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CAMPUS NEWS AND EVENTS FROM STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES AND OUR COMMUNITY



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY, MPA & STUDENT CENTER CANOPY

Guam Community College unveiled its new Multipurpose Auditorium at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the College's Mangilao campus on Thursday, August 31, 2023. The new MPA building is the central facility for many GCC activities including student orientations, Culinary Arts buffet lunches, work-ready boot camp completion ceremonies, GCC's LinkUp student showcase, the very popular cardboard challenge, and election debates hosted by GCC students.

The new MPA has an expanded footprint at 12,500 square feet. The upgraded Building 300 was part of the original GCC campus and was one of the last remaining butler buildings on campus. The \$4.45 million construction project was partially funded by a \$1.19 million hazard mitigation grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to renovate and "harden" Building 300 from disasters such as typhoons.



Bldg. 300 MPA

The new MPA meets LEED standards and has a maximum capacity of 500 individuals. The main hall is designed to be used as one open space or can be divided into four (4) sections to accommodate multiple activities. The building is equipped with a grid-tied photovoltaic system, rain water catchment, energy efficient HVAC and lighting systems, among other eco-friendly features. The building is designed to meet structural and typhoon wind strength standards.

GCC celebrated another ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, August 7, 2023, this time for the Student Center Canopy. The 4,300 square foot concrete canopy covers the stage of the Student Square. Construction began in September 2022. The concrete canopy is part of GCC's ongoing plan to ensure the campus is conducive to learning and promotes engagement among the students. This addition to the campus allows students to use the area at all times, without worrying about the weather.



Student Center Canopy

The Canopy also contains a 25-Kilowatt grid-tied Photovoltaic System and wireless multi-color stage lighting technology for events. Total cost for the project is \$1,351,597.03 and is funded through approved CARES Act funding.

During the August 31st ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Multipurpose Auditorium, Ms. Veronica Verde, External Affairs Officer for FEMA Region IX announced GCC as a grant recipient.

“FEMA announced round two of the 2022 BRIC selections, and the GCC building 600 retrofit project was one of the selected projects for funding consideration. Congratulations!,” said Ms. Verde.

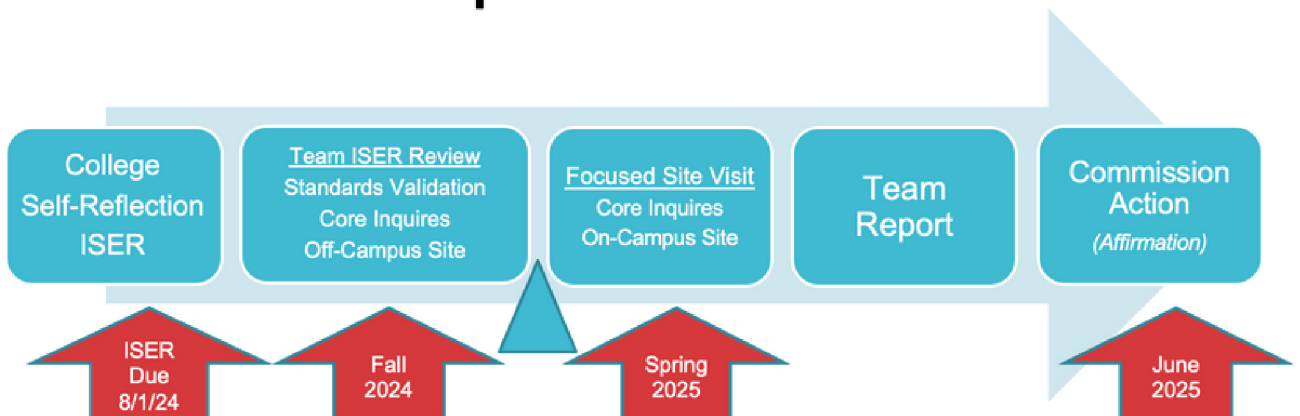
The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) funding of \$1.38 million would allow GCC to continue to strengthen several of the existing structures. Building 600 houses the classrooms and work bay for the Construction program.

GCC is proposing to undertake a \$1.38 million hardening project to ensure that Building 600 can withstand the frequent typhoon strength winds that may occur on Guam. As a condition of FEMA’s grant application, the College will fund 25% of the project through a combination of local government funding, the GCC Foundation and annual capital improvement budgets.

ACCREDITATION UPDATE

The graphic below reflects GCC’s timeline for accreditation, and was provided by the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Virginia C. Tudela, Accreditation Liaison Officer.

Formative/Summative Comprehensive Peer Review



Guam Community College is one of four community colleges nationwide featured in the Lumina Foundation community college spotlight series “Inside Out: Community Colleges Far and Wide.” The series takes a closer look at how community colleges are taking unique and innovative approaches to postsecondary education and making an impact in their communities.

