

JULY - AUG 2018

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GUAMCOMMUNITYCOLLEGE NEWSLETTER

## Welcome to GCC for fall semester 2018!

GCC welcomed over 2,100 students to campus on Aug. 15 and 16, the first days of class for fall semester 2018. The Center for Student Involvement and the 2018-2019 student officers of the Council on Postsecondary Student Affairs hosted New Student Orientation on Aug. 14 in the MPA, to familiarize the 201 new students in attendance with GCC and give them a tour of campus. Have a great semester, everyone!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 3-4

Gubernatorial Forums 6:00 - 7:30 pm in MPA

Oct. 24-25

Senatorial Forums 6:00 - 7:30 pm in MPA

Oct. 13

MagPro 5K - 6:00 am Chamorro Village

Nov. 6

College Assembly 8:00 am - noon in MPA  
(Also Election Day!)

Nov. 10

GCC/FHB John Lee Jr. 2k/5K Run Walk 6:00 am Chamorro Village

## MISSION

**Guam Community College is a leader in career and technical workforce development, providing the highest quality student-centered education and job training for Micronesia.**

## 1ST CONSTRUCTION BOOT CAMP SUCCESSFUL

GCC and island construction employers celebrated the completion by 33 participants of GCC's Future Builders of Guam Construction Boot Camp on Aug. 28 in the GCC Learning Resource Center. GCC offered the free construction boot camp from July 2 through August 10 in order to address the critical shortage of construction workers on island. Several employers have hired some of the completers, two of whom scored platinum (the highest possible) on the National Career Readiness Certificate exam. The completers will also take the NOCTI (National Occupational Competency Testing Institute) certification exam. NOCTI is the largest provider of industry-based credentials and partner industry certifications for career and technical education (CTE) programs across the nation.

The camp focused on the construction fields of carpentry, welding, electrical, masonry, and plumbing. Participants also earned valuable CPR/Basic First Aid, OSHA safety and EM385-1-1 (compliance required by all contractors working on military contracts and projects) certifications.

Another free construction boot camp is planned for summer 2019.



## POSTSECONDARY

### THE COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY STUDENT AFFAIRS (COPSA)

officers serving for the 2018-2019 academic year were sworn in on Aug. 9 at the Student Center's Room 5108. Congratulations on your leadership roles!

**Joshua Perez**  
President

**Megann Rojas**  
Vice President

**Anttashamonique Fejeran**  
Secretary

**Victoria Davis**  
Treasurer

**Daphne Balansay**  
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**Raymond Fernandez**  
Public Relations Officer

**Joyrena Nachuo**  
Social Media Officer

**May Ann Joyce Aloit**  
GCC Board of Trustees Student Member

## Early Middle College launches with student-parent orientation

GCC launched a pilot cohort of its Early Middle College initiative with 18 students from George Washington High School and their parents or guardians in the GCC AALG Allied Health Center Lecture Hall 3120 on Aug. 31. Hernalin Analista, GWHS Career Counselor; Rick Tyquiengco, GCC Technology instructor; and Trisha Unten, TPS Associate Dean, explained how the students would take a college course at GCC after high school hours, and that course, if the students pass with a “B” or better, will count toward their postsecondary degree in Construction Trades once they graduate from high school and declare Construction Trades as their major at GCC.

“It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and my parents told me they weren’t offered this type of opportunity,” said 15-year-old Tyson Elameto, who signed up with his mother, Angelynn Elameto, and Hernalin Analista, the GCC career counselor at George Washington High School, where Tyson is a freshman.



## Legislative Resolution for GCC’s 7-year accreditation

Sen. Joe S. San Agustin, chair of the Committee on Education, Finance, and Taxation, and Sen. Wil Castro presented Dr. Mary Okada, GCC President/CEO, and Frank Arriola, Chairman of the GCC Board of Trustees, with a legislative resolution commending Guam Community College for its accreditation status on July 3. GCC was awarded full seven-year accreditation – the longest period possible for a community college – by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), on June 13, 2018. The ACCJC peer review team gave GCC four commendations signifying that the institution has exceeded standards, including commendations for its (now 17) consecutive clean audits and for initiatives that support student learning.

