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Guam Community College joins community colleges nationwide in recognizing the month of April as Community College Month. Throughout the month, GCC will feature campaigns that highlight the many ways the College contributes to our island, the many relevant and in-demand skills that can be learned at GCC, and spotlighting those who graduated from GCC and are now contributing to our island’s successes. A national, month-long educational campaign is coordinated by the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). The awareness campaign can be found online using the social media hashtag **#CCMonth**.

Guam Community College offers a diverse range of programs, from healthcare and technology to business and liberal arts, catering to the specific needs of our island home.

Our dedicated faculty, staff and administrators provide personalized attention, ensuring each student receives the guidance they deserve. A thriving community college plays a pivotal role in fostering a thriving island.

So, let's celebrate the power of community colleges! They are launchpads propelling individuals towards fulfilling careers and a brighter tomorrow. Let’s unite in upholding community colleges as they are the guiding light of opportunity for many. By supporting community colleges, we invest in the future of our workforce and island community.

GCC Board of Trustees & President Attend Inaugural Pacific Islands College Board Convention

Photos Submitted By: The Northern Marianas College

The Guam Community College Board of Trustees and President attended a three-day convention in Saipan on February 28 - March 1, 2024. The Pacific Islands College Board (PICB) held its meeting at the Crowne Plaza Resort in Garapan.

GCC's delegation included President Dr. Mary Okada, BOT Chairperson Carlo Leon Guerrero, BOT Vice Chairperson Rose Grino, BOT Member Frank Arriola, BOT Member Richard Sablan, and BOT Student Member Kenly Magwili.

Northern Marianas College (NMC) and the Pacific Postsecondary Education Council hosted the event.

The PICB is made up of trustees and regents from GCC along with our colleagues at NMC, the College of Micronesia-FSM, the College of the Marshall Islands, Palau Community College, and American Samoa Community College.



CHamoru Language Students Win Dept. CHamoru Affairs CHamoru Challenge Bowl

Photos Submitted By: Trina San Agustin, Program Coordinator I, Office of Communications & Promotions

On Friday, March 15 the Department of CHamoru Affairs and PBS Guam hosted their annual “I Manmenhalom CHamoru Trivia Challenge” at the Guam Museum. The event is held annually during Mes CHamoru or CHamoru Month and this year GCC students in the Kumisión’s Nina’fitme i Fina’ná’guen Fino’ CHamoru (Strengthening the Teaching of the CHamoru Language) Certificate Program took home the prize. Frank Ichihara and Velma Santos joined forces with Assistant Professor, Simone Bollinger and took home this year's trophy.

All Government of Guam agencies were invited to participate however it was just GCC and the Guam Department of Education’s CHamoru Studies Division that participated.

Mr. Ichihara is with the third cohort and Ms. Santos is with the second cohort of the Nina’fitme Program.

“Hu sen gosa i CHamoru trivia challenge ya magof yu para bai hu representa i prugrãman Nina'fitme i Fina'ná'guen Fino' CHamoru giya GCC. Kulolo'ña minagof-hu na man gånna i team-måmi, (“I really enjoyed the CHamoru trivia challenge and I was happy to represent the Strengthening the Teaching of the CHamoru Language program at GCC. I am especially happy that our team won),” said Mr. Ichihara.

The Nina’fitme Program is led by GCC Liberal Studies CHamoru Education and Culture track and the Kumisión i Fino’ CHamoru (CHamoru Language Commission). The 12-credit certificate program is part of a collaborative effort between the Kumisión and GCC to enhance instructional practice using immersion techniques for teaching CHamoru as a language art. The program graduated their first cohort of eight students on December 2023.



2024 Math Festival

Photos Submitted by: Dr. Marsha Postrozny-Torres, Professor

Guam Community College Math and Science Department hosted its first in-person Math Kangaroo and Carnival on Friday, March 22, 2024 at the Student Center Canopy. This event was the first in-person event since 2019. In 2023, the events were hosted online. GCC first partook in the competition in 2009.

“COVID-19 canceled our 2020 event which would have drawn over 400 student participants and close to 500 students participating in the carnival,” said Carl Torres II, Math Instructor. “This year approximately 150 students participated in the competition and the carnival.”

The Math and Science Department is appreciative of the support they received from the campus community and the corporate community.

Math Kangaroo got its start in 1980 in Australia and later in 1998 when the first Math Kangaroo competition was held in Chicago, Illinois. In 2003, Math Kangaroo USA was established as a non-profit organization. The mission and vision of the organization is to “help students love math nationwide with hopes that all students may achieve their fullest potential and be inspired to discover new knowledge that will shape their lives and the future,” according to the Math Kangaroo USA website.



