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CAMPUS NEWS AND EVENTS FROM STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES AND OUR COMMUNITY

DNA BUILDING RIBBON CUTTING

Joined by the Department of Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs, Carmen G. Cantor, Guam Community College cut the ribbon opening the **Gregorio G. Perez Crime Lab Building Annex** on Wednesday, January 25, 2023.

The opening of the crime lab will assist law enforcement personnel, on Guam and in this region, in solving crimes with the latest technology built in the 4,915 square foot laboratory. The building has a Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) room, a case room; and classroom areas for the Criminal Justice program.



GCC acknowledges our community partners who supported this project: The Friends of the Crime Lab, U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Guam Police Department, Governor Lourdes Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Joshua Tenorio, Senators of the 37th Guam Legislature, and Taniguchi Ruth Makio Architects (TRMA).

Construction of the Gregorio G. Perez Crime Lab Annex project broke ground on October 4, 2019. It is designed to be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certified.

LUMINA FOUNDATION TO FEATURE GCC



Lumina Foundation paid a special visit to GCC as one of four colleges nationwide selected to be featured in a new community college spotlight series. The GCC spotlight will be released this Summer and will feature GCC's students, graduates, faculty, and employer partners.

The team of four was on the island from February 10th through February 20th, 2023. While on the island they interviewed several students, alumni, faculty, and our Workforce Development partners such as **Cabras Marine Corp.**, **IT&E**, **Guam Army/Air National Guard**, and **Black Construction Corp.**

Among the programs that will be highlighted in the GCC spotlight are **Allied Health**, **Culinary**, **Automotive**, **Human Services**, **CHamoru Education**, and our **apprenticeship** program.

Lumina Foundation is an independent, private foundation committed to making opportunities for learning beyond high school available to all. They envision a system easy to navigate, delivers fair results, and meets the nation's need for talent through a broad range of credentials.

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- First Day of Spring 2023 Semester
- March 2023 Employee Birthday Celebrants

CULINARY ACCREDITATION



The American Culinary Federation Education Foundation (ACFEF) Accrediting Commission completed its site visit with the Guam Community College's Culinary Arts Program in November 2022. The visiting evaluating team awarded GCC Culinary Arts Program for Exemplary status granting a **7-year accreditation** on February 1, 2023. This visit is a renewal of the program's accreditation status in 2017 for the Associate of Arts in Culinary Arts.

This Post-secondary accreditation by ACFEF Accrediting Commission ensures that GCC's Culinary Program provides its student chefs with the knowledge and skill set needed to achieve their career goals not just in our local culinary industry but elsewhere.

GCC Associate of Arts in Culinary Arts Program prepares students with the knowledge, skills, competencies, and attitude necessary for a successful career in the Culinary Arts Industry. **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GCC CULINARY PROGRAM!**

E3: DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Guam Community College hosted the **E3: Engagement + Empowerment + Equity = Diversity & Inclusion Forum** on Wednesday, January 25, 2023.

The forum returned for the first time since January 2020 after the Covid-19 pandemic halted discussions. As our island returns to some sense of normalcy, we are again revisiting the very real challenge of diversity, equity, and inclusion for disaffected members of our island community. Panelists shared their experiences with diversity and inclusion in a small island community. Their unique experiences shaped the backdrop of discussion.

The event featured John and James Cruickshank who announced at the symposium they will match the GCC LGBTQ scholarship two-to-one, meaning if GCC has a \$1,000 scholarship the Cruickshank's will commit \$2,000 in additional scholarships. The Cruickshank's have developed a deep love for Guam and Micronesia and were featured speakers at the forum.



GCC HOSTS APIA LUNCHEON



Executive members of The **Asian & Pacific Islander Americans (APIA) Scholars** were treated to a Chamoru-themed luncheon in the Multipurpose Auditorium on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

The visiting members included APIA Executive Director and President Dr. Noel Harmon, APIA Board Member Nancy Lee, and Director of Research and Policy Florie Mendiola. This trip is the first for Dr. Harmon and Ms. Lee.

The APIA visitors indulged in their Chamoru lunch while listening in on recipient success stories. After the luncheon and social, the Council on Postsecondary Student Affairs (COPSA) officers gave them a tour around the campus.

