communication, and decision making. These “transformation” sessions were encouragement enough to seek funding to create the Guam Loves to Read program.

During the Fall semester of 2022, Souder, Betances & Associates Inc. held two bootcamps, each running over the course of 3-weeks. This trained GCC students as Literacy Navigators to tutor and guide elementary students with reading literacy at Maria Ulloa, Juan M. Guerrero, Wettengel and P. C. Lujan Elementary schools.



The Literacy Navigators initiative also launched in the Fall semester of 2022. Promoting literacy is more than a catchphrase for the 15 young men and women who make up the Literacy Navigators program on Guam. In fact, these promising leaders have been making an impact in the lives of young students in the four of Guam’s public elementary schools and the Guam public libraries. During Christmas and spring break, the Navigators held literacy events, and at the end of the summer of 2023, the Navigators hosted reading events at the Guam Public Library System libraries.

In the aftermath of Typhoon Mawar, the plan to continue the tutoring at the elementary schools for the summer sessions had to be altered. A Memorandum of Understanding was created with the Guam Public Library System (GPLS) and the Navigators made a seamless transition to three of the GPLS branches: Barrigada, Yona, and Dededo.

## (Cont.) Literacy Navigators Launch Book Distribution

*Photos Submitted By: Angela Cabrera, Graphic Artist III, Communications & Promotions*

More recently, the Navigators are currently implementing the objectives of an MOU with the Guam Department of Youth Affairs. Navigators also provided services to the three community centers: Southern (Haya), Central (Kattan), and Northern (Lagu) Resource Centers.

The dire need for the Literacy Navigators program was articulated by Ms. Gabriella Leon Guerrero, who recounted her experience tutoring a 3rd grade boy. At that time, his classmates were working on writing short stories, but the boy was unable to identify or read the letters of the alphabet because he did not have any resources during the pandemic. Gabriella worked with him one-on-one and by the end of the semester, he was able to string letters together to make words.



Ms. Leon Guerrero's experience highlights the challenge of socially promoting students from one grade to the next, without the requisite skills to learn proficiently. Students promoted, without the basic knowledge needed to advance, only falls further behind with each successive year. The Literacy Navigators program provides resources to help these students reach the required proficiency to advance.

The Literacy Navigators joined Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, GCC President Dr. Mary Okada, DYA Youth Development Administrator Ms. Corrine Buendicho, GDOE Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Mr. Joe Sanchez and the Director of the Guam Public Library System, Mr. Kris Seerengan at the GCC Learning Resource Center to showcase the 7,125 books to be distributed. The program and the books are funded by the Literacy Navigators grant provided through the Governor's Education Assistance and Youth Empowerment Grant Program.

## Baking Graduates First to Graduate from Program

*Article Submitted by: Kennylyn Miranda, Assistant Professor, Culinary and Foodservices*

*Photo By: Trina San Agustin, Program Coordinator I, Communications & Promotions*



The inaugural cohort of baking and pastry students graduated on May 17. The 19 graduates embarked on their journey in the Summer of 2022 as beneficiaries of the GCC Culinary Program's Department of Interior Grant. This grant covered the expenses for their first year in the program, marking a significant investment in their culinary education.

## Learning to Give; Giving to Learn: Students Collaborate for Food Pantry Distribution Event

Article Submitted By: Joachim "Pete" Roberto, Program Specialist, Alumni Relations & Fundraising; Photos By: Keianalynn Santos, Human Services Student

Students from SM-245 Ethics and Stakeholder Management and HM 201 Social Welfare and Development: Global Challenges courses joined forces for a meaningful Food Pantry Distribution Event held on April 24, 2024.

The event, a culmination of efforts from both courses, aimed to address food insecurity while fostering a spirit of giving within the college community. In the lead-up to the event, students from the Ethics course organized a "Concession Stand Fundraiser" on April 11, 2024, coupled with a week-long donation drive for non-perishable items. Over \$1,250 worth of items were purchased or donated, thanks to the generosity of the college community.

On the day of the event, students from the Social Welfare and Development course took charge of coordinating the setup and distribution of items received. Over the course of the four-hour event, a total of 115 participants benefited from the initiative, with an estimated 350 items distributed to those in need.

In addition to providing essential items, students from the Social Welfare course went a step further by preparing and distributing over 150 "United Nations Sustainable Development Goals" bookmarkers that they created. These bookmarks served as a reminder of the broader global issues surrounding sustainability and social responsibility.

