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



Hotel Industry Joins Forces with GCC Hospitality and Tourism Department

Article & Photos Submitted by: Carol Cruz, Department Chairperson, Hospitality & Tourism, TPS

Guam Community College's (GCC) Hospitality and Tourism Department held another successful collaboration with the hotel industry during the GCC College and Career Night held on February 28, 2024, at the GCC Multipurpose Auditorium in Mangilao. In addition, the event recognized Ryan Pelonio, Hospitality and Tourism Management Program student from Simon Sanchez High School, who is one of the first officially registered Hotel Associate Youth Apprentices through the Guam Department of Labor. Also in attendance was Aliana Gay from Tiyan High School who is also an official registered Hotel Associate Youth Apprentices. Both students are starting their youth apprenticeship program at the Hyatt Regency Guam.

The event brought together representatives from the hotel industry and the GCC Hospitality and Tourism Department to promote the Hotel Associate Youth Apprenticeship Program. The joint effort aimed to create awareness among high school students and parents about the unique apprenticeship opportunities available in the hospitality and tourism sector on Guam. The participating hotels include: Hotel Nikko, Guam Plaza Resort, and the Hyatt Regency.

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Recognizing Guam's First Officially Registered Hotel Associate Youth Apprenticeship

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(Cont...) "Being our second time jointly promoting the Hotel Associate Youth Apprenticeship Program, I am very appreciative to receive continuous support of the hotel industry at our College and Career Night event. Their presence and active participation in promoting the Hotel Associate Youth Apprenticeship Program signifies our collective commitment to nurturing the next generation as they are enrolled in GCC's career and technical education in hospitality and tourism," said Carol Cruz, Department Chairperson, GCC's Hospitality and Tourism Department.

The Hotel Associate Youth Apprenticeship Program, the first of its kind on Guam, offers high school students the opportunity to gain valuable real-world experience in the island's major hotels starting at the age of 16. The program, a collaboration between GCC, Guam Department of Labor and the hotel industry, provides on-the-job training, mentorship, and exposure to various roles in the hotel industry.

At the GCC College and Career Night, participating hotels had the exclusive opportunity to feature their establishments and share information about the apprenticeship program with interested parents and students.

The Hotel Associate Youth Apprenticeship Program offers students a unique opportunity to earn while they learn, gain valuable work experience, and receive a Certificate of Mastery aligned with GCC's Hospitality and Tourism Management Program. Tuition is free for all courses taken under the program, providing an accessible pathway for students to attain their A.S. in International Hotel Management.

BSCTE Student Engaged in Guam Association of Career & Technical Education Summit

Article & Photos Submitted by: Marivic C. Scharge, MEd CTE, Associate Professor

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Career and Technical Education (BSCTE) program engaged and contributed to the Guam Association of Career and Technical Education Summit, which took place on February 16 and 17, 2024.

The event was hosted at the University of Guam Lecture Hall and the GCA Trades Academy. In this photo, they were joined by Dr. Mary Okada, one of the featured panelists, who shared insights during the panel discussion on Workforce Development and the Future of Career and Technical Education.



Guam Chapter Association of Career and Technical Education Summit

Article & Photo Submitted by: Marivic C. Schrage, MEd CTE, Associate Professor

The Guam Chapter Association of Career and Technical Education Summit was held on February 16 and 17, 2024. A total of 60+ teachers from CNMI, GDOE, and GCC attended the workshop on February 17. With 39% of presenters from GCC (Dr. Julie Ulloa-Heath, Dr. Mike Chan, Carol Cruz, Missy Palomo, Phil Callos, Hernalin Analista, and Marivic Schrage), this only strengthens GCC's standing in the community as the leader in career and technical education.



GCC Completes 100kW PV System Installation to Drive Sustainability Efforts

Article Submitted by: Francisco "Kiko" Palacios, Sustainability & Project Coordinator

Guam Community College is proud to announce the successful completion of a 100-kilowatt (kW) photovoltaic (PV) system installation on campus at Buildings A and C bringing the campus's renewable energy capacity to 260kW. This significant achievement marks a major milestone in GCC's commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. The project was completed at the beginning of February 2024.

The new PV system is projected to save approximately \$5,000 monthly on GCC's energy costs, providing substantial cost savings for the College. In addition to the financial benefits, the system will also have a positive impact on the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 10.4 metric tons.

The project exemplifies GCC's dedication to embracing renewable energy solutions and reducing its carbon footprint. By harnessing the power of solar energy, GCC is not only advancing its sustainability goals but also setting an example for our community through our ongoing commitment to innovation, sustainability, and responsible resource management.