GCC Culinary & Hospitality Programs Host Japanese Exchange Students

Photos Submitted by: Josephine Hagen, University of Guam Intern with the Office of Communications & Promotions

Guam Community College and the Guam Visitors Bureau hosted three exchange students from Japan on Wednesday, March 20 at the Leo Palace Guam Resort. The Culinary & Food Service program had a cooking demonstration of local cuisine. While the three students, Honori, Haruka, and Rana, prepared their winning dish, "Okono soba yaki," a popular pan-fried dish that consists of batter and cabbage, and resembles a pancake. The three students were selected from all of Japan High Schools through a cook off and this dish won them this trip to Guam.



The Hospitality & Tourism program participated in the day's events by sharing stories, showing the exchange students how to weave using coconut tree leaves, and dancing. The Tourism class provided tours for the visiting students, their chaperon's and GVB officials.



Air Force Fighter Group Assists in Preparing Culinary Garden

Photo Submitted by: Kennyn Miranda, Assistant Professor & Department Chair, Culinary and Foodservices

The Culinary and Foodservice Management program had some help from a Fighter Group Squadron from Misawa Air Force Base, Japan. The volunteer work assisted in establishing the culinary garden on Saturday, March 2, 2024.



Eco Warriors & GWHS Host 21st Annual Fish Bowl

Article & Photos Provided by: Francisco "Kiko" Palacios, ECO Warriors advisor and Sustainability & Project Coordinator

On March 16, 2024, Guam Community College witnessed a remarkable event as the 21st Annual Fish Bowl unfolded in the new Multipurpose Auditorium (MPA). Organized as a joint effort between the George Washington High School Marine Mania and GCC Eco Warriors, this event marked a significant stride in environmental education and community engagement.

Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the event drew in a substantial crowd of eager participants, numbering in the hundreds. From enthusiastic students to curious community members, the MPA buzzed with excitement and anticipation.

The collaboration between Marine Mania and Eco Warriors encapsulated a holistic approach to environmental awareness. Touch tanks filled with various marine species provided attendees with a hands-on experience, fostering a deeper connection to Guam's rich aquatic biodiversity. Educational presentations highlighted the importance of preserving Guam's natural resources, emphasizing sustainable practices and the urgent need for conservation efforts.

The success of the 21st Annual Fish Bowl extended beyond its educational objectives. It served as a testament to the power of collaboration and community involvement in addressing pressing environmental issues. By bringing together students, educators, and members of the public, the event fostered a sense of unity and purpose in safeguarding Guam's natural heritage.

Furthermore, the Fish Bowl underscored the pivotal role of educational institutions like GCC and George Washington High School in shaping environmental consciousness. By providing platforms for experiential learning and advocacy, these institutions empower individuals to become agents of change in their communities.

This year's Fish Bowl stood as a shining example of what can be achieved when communities come together with a shared vision. It reaffirmed the importance of preserving Guam's natural treasures for future generations and served as a rallying cry for collective action in the face of environmental challenges. With events like these leading the way, the path towards a more sustainable and harmonious future for Guam is indeed within reach.



Bus Driving III Bootcamp Completers Celebrated

Guam Community College celebrated 12 individuals for completing the Bus Driving III Bootcamp on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. All completers are now gainfully employed by this bootcamp's employer sponsors.

The completers earned their Class "D" Licenses for bus driving (hands-on instruction) along with certifications in

Passenger Assistance, Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED, Work Ethic, OSHA 10, and WorkKeys. In addition to completing the bootcamp, participants hired by the Government of Guam completed one year of on-site work experience to fulfill job eligibility requirements.



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.

- April 1 College Assembly – ISER Updates
- April 1-12 ISER Draft 2 posted 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, COPSA, College Governing Council (CGC)
- May - 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.

April Events & Meetings

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

- 01 - Spring College Assembly, Multipurpose Auditorium, Bldg. 300, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 03 - DPR GovGuam CoEd Basketball League: GDOE vs TEAM GCC, Dededo Sports Complex, 7:30 p.m.
- 04 - GCC Veteran's Club & Automotive Program "Car Show," Parking Lots F & G, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- 04 - Spring Festival & Tour of the Pacific, Student Center Courtyard, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- 05 - POST Commission Meeting, LRC Room 112, 10:30 a.m.
- 06 - Young Authors Showcase, Multipurpose Auditorium, Bldg. 300, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 08 - 10 - 2024/2025 GCC Student Leaders Election, Online via GCC Email
- 10 - DPR GovGuam CoEd Basketball League: GCC vs Port Authority, Dededo Sports Complex, 8:30 p.m.
- 12 - GCC Board of Trustees Meeting, LRC Room 112, 12 Noon
- 12 - COPSA General Membership Meeting, Student Center Training Room 5108, 12 Noon
- 12 - safeTALK Training [GCC employees], Foundation Bldg., Room 6221, 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon
- 13 - DPR GovGuam CoEd Basketball League: Guam Fire Department vs GCC, Dededo Sports Complex, 1 p.m.
- 17 - COPSA Game Night, Student Center Training Room 5108, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- 21 - Cosmetologists United Together (CUT) Car Wash Fundraiser, Yigo VFW, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 25 - Administrative Professionals Society (APS) Panda Express Fundraiser, Hagatna Location only, 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
- 26 - COPSA General Membership Meeting, Student Center Training Room 5108, 12 Noon
- 26 - Last Day of Friday classes
- 27 - Last Day of Saturday classes
- 30 - Last Day of Tuesday/Thursday classes