The APIA Scholarship is open to Asian and Pacific Islander American students. APIA Scholars seek to provide scholarships to underserved APIA students, with a special focus on individuals who are living at or below the poverty level; are first-generation college students in their family; represent the diversity geographically and ethnically of the APIA community; and have demonstrated commitment to their community through leadership and service.

DONATIONS



On January 10th, **Hilton Guam Resort & Spa** donated \$12,000 to Guam Community College's **ProStart** program. The entire team at Hilton Guam Resort & Spa would like to thank all the generous sponsors and participants of the hotel's 50th Anniversary Charity 5K Run/Walk event on December 4, 2022.

The **Education Department** greatly appreciated recent donations from **Loren Abrahamsen** (GCC Cosmetology Instructor) for the **Cosmetology Program**. Included in her February 8th donation were five utility carts, four salon chairs, seven fatigue mats, and a hair processor. These items will be of great use to our students and those whom they provide services for. Thank you, Loren!



Owner of **Essence Hair Artistry**, **Gilda Espaldon** donated to the **Cosmetology Program** 2 reclining mechanical barber chairs valued at \$3,000 each, and 1 black anti-fatigue mat. The donation was presented on January 30, 2023.

Reminder: If cash or in-kind (equipment, supplies or services) donations are made to the college you are asked to email photos with a description to Development and Alumni Relations Program Specialist, Bonnie Mae Datuin at bonniemae.datuin@guamcc.edu.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Tara Rose Pascua, Student Support
- 4 - Dr. Michael Chan, TSS Dean & Esther Castro, Bookstore
- 5 - Dr. Virginia Tudela, VP of Academic Affairs & Denise Mendiola, CEWD Asst. Director
- 6 - Roma Okada, VP's Office of F&A & Darlene Sholing, CEWD
- 9 - Ethan Naputi, MMO
- 13 - Erwin Tudela, Automotive Instructor
- 14 - Darwin Joker, Adult Education
- 16 - Patricia Terlaje, TSS Counselor
- 17 - Loren Abrahamsen, Cosmetology Instructor
- 19 - Jaden Rose Belga, CEWD
- 23 - Ben Torres, MMO
- 24 - Simone Bollinger, English DC & Sharon Oliveros, Secondary Counselor
- 26 - Catherine Solidum, AIER
- 27 - Ana Mari Atoigue, AIER
- 28 - Melissa Palomo, Education ECE
- 29 - Natsumi Kuranami, Asst. Culinary Instructor & Esther Muna, President's Office
- 30 - Philip Callos, Asst. Culinary Instructor

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

WELCOME TO SPRING 2023 SEMESTER



CAMPUS EVENTS/MEETINGS

MARCH 2023

BIBA MES CHAMORU!

- 2 - Mes CHamoru Merienda @ Bldg. 2000 Rotunda, 3 p.m.
- 2 - GCC Veterans Club & Culinary Bake Sale @ Veteran Resource Center (Bldg. 6000), 11 a.m.
- 3 - The Edge Student Conference @ Westin Resort, 9 a.m.
- 3 - Last day to submit Spring 2023 semester IDEA Student Rating of Instruction Survey
- 4 - Fundraiser for Education Student Organization @ Panda Express Tamuning, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- 6 - Holiday - Guam History and CHamoru Heritage Day
- 8 & 9 - 2nd Annual Show & Sell @ MPA, 9 a.m.
- 9 - Free On-Site STD/HIV Testing @ Health Services, 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- 10 - GCC Board of Trustees Meeting @ LRC Meeting Room, 12 p.m.
- 16 - Culinary Pastry Sale @ Culinary Classroom (Bldg. 400), 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- 17 - ISER Advanced Training, Location To Be Announced, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- 20 - Summer & Fall Registration Opens
- 22 - Culinary To-Go Lunches "Hawaii" @ Culinary Kitchen (Bldg. 400), 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- 23 - Culinary Pastry Sale @ Culinary Classroom (Bldg. 400), 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
- 29 - Culinary To-Go Lunches "Japan" @ Culinary Kitchen (Bldg. 400), 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- 31 - Gupot CHamoru @ LRC, 11:30 a.m.