The impact of the event was evident through the heartfelt expressions of gratitude from participants. Comments such as "Thank you," "Is this for real... GCC does this for us..." and "Wow, this is great... thanks you guys..." underscored the significance of the initiative in meeting the immediate needs of the community.

Overall, student coordinators deemed the event a success, reflecting on the positive outcomes achieved and the valuable lessons learned through the collaborative effort.



## GCC receives \$1.3M from the U.S. Department of Labor

*Article Submitted By: Patrick Maloney, Program Specialist, Alumni Relations and Fundraising*

Guam Community College has been awarded \$1.3 million from the U.S. Department of Labor to develop and implement a “YouthBuild” program. The award will support training employment services for young adults and increase apprenticeships in high-demand fields. The YouthBuild program is designed for 18 to 24-year-olds who do not have a high school diploma.

During the 32-week program, up to 66 participants will spend half their time working with the GCC Adult Basic Education program to earn a GED or complete their high school diploma requirements. The participants will use the other half of their time learning construction trades. The trades training will culminate with participants building two houses for use in low-income rental properties.

GCC’s industry partner for the grant, Micronesian Community Development Corporation (MCDC), will provide two housing sites for the new construction of two homes with two bedrooms and one bath. MCDC will provide all materials and supplies for constructing the homes. MCDC is a 501(c)3 organization that builds and manages low-income properties on Guam.

In addition to the training, participants will receive a stipend to help them with living expenses during their 32 weeks. The goal is for the program participants who complete the program to have earned a high school diploma or equivalent and be employed through an apprenticeship program. The apprenticeship program will place the participants on a track to earn a journey worker certificate.

This grant award advances efforts to expand apprenticeships and develop Guam’s workforce to meet the needs of the construction industry. Individuals interested in the program should contact the GCC Continuing Education Workforce Development (CEWD) program at [learning4life@guamcc.edu](mailto:learning4life@guamcc.edu) or call (671) 735-5640 ext. 5572 to be placed on the list of potential program participants.

## Cosmetology Completion Ceremony Cohort IV

*Photos Submitted By: Janice T. Aguon, Instructor, Education - Cosmetology*

GCC Cosmetology Cohort IV was celebrated on May 10, 2024, at the Westin Resort Guam. A total of 16 students received their certificates of completion from the program.

Completers will soon take the licensing exam with the National-Interstate Council (NIC) of State Boards of Cosmetology administered by the Guam Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (GBBC). Once they pass, they will be considered licensed cosmetologists.



## English Department Hosts “ON AIR” (On Art in Research) Student Showcase

*Article Submitted by: Christina Lee, Instructor, English Department; Photos by: Angela Cabrera, Graphic Artist III, Office of Communications and Promotions*

On April 16 and 17, 2024, the GCC English Department proudly brought back **ON AIR: On Art in Research** - its student showcase. This year's theme was the GCC Mission Statement. Students from CO 110: Critical Thinking for Civic Engagement, CO 125: Introduction to Human Communication and Speech, EN 110: Freshman Composition, EN 220: Best Practices for Literacy, and EN 194: Technical Communication created interactive displays based on a guiding question: How is what we're learning in class tied to the GCC Mission Statement?

The displays showcased students' skills, talents, and ingenuity in the literary, visual, and auditory arts. Two hundred seventy-nine visitors enjoyed a variety of displays that ranged from matching slang words to their definitions, practicing self-disclosure, designing the floor plan and interior of miniature houses, conversing with compassion using civil dialogue principles, to reading CHamoru books featuring original stories and illustrations. In addition, 11 students received Liberal Studies advisement at its recruitment table.



## Geckos get HYPE-d about Work Ethic

*Article & Photo Submitted By: Kimberly May Borja, Program Coordinator II - School of Trades and Professional Services*



GCC's Helping Youth Prepare for Employment (HYPE) Program, in collaboration with GCC/GWHS Career Counselor Hernalin Analista, hosted students from George Washington High School for a day of training and career exploration in GCC's Multipurpose Auditorium (Bldg. 300). On Friday, May 3, 2024, around 80 students received work ethic training using the Center for Work Ethic Development's "Bring Your 'A' Game" youth curriculum.

They also had the opportunity to meet with several employers and college representatives in a two-hour College/Career Fair. This successful whole-day event allowed students to explore not only their career goals but the skills and resources necessary to achieve them.