As we celebrate this milestone, GCC looks forward to continuing its efforts to promote sustainability, inspire change, and create a brighter, more sustainable future for Guam and beyond. The project was funded by the Department of the Interior Empowering Insular Communities Grant (EICG) and was awarded to Pacific Solar and Photovoltaics in February 2023 and cost \$394,000.

GCC College & Career Night for Secondary Students

Photos Submitted by: Angelica Arca, GCC Marketing Practicum Student, with the Office of Communications & Promotions

Guam Community College Counseling and Assessment Office hosted another “Family Road Map to College and Career Night” on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, in the Multipurpose Auditorium (Bldg. 300).

The event shared valuable information with visiting parents, guardians, and their high school teens about the opportunities and services available to them through GCC's post-secondary programs.

The informational session also shared helpful tips to make a student’s transition from high school to college at GCC as seamless as possible. After the presentation, participants had the opportunity to walk through the MPA and visit the different program and service booths, gathering information to help them decide which program was the right fit for them. The plan of the event was to equip high school students with information to hit the ground running when they enter GCC as a college student.



JFKHS Students and Apprentices Participate in Effective Communication Workshop

Article & Photos Submitted by: J. Peter Roberto, Instructor & Program Specialist, Alumni Relations and Fundraising



The John F. Kennedy High School National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) officers and members met on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at the GCC main campus as part of team building and leadership development. The students began the morning with a chance to bond through informal engagement and activities along with their CTE NTHS advisors. Later in the morning, students participated in a workshop entitled, “6S.M.A.R.T.I. Tips For Effective Communication.”

Instructor J. Peter Roberto and his student apprentices from PY-325 Work Ethics in Career and Technical Fields co-facilitated the workshop.

The workshop began with students participating in “hands-on” activities making learning fun. The apprentices served as positive role models as they facilitated the learning activities promoting effective communication. During the second half of the workshop, the students then attended a PowerPoint presentation on tips for effective communication led by Instructor Roberto.

According to NTHS GCC-CTE advisor, Eva Marie L. Mui, “by fostering interaction between JFKHS NTHS students and post-secondary apprentice students, the workshop facilitated valuable discussions, enhancing the students' understanding of real-world communication dynamics.”



Accreditaion 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.

- March 1 - ISER Draft 1 posted on MyGCC for review and feedback
- March 15 - Feedback from stakeholders due to the VPAA's office via email:
gcc.vpaaoffice@guamcc.edu
- March 19 - Standards Committees receive Draft 2
- April 1 - College Assembly - Presentation of ISER Highlights
- April 1-12 - ISER Draft 2 post on MyGCC for review and feedback
- April 15-19 - Final edits are made to ISER Semi-Final Draft
- April 22-30 - ISER approval through the governance process: Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, College Governing Council (CGC) and Board of Trustees (BOT)
- August 1 - ISER submission to ACCJC
- October 25 - Team ISER Review: Standards Validation/Core Inquiries (off-campus site)
- Spring 2025 (Week of March 3) - Focused Site Visit Core Inquiries (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.

STANDARD COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard 1 - Every Thursday, 2pm - 3pm,
President's Conference Room (PCR).
Chair - Dr. Michael Chan
Co-Chair - Dr. Anthony Jay Sunga • Standard 2 - Every Friday 2pm - 3pm,
President's Conference Room (PCR).
Chair - Marivic Schrage
Co-Chair - Dr. Marsha Postrozny-Torres | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard 3 - Every Tuesday, 2pm - 3pm,
Student Support & Administration
Conference Room (SSA).
Chair - Apolline San Nicolas
Co-Chair - Carl Torres II • Standard 4 - Every Friday, 10am - 12pm,
President's Conference Room (PCR).
Chair - Carol Cruz
Co-Chair - Dr. Julie Ulloa-Heath |
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March Events & Meetings

Information On This Page Provided by GCC Students, Faculty, Staff and Administrators