## CLYMER RESULTS PROMISING

First year assessment results of GCC's CLYMER, or "Classroom Learning Yields Math & English Readiness" program show promise for those students, and indicate solid instruction in math and English at the pre-college level, according to GCC officials. Dr. Michael Chan, Dean of Technology & Student Services at GCC, reports that the overall success rate of CLYMER students enrolled in EN110 for AY2017-2018 was 94%, with 118 students out of 126 successfully completing EN110 with a grade of a "C" or better. The overall success rate of CLYMER students who enrolled directly into MA110 for AY2017-2018 was 95%, with 74 students out of 78 successfully completing MA110 with a grade of a "C" or better. High School students with a "B" or better in senior math and/or English courses can enroll directly into MA110 or EN110 through CLYMER.



## GPA APPRENTICESHIP GRADUATION

Just in time for typhoon season, 15 proud young men completed the GCC Apprenticeship program as load dispatchers, line installer-repairers, electricians, powerhouse mechanics, and one as an arc welder for the Guam Power Authority on July 13 at the GPA/GWA complex at Fadian. The men celebrated with their families and fellow GPA employees and GCC officials. Hopefully, their skills will be put to use conducting normal GPA operations, and not storm recovery!

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY COMPLETION

Twenty-six men and women completed the 16th Criminal Justice Academy at GCC on July 14 at the Sheraton Laguna Resort. With their class motto as "Duty to Protect; Honor to Serve," the class commander, Cadet Paul Palmer encouraged his fellow students to complete their Criminal Justice associate degree at GCC and to be proud to serve the people of Guam. GPD Capt. Paul Sayama served as the 16th cycle cadre.





## Korean Exchange Program

July 16 - 27 in Korea; July 30 - Aug. 24 on Guam

Six GCC students spent two weeks at Baekseok University in Korea in July as part of GCC's Korean Language and Culture summer course, and then welcomed their Korean counterparts to Guam on Tuesday, July 31st, for the ESL Immersion portion of the program between GCC and Baekseok, a private university. Located in Cheonan City, South Korea, Baekseok has an enrollment of approximately 15,000 students and a thriving hotel management program with which GCC has partnered for the college's Associate of Science degree in International Hotel Management. The 12 students from Baekseok spent four weeks on Guam, studying English at GCC and experiencing the warm hospitality and vitality of the island's Chamorro culture.



Jae-Hwan Baek, a 24-year-old hotel management major at Baekseok, said he is taking part in the program "to learn English and the culture and visit my friends from Guam." Baek noted that he has good memories of two weeks he spent with the students from Guam at Baekseok, and he hopes to learn with them here.

Licina Ruecho, a GCC Tourism & Travel Management major, was one of the students that traveled to Baekseok as part of a four-credit course that immersed them in the Korean culture and provided them with the opportunity to learn and speak Korean. "It was amazing. Their school is so big and they're so advanced. We learned taekwondo, and we took the subway - we don't have those on Guam," said Ruecho. "Their dorms are so tall - they have like 800 rooms. I was in awe," she said.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

MARY A. Y. OKADA, Ed.D.

In addition to welcoming over 2,100 students to campus for the first week of classes this August, GCC also completed one important initiative and started another. Our Construction Boot Camp, which started out in July, finished up six weeks later on August 10. On the 28th, we had a ceremony for the completers, nearly a dozen of whom have already found jobs in the industry. Then on Aug. 31st, we welcomed 18 GWHS students and their parents or guardians to campus to invite them to sign up for our pilot “Early Middle College” initiative. This initiative will eventually allow Guam high school students to graduate from high school with a postsecondary GCC Construction Trades certificate, provided they meet all of the requirements. This first cohort of students will be able to graduate with six credits toward that Construction Trades certificate program. Several of their parents who encouraged them to sign up did so because they were GCC Voc Tech High School graduates several decades ago, and they appreciate that GCC is giving their children this type of opportunity. I had the opportunity to talk to members of the Guam Chamber of Commerce about our EMC initiative at their monthly meeting on Aug. 29 at the Sheraton Laguna Resort, and it was very well received. This is great news with regard to business partnerships for our Early Middle College, and can lead to more students graduating from high school with employable credentials and securing sustainable jobs in our workforce.

Congratulations to our 16th Criminal Justice cycle graduates – we want to see all of you back on campus to finish up your CJ associate degrees! Also, congratulations to the 15 young men who completed our Apprenticeship program with GPA in August. Their training is coming in handy for all of us this typhoon season – great job, gentlemen. We have a busy semester to look forward to, with student gubernatorial and senatorial forums and a lot of other program activities. We also welcome the Lt. Governor’s First Year Free initiative, which is giving dozens of people the opportunity to complete one year of our Culinary Arts or Tourism & Travel Management associate degree program for FREE. If you know of anyone that would benefit from this program, have them come see us. Have a great semester, everyone, and BIBA GCC!