## Distinguished and Most Distinguished Graduates

The Most Distinguished and Distinguished awardees for Academic Year 2024 were recognized during the 2024 Commencement ceremony. The top two students are Most Distinguished Graduate Ireese Valencia, Associate of Science in Marketing and Distinguished Graduate Joriza Noelle Luzano, Associate of Science in Computer Science.

Ms. Valencia graduated top 20 in 2021 at Okkodo High School and received a Certificate of Mastery for her hard work in GCC's secondary Marketing program. Her parents are Rodrigo and Amor Valencia of Dededo. She is a devoted marketing student and embodies an unwavering passion for content creation and entrepreneurship. "I thrive on overcoming challenges," Ms. Valencia said.



"I am constantly seeking opportunities to broaden my skill set and explore new horizons. Beyond my academic pursuits, I am driven by a vision to reshape the marketing landscape through captivating storytelling and innovative strategies," she added.



Ms. Luzano is a 2021 graduate from George Washington High School and received a Certificate of Mastery in Nursing while at G.W.H.S. Her parents are Noel Samson and Karen Ann Luzano of Mangilao. Throughout her academic journey, she has honed fundamental skills such as leadership, creativity, perseverance, and adaptability alongside her peers to excel in her studies.

"I look forward to continue my education and pursue a Bachelor's in Computer Science while growing my experience working in the field of technology," Ms. Luzano shared. "I am enthusiastic to make significant contributions to my respected field. I aspire to continue learning, growing, and positively impacting the people and the community," she said.

## Culinary Students Attend Filipino Food Month Event

*Photo By: Trina San Agustin, Program Coordinator I, Communications & Promotions*

GCC Culinary Student Chefs were personally invited by the Philippine Consulate General to her office to experience "Kakanin Kaleidoscope: Exploring the World of Filipino Rice Cakes" as part of Filipino Food Month on April 19, 2024. Consul General Rosario Lemque treated the GCC student chefs and chef instructors to showcase and taste a wide variety of Filipino rice cakes.





# GCC Embraces Earth Month

*Article Submitted by: Francisco "Kiko" Palacios, Sustainability & Project Coordinator and ECO Warriors Advisor*

Amidst the unique challenges of Guam's isolated island setting and the strains of a rising population due to military buildup and other factors, Earth Month serves as a poignant reminder of the island's need for sustainable solutions and for ones that are proven and evidence-based. Guam, grappling with escalating living costs and limited resources, faces a crucial juncture in balancing economic interests with environmental preservation. We often forget that we are only borrowing earth from future generations, and it is our ultimate goal to leave them with a place for them to enjoy and sustain life.

The island's reliance on imports amplifies economic strain, underscoring the urgency of embracing sustainability. Over 90% of the resources we need to live life comes from outside sources. The recent military buildup further intensifies resource pressures, highlighting the imperative for eco-conscious development practices.

Earth Month provides a timely opportunity for collective action, uniting residents, businesses, and policymakers in fostering environmental stewardship. Guam's rich biodiversity and cultural heritage emphasize the importance of conservation efforts, with indigenous CHamoru values guiding sustainable practices. Sometimes we have to look back in order to make the best decisions moving forward.



Leveraging these cultural values, Guam is making strides in sustainability. Guam Community College's commitment to the development LEED-certified buildings, continuous integration of renewable energy sources, electric vehicles, and recycling programs exemplifies this dedication. Their Sustainability Calendar of events fosters education and awareness, empowering individuals to make eco-conscious choices. It is an effort that these concepts are not only taught but embedded in our campuses DNA.



Collaboration is key, with partnerships between government, businesses, nonprofits, and the community driving meaningful change. By harnessing its island characteristics and cultural values, Guam is charting a path towards resilience and sustainability in the face of evolving challenges.

## **GCC Awarded Grant to Educate the Next Generation of Conservation Professionals**

Guam Community College (GCC) received notice of a \$587,647 grant award from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). The award will fund a two-year planning period to establish a collaboration between GCC, the Department of Lands and Natural Resources in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and Tãno, Tãsi Yan Todu (TTT) to design programs that develop a capable and competitive workforce to meet the growing needs of the region's conservation organizations, with a focus on indigenous language, culture, and methodologies. TTT is a Guam-based nonprofit environmental organization committed to restoring habitats in the Marianas.