In February 2023, a team of five from Lumina Foundation arrived in Guam and were met with amazing sunrises and sunsets, warm summer weather away from their winter season, and a community college changing the landscape of workforce development for this U.S. island territory.

In the feature video, Lumina describes GCC as “A small but mighty college, steeped in culture and history, and strong on workforce,” referencing GCC’s ambitious workforce training programs and longstanding impact on Guam’s economy in our visitor industry, national defense support and regional transportation.

The video features interviews with GCC students and graduates, faculty, community partners and GCC’s President, Dr. Mary Okada. The interviews highlight the college’s far-reaching impact throughout our island’s workforce. As the video says, “There’s never been a stronger sense of community in college. Guam Community College might be far from the mainland United States, but its faculty and staff are working tirelessly to improve opportunities close to home.”

You check it out here: [Inside Out: Community Colleges Far and Wide](#)

CHILDCARE BC COMPLETION

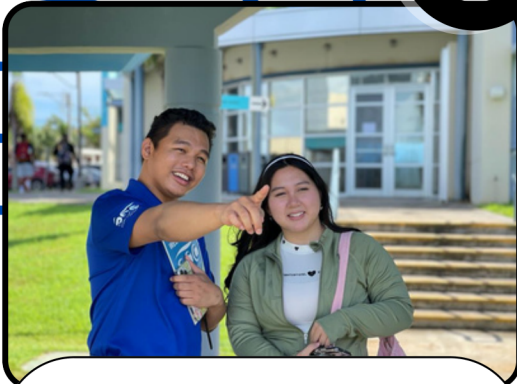
Thirteen individuals successfully completed the 5th Childcare Bootcamp and were recognized during a completion ceremony on Friday, August 11, 2023. The Childcare Bootcamp was funded by the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DHPSS) and developed by Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA) and GCC to provide our island families with qualified daycare providers to meet the critical shortage in available and affordable daycare and after-school programs.

Participants in this bootcamp completed a seven-week curriculum including Early Childhood Education Orientation and Child Growth & Development. Other courses included Heartsaver First Aid, CPR, AED, and WorkKeys®. This program is free to qualified applicants who are accepted into the program.

A Childcare Leadership Bootcamp is planned for October 2023. This bootcamp is targeted for childcare providers wanting to manage a childcare facility. Contact GCC’s Office of Continuing Education and Workforce Development to learn more about this, or other bootcamps that you can avail of at no or little cost to you – email workforce@guamcc.edu or call 671-735-5640.



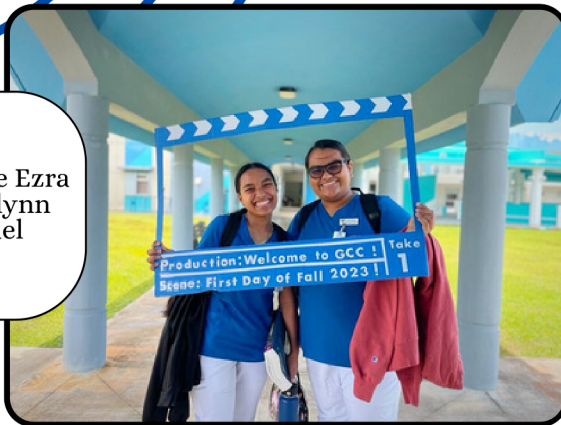
WELCOME TO GCC!



L-R: Kenly Magwili, BOT Student Representative & Julia Delos Reyes



L-R: Mary Pangelinan, Lauryn Cruz, & Nyeshya Castro



L-R: Chloe Ezra & Annalynn Michael



Mary Grace Watson



L-R: Mary Pangelinan, Lauryn Cruz, Deshaun Warren, Anthony Atoigue
Kneeling: Zoe Abayon



L-R: Benjamin Hernandez, Jr, COPSA Palimenterian; Kenly Magwili, BOT Student Member; Daniel Iriarte, COPSA Vice President; Katrina Lin Luperam, COPSA Secretary

Guam Community College (GCC) is one of six colleges nationwide that was awarded a digital and mobile enhancement grant of \$150,000 from Lumina Foundation. The funding is intended to support community colleges in improving their capacity to engage and enroll potential students through enhanced digital presence, mobile design, and accessibility. GCC will use the funding to update the College's website and move to a mobile-first experience on all its digital platforms for its students and community members.

"The timing of this grant could not be better, as we are preparing to upgrade our website and our mobile assets to give our students a better experience," says Dr. Mary Okada, GCC's President. "We recognize that the students coming out of high school these days are doing much of their interactions on their mobile devices, so we are going to optimize that experience for them."

Recent events have changed the paradigm for how people interact, work, learn, and collaborate. The move to digital is now becoming the norm in the workplace and classrooms. GCC will bring that same experience to our college campus, allowing our students to interact in the same digital environment as they will in their workplace.