# FROM THE ALO'S DESK

## DR. RAY SOMERA

GCC Vice President for Academic Affairs /  
Accreditation Liaison Officer

Welcome back to campus, everyone. Our Convocation theme this year is “Beyond Accreditation: Strategic Thinking for 2025.” Now that we have been successful in the reaffirmation of our accreditation, we need to view the College from a holistic perspective. What will GCC look like in 2025, given the changes that are drastically occurring in our environment at the program, state, and federal levels?

How do we deal with all these changes? We have to compete to attract more students to attend GCC. We need to think of strategic ways to make our product unique and special so that we can do what I would like to call, “creative selling” or “innovative marketing.”

Our total Fall enrollment has dropped 18% since Fall 2015. Our secondary enrollment also dipped last school year from the previous one. How can we all work together to stabilize our enrollment, both at the secondary and postsecondary levels? We have a large number of students in the secondary programs that earn Certificates of Mastery each school year, but only a meager number apply for college credits through our DCAPS process. The deans, counselors, and faculty will be working together and collaborate to tap into this Certificate of Mastery pool so that it becomes a viable source of prospective postsecondary students. We also need to do a better job in tracking and monitoring these students as they transition from secondary to postsecondary so that we are certain that this is a viable pathway for them.

We also need to re-assert our leadership in CTE on Guam and the entire Micronesian region. Our Future Builders Construction Boot Camp this summer is one model we can expand on, in order to ensure that the training our students receive is not only fast tracked but also leads to employment. Also, we are planning a CTE Regional Summit at GCC on February 22-23, 2019. The Deans will be working with the Department Chairs to plan student-centered activities at the department level that will align with CTE month and with this summit.

One of the new initiatives that will move student completion into the forefront is our Early Middle College program. This program will provide an excellent opportunity for our students to complete a high school diploma and a college credential at the same time. This I call strategic thinking at its best. Stay tuned, we have a lot of planning to accomplish in the coming years!



# COMMUNITY



## Golf donation in memory of Chris Bejado

Si Yu'os Ma'ase to members of the Nice Birdie Golf Club for their generous donation to the GCC Foundation for the Chris Bejado Memorial Scholarship Fund on Aug. 10. Scholarships will be awarded to GCC CTE ProStart high school graduates entering GCC's Culinary Arts program. From left: Vicky Schrage, GCC Culinary & Foodservice Dept. chair; Randy Biscoe, Nice Birdie board member; JP Dierking, Nice Birdie president; Lorraine Okada, GCC Foundation Board chair; Dave Arriola, treasurer; Darrell Romero, secretary; and Chris Ogo, board member.



## Si Yu'os Ma'ase again, TakeCare!

GCC and TakeCare officials gathered at the TakeCare corporate office in Tamuning on Aug. 27 for TakeCare's 10th annual \$100,000 donation to GCC for health care programs. From left: Eloy Hara, GCC Board of Trustees Treasurer; Carmen Santos, GCC Finance VP; Lorraine Okada, GCC Foundation Board Chair; Carlo Leon Guerrero, GCC BOT member; Jeff Larsen, TakeCare VP; Mike Tsai, TakeCare IT Director; Dr. Mary Okada, GCC President; Alicia Iseke, TakeCare Health Plan Finance Administrator; Arvin Lojo, TakeCare Health Plan Administrator; and Ed Ilao, GCC Foundation Board member.

## NOTABLE

Congratulations to the Guam Community College Culinary Fire team, led by Chef Paul Kerner, for taking 1st place in the chicken category during the barbecue competition at the 6th annual Guam BBQ Block Party on July 7 in Tumon.

Kudos to GCC's Project AIM office for hosting Pohnpei Upward Bound on our GCC campus for a tour Aug. 1. Twenty-eight students and six staff from the Pohnpei program toured GCC.

**Veteran Students helps with cleanup**  
GCC student veterans were among over 100 volunteers from various Guam veterans associations and their families who converged for a cleanup of the Guam Veterans Cemetery on Aug. 11 in Piti. Thank you for your service - once again!

Kudos to the GCC Education Department for hosting a booth at the annual MoyCom-Agana Shopping Center Kid Care event on Aug. 25 at the ASC center court, and for showcasing GCC's Education, Early Childhood, and Sign Language programs.