The project addresses both the need for capacity and the inclusion of indigenous knowledge and people in conservation practices in the Mariana Islands. The program's methodologies will be developed by consulting with indigenous knowledge holders and paired with interdisciplinary western scientific approaches. The objective of the project is to increase local knowledge and build the capacity of the local workforce. The project's collaboration between educators and employers in Guam and the CNMI will identify curriculum opportunities to expose students to environmental-based careers and natural resource planning.

The methodologies designed in this project will help with a future project that includes a field school, internship program, and graduate fellowship rooted in indigenous knowledge. The goal of the funded project is to produce the next generation of capable, conservation practitioners and leaders. High school students, college interns, and graduate school fellows will partner with local agencies and organizations to tackle pressing conservation challenges. The student exchanges between Guam and CNMI will nurture deeper relationships between communities that share ecologies and cultures but are divided by geopolitical boundaries and historical events.

## **UOG/GCC Softball Team Take Home 2024 Win**

*Photos Submitted By: Shirley August, Administrative Aide, Adult Basic Education*

Congratulations to team UOG/GCC for winning the championship game versus the Port-APL team in the Guam Hotel & Restaurant Association's GovGuam Softball League. Representing GCC in the combined team were Morgan Teliu, Maintenance Worker - Facilities and Victor Paul Fernandez II, Program Coordinator I, Student Financial Aid.

The game took place on Sunday, May 26th at Guerrero Field behind the Paseo Stadium, in Hagatna. The UOG/GCC combined softball team advanced to the finals after a win on Wednesday, May 22 against the Port Matson team.



# Childcare (Management) Bootcamp Completers Will Support Guam's Workforce

*Photos By: Angela Cabrera, Graphic Artist III, Office of Communications & Promotions*

Guam Community College recognized seven completers of the Childcare Bootcamp VI on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 11 a.m. in the Multipurpose Auditorium (Building 300). This bootcamp focused on the management of a childcare facility. The bootcamp started in October 2023 and ended in January 2024. The seven completers are all currently employed.



Participants in this bootcamp completed a 15-week curriculum including Introduction to Exceptionalities, Childcare Management, Emergency Planning (by the Guam Fire Department), How to Start a Childcare Business, Heartsavers First Aid & CPR, Work Ethic, and WorkKeys.

GCC recognizes the Department of Public Health and Social Services, Guam Economic Development Authority, Guam Fire Department, and the Guam Department of Labor.

## Accreditation Update

*Update Provided by: Dr. Virginia C. Tudela, VPAA & Accreditation Liaison Officer*

As we prepare for our visit, it is important to keep deadlines in mind so please take note of these critical updates that will help us complete GCC's Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) on time. We are currently reviewing the second drafts from the ISER committees.

- July - Board of Trustees (BOT) review and approval of the ISER
- August 1 - ISER due date to ACCJC
- October 25 - Team ISER Review: Standards Validation/Core Inquiries (off-campus site)
- Spring 2025 - Week of March 3 - Focused Site Visit (on-site)
- June 2025 - Commission Action

These important dates are intended to keep us focused on our goal to complete tasks on time. However, as we move forward, we may adjust timelines, as necessary or appropriate. Thank you for keeping accreditation our highest priority this academic year.

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Registration ends on 8/14 with classes starting 8/16



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# Andrea R. Ila Foundation Awards GCC Student with Scholarship

*Photos By: Angela Cabrera, Graphic Artist III, Office of Communications & Promotions*

The Andrea R. Ila Foundation recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Jenae Therese Pereda on Thursday, May 16, 2024. She is working on an Associate Degree in Early Childhood from Guam Community College, and is currently pursuing Construction trades certificates in HVAC and Plumbing.

“Being a recipient of the Ila Foundation Scholarship is a great honor and opportunity,” said Pereda. “It shows recognition of my hard work and dedication to my studies. Scholarships like this not only provide financial support but also open doors to new experiences and future opportunities. I am very grateful to the donors of the Ila Foundation Scholarship,” she added.

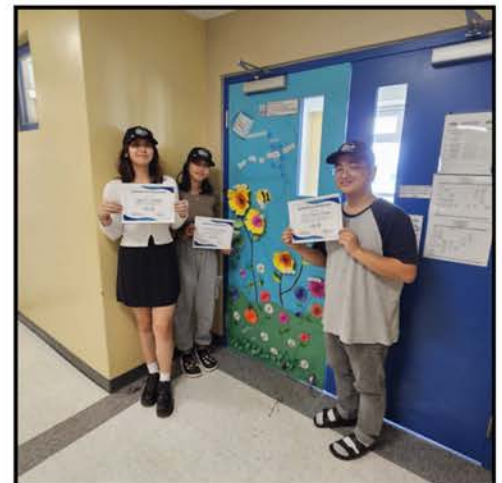


The Foundation was established in December 2014 by the Ila family in honor of their mother, Andrea, who left a legacy of civic engagement and philanthropy, which has benefited various organizations and causes on Guam. To date the foundation has awarded more than \$35,000 in student scholarships.