- 01 - COPSA General Membership Meeting, Training Room #5108, 12 p.m.
- 04 - **Guam History & CHamoru Heritage Day**
- 08 - The Edge Student Conference, MPA Bldg. 300, 8:30 a.m.
- 08 - Advancement-in-Rank Spring Workshop, E Building Room#117, 3 p.m.
- 13 - DPR GovGuam Basketball League: Educators vs TEAM GCC, Dededo Sports Complex - Court #2, 8:30 p.m.
- 14 - Veterans Club Lunch Fundraiser, Vets Lounge Room 6111, 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m
- 15 - GCC Board of Trustees Meeting, LRC, 12 p.m.
- 15 - Administrative Professionals Society, Panda Express Fundraiser.
Hagatna Panda Express only, 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
- 15 - COPSA General Membership Meeting, Training Room #5108, 12 p.m.
- 17 - Cosmetogists United Together (CUT) Car Wash Fundraiser,
VFW Post 1509 in Yigo, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 18 - Student deadline to submit Application for Graduation
- 20 - Bus Driving Bootcamp III Completion Ceremony, MPA Bldg. 300, 8:30 a.m.
- 20 - DPR GovGuam Basketball League: TEAM GCC vs DPR Power, Dededo Sports Complex - Court #1, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 - Eco Warriors 21st Annual Fish Bowl Challenge, MPA Bldg. 300, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 23 - 24 - GCC Spring Bazaar, MPA Bldg. 300, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 23 - DPR GovGuam Basketball League: TEAM GCC vs Team Justice, Dededo Sports Complex - Court #2, 2 p.m.
- 25 - Summer & Fall 2024 Registration Opens**
- 25 - 31 - Spring Break**

In Memoriam...

Information Provided by GCC Human Resources Office



Gina G. Leon Guerrero

Personnel Specialist II

10/12/68 - 2/8/24

As we mourn the loss of Gina, let us also remember the joy she brought into our lives and the positive impact she had on our campus community. In this difficult time, we extend our deepest condolences to her family, friends, and loved ones.

March 2024 Employee Birthdays

Information Provided by: *GCC Human Resources Office*

- 03 - Tara Rose Pascua, Program Coordinator I, Center for Student Involvement
- 04 - Esther Lyn Castro, Administrative Aide, Materials Management
- 04 - Dr. Michael Chan, Dean, School of Technology & Student Services
- 05 - Dr. Virginia C. Tudela, Vice President, Academic Affairs
- 05 - Denise Mendiola, Assistant Director, Continuing Education & Workforce Development
- 06 - Roma Okada, Administrative Assistant, Vice President Finance & Administration
- 09 - Christopher Charfauros, Administrative Aide, School of Trades & Professional Services
- 13 - Erwin Tudela, Instructor, Automotive Technology
- 14 - Darwin Joker, Program Coordinator I, Adult Basic Education
- 16 - Patricia Terlaje, Associate Professor, Assessment & Counseling
- 17 - Loren Abrahams, Instructor, Education - Cosmetology
- 19 - Jade Rose Belga, Administrative Aide, Continuing Education & Workforce Development
- 22 - Mariana Pangelinan, Instructor, Math & Science - Math
- 23 - Ben Torres, Administrative Aide, Materials Management
- 24 - Simone Bollinger, Assistant Professor, English
- 24 - Sharon Oliveros, Assistant Professor, Assessment & Counseling - Vocational Guidance
- 25 - Gwen Luz, Emergency Instructor, Business & Visual Communications - VC
- 26 - Catherine Solidum, Assistant Director, Assessment, Ins. Effectiveness & Research
- 27 - Ana Mari Atoigue, Program Coordinator II, Assessment, Ins. Effectiveness & Research
- 28 - Melissa Palomo, Education - Early Childhood Education
- 29 - Esther Muna, Private Secretary, Office of the President
- 30 - Philip Kelvin Callos, Assistant Instructor, Culinary & Foodservices

New Hire



Galen Balajadia
Assistant Instructor
Construction Trades

Promotion



Jessca Garcia
Accounting Technician I
Business Office

CoEd Basketball Team

Thank you Team GCC for embodying the true spirit of our team. Your dedication, perseverance, and sportsmanship make us all winners, regardless of the score. Here's to many more memorable moments and victories on our journey together.

Upcoming Games*

- 3/20 - GCC vs DPR - 6:30 p.m.
- 3/23 - GCC vs Team Justice - 2 p.m.
- 4/03 - GDOE vs GCC - 7:30 p.m.
- 4/10 - GCC vs Port Authority - 8:30 p.m.
- 4/13 - Guam Fire vs GCC - 1 p.m.

*all games at Dededo Sports Complex



IDEA Rating Survey


Information On This Page Provided by the Office of Assessment, Institutional Effectiveness & Research (AIER)

Be on the lookout in your GCC email for this semester's Individual Development and Educational Assessment, or IDEA, Rating Survey. What is the purpose of the survey? It is a tool that allows GCC students to rate their learning experience in their classroom for a particular semester. The survey is an evaluation of students' in-classroom experience with their instructor and his/her methodology of teaching. The questions are only classroom-related.