CoEd Basketball Team Upcoming Games

Upcoming Games*

- 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 will be played at the Dededo Sports Complex*



April 2024 Employee Birthdays

Information Provided by: GCC Human Resources Office

- 02 - Joelines Calbang, Instructor, Technology - Electronics
- 05 - Wendell Roden, Instructor, Math & Science - Math
- 07 - Jermaine Guerrero, Assistant Instructor, Construction Trades
- 09 - Angelenne Serafico, Assistant Instructor, Adult Basic Education
- 11 - Launie Danielle Sarmiento, Program Specialist, Continuing Education
- 14 - Adrian Davis, Program Coordinator II, Center for Student Involvement
- 16 - Josephine Arceo, Administrative Assistant, Planning & Development
- 17 - Zhaopei Teng, Professor, Technology - Computer Science
- 18 - Jessca Garcia, Accounting Technician I, Business Office
- 18 - Allan Bagunion, Supply Expdteiter, Materials Management
- 23 - Katsuyoshi Uchima, Instructor, Nursing & Allied Health
- 24 - Juanita Tenorio, Instructor, English
- 25 - Jeffrey Umayam, Administrative Aide, Dean's Office - Technology and Student Services
- 26 - Trina San Agustin, Program Coordinator I, Communications & Promotions
- 28 - Karen Rose Quituga, Assistant Instructor, Culinary & Foodservice
- 28 - Joey Roberto, Maintenance Specialist, Facilities
- 29 - David Kim, Administrative Aide, Continuing Education

Promotions

Jermaine Quichocho
Program Coordinator I
Reach For College



Tamara Hiura
Program Coordinator II
Nursing & Allied Health

Tasi Mari San Nicolas
Program Coordinator I
Adult Basic Education

Student Corner

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

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OPEN REGISTRATION

Summer and Fall 2024 Semesters

Existing students can register using their GCC account

Summer Classes start May 31st
Fall Classes start August 14th

671-735-5531
gcc.registrar@guamcc.edu
1 Sesame Street, Bldg 2000 Mangilao

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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COPSA **GCC**
Council Of Postsecondary Student Affairs

SPRING FESTIVAL & TOUR OF THE PACIFIC

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024
4:00PM TO 8:00PM

STUDENT CENTER COURTYARD
ENTERTAINMENT | FOOD | PHOTOBOOTH

- VISIT TRAINING ROOM 5108 TO RECEIVE 55 FREE COPSA DOLLARS -
FOR ALL OFFICIALLY REGISTERED GCC POSTSECONDARY AND ADULT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH AN ID!

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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.

#CCMONTH

April is Community College Month
Show your GCC Pride!

- Mon 4/8** **GCC Logo & Blue Monday**
Wear GCC Blue. The more blue, the better! Throw on some logos to polish up the look.
- Tue 4/9** **Like it's 1977!**
GCC was established as a CC in 1977. Dress up in outfits from the 70s.
- Wed 4/10** **C.T.E. Day**
Dress to represent any of our amazing C.T.E. programs, i.e., a chef for Culinary; in scrubs for Allied Health; as a business person for Marketing...
- Thu 4/11** **Pacific Islanders Day**
Dress up in traditional clothing of a Pacific Island.
- Fri 4/12** **Hafa Adai Friday!**
Wear island print, and lots of it.

Keep in mind the diverse perspectives and backgrounds within our workforce. Be mindful of others in your choice of attire and accessories. Let's make this Spirit Week a joyful and inclusive experience for everyone at GCC.

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)

Denim Day 4/24

Denim Day commemorates Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Originating from an Italian Supreme Court ruling, the campaign highlights the injustice faced by a rape victim whose tight jeans were misconstrued as implied consent. In solidarity, women in the Italian Parliament wore jeans the next day.

You are invited to make a social statement by wearing jeans on Wednesday, April 24th to display your stance against the misconceptions that surround sexual violence.

There is no excuse for rape.

More information is available at www.denimday.org.

Employees: Please use work-appropriate denim.

GCC CAR SHOW

Hosted by GCC's Veterans Club in collaboration with GCC's Automotive Department

FREE!
OPEN TO THE GCC COMMUNITY: STUDENTS, STAFF, CTE AUTO STUDENTS, ALUMNI, AND VETS

APRIL 4 2024 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

GCC Parking Lot F (by Building 1000, Tech Center)
To register contact Ron at: ronewan.cruz@guamcc.edu or sign up using the QR code below.

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Spring 2024 Commencement

Friday, May 17 | 9 a.m. | UOG Calvo Fieldhouse



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/csi 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