## #CCMonth Door Competition Winners

*Photos by: Jennette Yara, COPSA President*

In April, we celebrated Community College Month by bringing awareness on and off campus about the benefits of attending a two-year college. Guam Community College held a spirit week and a door decorating competition. Congratulations to students and English tutors Ayda V. Bautista, Renz Radneil Tolentino and Isabella Amara Tyquiengco for taking first place in the competition. Taking second place was the Learning Resource Center team of Steve Cheipot, Reimar Cruz Esteban and Juanita Sgambelluri.



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## Camacho Foundation Awards Two Students with Scholarships

*Photo By: Angela Caberra, Graphic Artist III, Communications & Promotions*

The Felix M. and Governor Carlos G. Camacho Scholarship Foundation awarded two GCC students with \$750 scholarships each for the Spring 2024 semester, bringing the scholarship total to \$1,500. The scholarships were presented to Renz Tolentino and Katarina Hernandez by Carlos P. Camacho, Community Relations Manager, PFC Shared Services; Frank P. Camacho, President and CEO, PFC Finance; Lin Perez, Pres. and CEO, PFC Insurance; and Jeff Schindler, President & CEO, PFC Development.

Tolentino is a double major in Marketing and Accounting. Hernandez is a Liberal Studies - Business track major, and is expected to graduate from GCC this May.

The scholarship foundation has always been a generous partner of GCC in getting business students into the classroom without having to worry about how they will pay for their education.



Applicants must maintain a 3.0 grade point average, full-time status, and be enrolled in the Liberal Studies - Business track, Accounting, Marketing, or Supervision and Management Associate degree program. An applicant's status as a first-generation student attending college plays a major consideration in selection.

## Management Class Donates Supplies to Harvest House

*Photo Submitted by: Fredrick Tupaz, Assistant Professor, Bus and VisCom - Supervision & Management*



The Supervision & Management class SM220-01 held a bake/snack sale on Wednesday, April 24th to raise money to purchase supplies for the foster families at Harvest House. The students raised \$774 and purchased infant car seats, diapers, wipes, bottles, soap, shampoo, and other personal hygiene products.

The project was part of the class syllabus to work together as a unit and as equals in planning and executing the bake/snack sale. Through the class project, students were able to incorporate several management skills in the execution of the event. The class was instructed by Mr. Fredrick Tupaz, Assistant Professor, Business & Visual Communications - Supervision & Management.

# Youth Congress Presents Resolution

Article Submitted by: Adrian E. Davis, MPA, Program Coordinator II, Center for Student Involvement

On April 26, 2024, at COPSA's last General Membership meeting, Guam Youth Congress Floor Leader Austin Gaizmer Fortuno; GCC Representatives Erina Quichocho and Kimeme Jally; and Representative Nathan Paz presented Resolution No. 32-34 (COR).

The Resolution recognized the celebration of Community College Month during the month of April as a time to celebrate the importance and value of community colleges in fostering academic excellence, workforce development, and lifelong learning.

The GYC also commended the Guam Community College students, alumni, faculty, staff, and administration for its commitment to providing educational opportunities that empower students to achieve their academic and career goals, contributing to the overall prosperity and well-being of our island community!



# Culinary Students Participate in Angus Beef Tour

Photo Submitted by: Kencylyn Miranda, Assistant Professor, Culinary and Foodservices



Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods invited GCC Culinary student chefs (secondary and postsecondary) along with their chef instructors to participate in the first "Best Angus Beef Ever Tour" on April 16 & 17, 2024 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Students witnessed the art of grilling the perfect steak, learned the quality differences in beef, and cut up some beef in an interactive beef butchery demonstration.