The survey period closes on Monday, March 18, 2024. Every survey is confidential and your thoughtful responses regarding the instructional aspects of the course provide faculty with insights about effectiveness and give insight into future improvements for the course and programs.

Your instructor may set aside time in class to complete the surveys. Any device with a wireless Internet connection (smartphone, iPad, tablet, laptop, etc.) can access the survey. The system is set to automatically create reminders. Once your surveys have been completed you will no longer receive the automated email reminder messages.

To take the survey now, please scan the QR code on this page.

Please answer the following for De 

Your thoughtful answers to these questions will provide helpful information to your instructor.

Describe the frequency of your instructor's teaching procedures.

The Instructor:

Found ways to help students answer their own questions *

Hardly Ever

Occasionally

Sometimes

Frequently

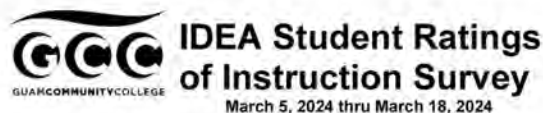
Almost Always

Helped students to interpret subject matter from diverse perspectives (e.g., different cultures, religions, genders, political views) *

Hardly Ever

Occasionally

Sometimes



*Students are highly encouraged to complete the survey for **each** course registered this semester.

Students can access the survey via:

- Email notification
- Moodle home page
- Direct link: <https://guamcc.campuslabs.com/eval-home>
- QR Code



If you have any questions, feel free to email the AIER staff at gcc.aier@guamcc.edu.

Campus Candid!



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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, Culinary Program

Student Corner

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MARCH 11 - 15, 2024
BIBA MES CHAMORU
 Spirit Week

MONDAY
 Hafa Adai Lunas!
 Wear Chamoru accessories!
 (Sinahi, spondylus or wooden wearables)

TUESDAY
 Flores Mattea!
 Wear some flowers!
 (Floral print top or dress, in your hair, or everywhere)

WEDNESDAY
 Woven Wearables
 Wear your favorite woven piece.
 (Woven hats, bracelets, earrings)

THURSDAY
 Mestisa yan Chanianan Potmat
 If you got it, we want to see you in it! Don't forget to accessorize.

FRIDAYS IN MARCH
 Biba Betnes!
 Let's celebrate Friday!
 Show off your favorite island print!

Help to fund the diverse decorations and backgrounds with our workshop. Be respectful of others' religious beliefs of faith and observance. Only wear items that have been a public and inclusive experience for everyone at GCC.

BIBA BETNES!
 (Hooray its Friday!)

Join us in wearing island print, every Friday in March.



Veterans Club LUNCH SALE
 Thursday - March 14, 2024
 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
 Veteran Students Resource Center
 Bldg 6000 RM 6111
 CASH ONLY

MENU:

RED RICE	1 CHOICE - \$6
BEEF & BROCCOLI	2 CHOICE - \$9
FRIED CHICKEN	3 CHOICE - \$12
SALT & PEPPER PORKCHOP	
SPAM MUSUBI	\$2
MUFFINS	\$2
COOKIES	\$1
RICE KRISPIES	\$1
BROWNIES	\$1



MARINE MANIA
 PRESENTS
 THE 21ST ANNUAL
FISHBOWL

AT THE
 GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 MARCH 16, 2024




SPRING BAZAAR
 GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SATURDAY MARCH 23, 2024 & SUNDAY MARCH 24, 2024

8 AM - 2 PM **MULTIPURPOSE AUDITORIUM (BUILDING 300)**



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PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT GCC STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

REMINDER



Summer & Fall 2024 Semester Registration Opens...

3/25/2024


REGISTER AT:
WWW.GUAMCC.EDU/APPLY
 EXISTING STUDENTS CAN LOG IN USING THEIR MYGCC ACCOUNT

CAMPUS CLOSED!

Guam Community College will be holding its Spring 2024 College Assembly to provide required professional development training for all faculty, staff and administrators on Monday, April 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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2024

Pricing

Gown: \$38.00
 Cap: \$13.00
 Tassel: \$12.00
 Regalia Set: \$55.00

Contact the GCC Bookstore for any further inquiries regarding attire and class rings.

COPSA
 Council on Postsecondary Student Affairs

2024 - 2025 STUDENT LEADER APPLICATIONS OPEN!



DEADLINE TO APPLY: MARCH 22, 2024 3:00PM

BECOME THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE STUDENT MEMBER!
 The GCC Board of Trustees ensures that students receive the highest quality education and job training here at GCC. Your voting Student Member on the Board ensures that your voice is heard and your concerns are addressed.