WICHE PESEP SCHOLARSHIP

Guam residents currently pursuing a professional medical degree, or accepted into a professional medical degree program within one of the 60 Western Interstate Commission of Higher Education (WICHE) cooperating programs, now can apply for funding support at guamcc.edu/PSEP.

"Thanks to the Biråda Act, we are now able to support Guam's medical students with the high cost of medical school, and also assure that they can come back on-island to fill critical gaps in our health care services," GCC's President, Dr. Mary Okada, said. "GCC's role is to secure funding and facilitate the WICHE application process for these students. As always, GCC rises to meet the needs in our community, and we will put that same focus into this process."

Guam is participating in WICHE's Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) to assist students pursuing a career in designated health fields to enroll in participating programs within the WICHE region, and to receive substantial tuition support from Guam. According to WICHE's website, participating students can save \$34,100 to \$133,600 over the course of their health degree study. Guam WICHE participants must commit to returning to Guam to practice in their chosen field in health care.

Interested Guam applicants can apply for PSEP funding in five healthcare fields: Allopathic Medicine (MD), Occupational Therapy (MOT, OTD), Osteopathic Medicine (DO), Pharmacy (PharmD) and Physical Therapy (DPT).

The deadline to submit an application to psep@guamcc.edu is by **Sunday, October 15, 2023**.

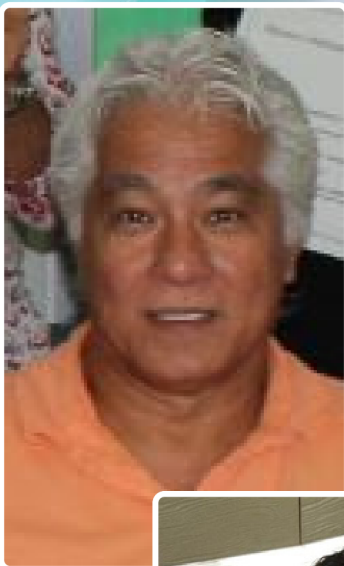
CAMPUS EVENTS & MEETINGS

- 08 - Student Organization Office & Advisor Induction Ceremony & Training, MPA, 12 p.m.
- 08 - COPSA General Membership Meeting, MPA Bldg. 300, 2 p.m.
- 13 - GCC Board of Trustees meeting, at the LRC, 12:00 P.M.
- 15 - POST Commission meeting, at the LRC, 10:30 A.M.
- 15 - Student Organization Plan of Action due date, CSI, 3 p.m.
- 15 - Cosmetology Cohort 3 & 4 Car Wash Fundraiser, Coast 360 in Maite, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 19 - Practical Nursing Student Association Bake Sale, Front Entrance Allied Health Bldg., 11 a.m.
- 22 - COPSA General Membership Meeting, LRC Training Room 5108, 12 p.m.
- 23 - GCC Foundation Golf Tournament 2023, Leo Palace Resort, 7 a.m. Show time & 8 a.m. Go time
- 27 - Ship Repair VII Bootcamp Completion Ceremony, MPA Bldg. 300, 11 a.m.
- 29 - Need to Lead Student Conference, Holiday Resort Guam, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- 29 - VA Education Benefits Q&A Session, MPA Bldg. 300, 10 a.m.

September

CONGRATULATIONS!!

— HAPPY —
Retirement



Anthony Roberto

Associate Professor, Assessment and Counseling

8/1991 - 9/2023

32 years



Norman Aguilar

Assistant Professor, Hospitality & Tourism

8/2002 - 9/2023

21 years

H.R. CORNER

SEPTEMBER

- 01 - Regine F. Olarte, Assistant Instructor, Culinary & Foodservice Management
- 01 - Nenita P. Cruz, Instructor, Business, Visual Communications & Marketing
- 02 - James M. Tabunar, Instructor, Automotive Technology
- 04 - Jaclyn Lee Q. Pereda, Instructor, Adult Basic Education
- 05 - John E. Zillian, Instructor, Construction Trades
- 06 - Jose U. Munoz, Associate Professor, Criminal Justice Social Science
- 12 - Joanne M. I. Blas, Administrative Assistant, Dean's Office TSS
- 15 - Kimberly C. Bautista, Administrative Aide, Dean's Office TSS
- ★ 17 - John K. Dela Rosa, Assistant Director, Communications & Promotions
- 20 - Gerald A. B. Cruz, Associate Dean, Dean's Office TSS
- 21 - Carl E. Torres, Instructor, Math & Science
- ★ 23 - Carol A. Guerrero, Accountant II, Business Office
- ★ 23 - Steve S. Cheipot, Library Technician II, Learning Resource Center
- 30 - Keith N. Quinata, Instructor, Construction Trades
- 30 - Christina S. Lee, Instructor, English



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Darlygn M. Zapanta
Emergency Instructor
Hospitality & Tourism



Darlene M. Sanchez
Emergency Instructor
Business & VisCom - Marketing