# May Events & Meetings

- 06 - Groundbreaking Ceremony, Workforce Development Center, Barrigada, 9:30 a.m.
- 07 - Graduate Guest Ticket Pick-Up, Room C1, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday
- 15 - Last day to pick up Graduate Guest Tickets, Room C1, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- 16 - COPSA Graduate Appreciation, UOG Calvo Field House, 12 p.m.
- 16 - Commencement Rehearsal, UOG Calvo Field House, 1 p.m.
- 17 - Spring 2024 Commencement Ceremony, UOG Calvo Field House, 9 a.m.**
- 24 - GCC Board of Trustees Meeting, LRC Meeting Room, 12 p.m.
- 27 - Memorial Day
- 31 - First Day of Summer Semester

# May 2024 Employee Birthdays

Information Provided by: GCC Human Resources Office

- 01 - Megann Rojas, Materials Management, Buyer II
- 04 - Kimberly Borja, Dean's Office - TPS, Program Coordinator II
- 04 - John Payne, Accommodative Services, Program Specialist
- 05 - Kirsten Rosario, Education, Instructor
- 07 - Katherine Chargualaf, Business & Visual Communication - Marketing, Assistant Instructor
- 16 - Mercy Repil, Nursing & Allied Health, Assistant Instructor
- 19 - Marilyn Concepcion, Records & Registration Supervisor, Admissions
- 23 - Kennylyn Miranda, Culinary & Foodservices, Assistant Professor
- 24 - Dr. Anthony Jay Sunga, Math & Science - Science, Professor
- 25 - Troy Lizama, Assessment & Counseling, Associate Professor
- 25 - Marsha Postrozny-Torres, Education - Early Childhood, Professor
- 28 - Hennessy Torres, Culinary & Foodservices, Emergency Instructor

## New Hires



Alejandra Roberto  
Administrative Aide  
Continuing Education & Workforce Development

## Promotion

Allan Baguinon  
Supply Expediter, MMO  
to Computer Technician, MIS



## Department Transfer



Rosemarie Aquinde  
Program Coordinator I  
Continuing Education & Workforce Development

# June 2024 Employee Birthdays

Information Provided by: GCC Human Resources Office

- 01 - Tasi Marina San Nicolas, Program Coordinator I, Adult Basic Education
- 02 - John Werimai, Maintenance Worker, Facilities
- 03 - Shirley August, Administrative Aide, Adult Basic Education
- 04 - Marivic Schrage, Associate Professor, Education
- 06 - Jamie Torres, Personnel Specialist I, Human Resources
- 06 - Kiana Quitugua, Assistant Instructor, Adult Basic Education
- 11 - Bertha Guerrero, Administrative Secretary II, Office of the President
- 13 - Terry Kuper, Instructor, Technology Electronics
- 13 - Kenneth Bautista, Systems Programmer, Management Information Systems
- 17 - Reimar Esteban, Library Technician I, Learning Resources Center
- 17 - John Patrick Chua, Assistant Instructor, Nursing and Allied Health
- 24 - Paul Kerner, Instructor, Culinary and Foodservices
- 26 - Mariesha Cruz-San Nicolas, Associate Dean, Dean's Office - TPS

## New Hire



Ryan Valencia  
Teleprocessing Network Coordinator  
Management Information Systems

## June Events & Meetings

- 10 - 12 - Get HYPE-d! Work Ethic Workshop, Bldg. E Room 117, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- 17 - First Day of CTE Summer Program - Orientation, MPA Bldg. 300, 8 a.m.
- 17 - 28 - Reach for College Summer Bridge Program, LOCATION TBA, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- 18 - Last Day to Apply for Certified Nursing Assistant Bootcamp III, CEWD Offices, by 5 p.m.
- 20 - First Day of Certified Nursing Assistant Bootcamp III
- 24 - First Day of Ship Repair XII Bootcamp
- 28 - POST Comission Meeting, LRC Room 112, 10:30 a.m.



# Graduation Preparation Candidids!



Photos Submitted By: Kyle Dela Pena, GCC Marketing Student; Jeffrey Iabanza, GCC Marketing Student; and Angela Cabrera, Graphic Artist Tech. III.

# Graduation Candids!



Photos Submitted By: Kyle Dela Pena, GCC Marketing Student; Jeffrey Iabanza, GCC Marketing Student; and Angela Cabrera, Graphic Artist Tech. III.

# Campus Candids!



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Photos Submitted By: Angelica Arca, Student, Marketing & Visual Communications; Angela Cabrera, Graphic Artist Tech. III; and Chef Paul Kerner, Chef Instructor; & Trina San Agustin, Program Coordinator I.