## SECONDARY

### SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

On June 27, Hyatt Regency Guam hosted a site visit for GCC and GDOE administrators and faculty to see the GCC CTE high school Lodging Management and ProStart interns at work. The Hyatt took on a total of 30 GCC CTE high school interns this summer. This important partnership helps the CTE students to be career-ready and also to build our workforce. GDOE federal programs representatives Frank Leon Guerreo, Maria Blas and April Slade attended the site visit. GCC department chairs Vicky Schrage and Eric Ji, and Summer Work Experience coordinators Kathy Chargualaf and Eric Chong also toured the Hyatt and saw and interviewed the students at work.





## CONVOCATION

### “Beyond Accreditation: Strategic Planning for 2025”

was the theme for this year’s Convocation, which took place on Aug. 13 in the MPA. Dr. Ray Somera, GCC Vice President for Academic Affairs, focused on the elements of strategic planning in his convocation address, which traditionally welcomes back faculty to campus. The Planning & Development Office gave a presentation on the launch of GCC’s Early Middle College initiative this semester, and faculty viewed the 2018 Impact Video, which focused on GCC’s successes and challenges facing the college for the upcoming academic year.

#### **FACULTY SENATE**

J.Peter Roberto, President  
Ricky Tyquiengco, Senator

#### **STAFF SENATE**

Tasi Mafnas, President  
Joanne Blas, Vice President  
Tamara Hiura, Secretary/Treasurer  
Tishawanna Smith, Member-at-large  
Esther Castro, Member-at-large  
Roma Okada, Member-at-large  
Marilyn Concepcion, Member-at-large  
Stephanie Fernandez, Member-at-large  
Jaclyn Quan, Member-at-large

# EMPLOYEE NEWS



## FACULTY NEWS

Congratulations to Dr. Wilson Tam and Dr. Trisha Unten, who received their doctoral degrees from Northcentral University in July.



## NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION

GCC's Human Resources Office held a new employee orientation on Aug. 13 in the LRC Training Room for GCC's newest employees.

## NEW ACADEMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION ADMINISTRATORS

### **GERALD CRUZ IS THE NEW PROGRAM SPECIALIST OF THE CENTER FOR STUDENT INVOLVEMENT (CSI).**

Gerald began working at the college in September 2015 as a Program Coordinator with the College Access Challenge Grant Program and remained with the program as it transitioned to Reach for College. During this period he was actively involved with transition support initiatives that prepared underrepresented and at-risk students to enter and succeed in college. Gerald has also taught as an Adjunct Instructor for Adult Education. As a graduate of Father Duenas Memorial School, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies with Philippine Concentration from the University of San Francisco and a Master of Public Administration degree from Excelsior College. He is currently working toward a PhD in Public Policy and Administration.

### **TRISHA DANIELLE UNTEN IS THE NEW ASSOCIATE DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY AND STUDENT SERVICES (TSS).**

She started at GCC as an adjunct math instructor in 2008 then became a permanent full-time instructor in 2013. As a Microsoft Certified Educator, she has continuously advocated and conducted training at local, national, and international conference settings, for various forms of technology, such as online grade books, Google docs, eLearning, class websites, interactive videos, and flipped-mastery. She also has experience in administering a federal grant. She is continuously in pursuit of innovative ideas and technology to support instructors' needs for 100% student success. She earned her M.Ed. in Secondary Education Instructional Technology and a B.A. in Mathematics and Secondary Education from the University of Guam. She completed her doctoral research this past summer 2018, which focused on teacher knowledge, teacher training, self-assessment, student completion, and online learning. She earned her Ph.D. in Education from Northcentral University in eLearning this Fall.

# July 2018 Employee Birthdays

Rina Aguilar

Frank Arriola

Felix Casimiro

Tonirose Concepcion

Harold Cruz

Morris Eblacas

Deborah Ellen

Joleen Evangelista

Bertrand Haurillon

Eric Ji

Edwin Limtuatco

Jonathan Mantanona

Brian Muna

Jonathan Perez

Tina Quinata

Sally Sablan

Cheryl San Nicolas

Rose Marie Siguenza

Julie Ulloa-Heath

Hernalin Analista

Chris Camacho

Carol Cruz

Tara Cruz

Gerry Dacanay

Ely Damian

Tressa Dela Cruz

Gary Hartz

Priscilla Johns

Joshua Golder

Rachel Lee

Rosemary Loveridge

Eva Mui

Joann Muna

Bernard Neff

Mary Okada

Kiko Palacios

Richard Reyes

Pete Roberto

Tishawanna Smith

Jesilin Toves

Rolland Tyquiengco

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