BECOME A COPSA OFFICER!
 The Council on Postsecondary Student Affairs or COPSA is your GCC student government. COPSA plans student activities, leadership conferences, approves student organization budgets, and ensures that the College fully considers the needs and interests of students in its decisions and offerings.

ELECTION PERIOD!
 Elections will take place from 10:00am, Monday, April 8, 2024 to 8:00pm Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

For more information, please contact the Center for Student Involvement (CSI) at 671-735-8887 ext. 5518/9 or visit Room 5203 (2nd Fl., Student Center, Bldg. 5000)



To post a student event or announcement please email trina.sanagustin@guamcc.edu by the 25th of every month.



SPRING 2024 STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Important Dates and Activities for Students

JANUARY	Time	Activity	Location
Mon., Jan. 8 th	10:00am	Spring 2024 Student Orientation & Campus Tour	MPA, Bldg. 300
Wed., Jan. 10 th		First Day of Monday/Wednesday Classes	
Thurs., Jan. 11 th		First Day of Tuesday/Thursday Classes	
Fri., Jan. 12 th		First Day of Friday Classes	
Sat., Jan. 13 th		First Day of Saturday Classes	
Mon., Jan. 15 th		HOLIDAY – Martin Luther King Jr. Day	
Fri., Jan. 19 th	12:00pm	COPSA General Membership Meeting	Training Room 5108
Fri., Jan. 26 th	12:00pm	Student Organization Refresher Training	Training Room 5108
FEBRUARY	Time	Activity	Location
Fri., Feb. 2 nd	12:00pm	COPSA General Membership Meeting	Training Room 5108
Tues., Feb. 13 th	4:00pm	Meet the President	MPA, Bldg. 300
Wed., Feb. 14 th	4:00pm	Meet the President	MPA, Bldg. 300
Fri., Feb. 16 th	12:00pm	COPSA General Membership Meeting	Training Room 5108
MARCH	Time	Activity	Location
Fri., Mar. 1 st	12:00pm	COPSA General Membership Meeting	Training Room 5108
Mon., Mar. 4 th		HOLIDAY – Guam History & CHamoru Heritage Day	
Fri., Mar. 8 th	8:30am – 3:30pm	The EDGE Student Conference	TBA
Fri., Mar. 15 th	12:00pm	COPSA General Membership Meeting	Training Room 5108
Mon., Mar. 18 th		Last Day to Withdraw – Full Term Courses	Admissions, Bldg. 2000
Mon., Mar. 18 th		Deadline to Submit Application for Graduation	Admissions, Bldg. 2000
Fri. Mar. 22 nd	4:00pm	Deadline to Submit Applications to Run in the GCC Student Leaders Election	CSI, Room 5203
Mar. 25 th – Mar. 31 st		SPRING BREAK	
APRIL	Time	Activity	Location
Mon., Apr. 1 st	8:00am – 3:00pm	NO CLASSES (8:00am – 3:00pm) – College Assembly	
Thurs., Apr. 4 th	4:00pm – 8:00pm	Spring Festival & “Tour of the Pacific”	Student Center Courtyard
Apr. 8 th – Apr. 10 th		2024-2025 GCC Student Leaders Election	Online via GCC Email
Fri., Apr. 12 th	12:00pm	COPSA General Membership Meeting	Training Room 5108
Wed. Apr. 17 th		COPSA Game Night – Recreational Activity	Training Room 5108
Fri. Apr. 19 th	4:00pm	Last Day to Submit Student Organization Fund Vouchers - COPSA Account	CSI, Room 5203
Fri., Apr. 26 th	12:00pm	COPSA General Membership Meeting	Training Room 5108
Fri., Apr. 26 th		Last Day of Friday Classes	
Sat., Apr. 27 th		Last Day of Saturday Classes	
Tues., Apr. 30 th		Last Day of Tuesday/Thursday Classes	
MAY	Time	Activity	Location
Mon., May 6 th		Last Day of Monday/Wednesday Classes	
Thurs., May 9 th		Grades Due	
Thurs., May 16 th	12:00pm	Graduate Appreciation sponsored by COPSA	UOG Calvo Field House
Thurs., May 16 th	1:00pm	Graduation Rehearsal	UOG Calvo Field House
Fri., May 17 th		Commencement Exercise	UOG Calvo Field House

Activities, dates, times, and locations are subject to change. For the most up-to-date Student Activities Calendar, please visit www.guamcc.edu/ssi as of November 30, 2023

Center for Student Involvement (CSI)

Location: Room 5203, Bldg. 5000, Student Center Tel: (671) 735-8887, Ext. 5518/9 Email: csi@guamcc.edu