

Hafa Adai,

This year has been a banner year for Guam Community College. Our enrollment continues at record levels, we've added new programs and constructed another sustainable facility with the opening of our fully renovated Foundation Building in November 2012.

Most importantly, we instituted a Community College Completion Challenge as part of a national initiative to encourage our students to complete their degree or certificate program. Nationwide, community college completion rates are a challenge, and at GCC, we are meeting this challenge as a team of faculty, staff, and administrators determined to give our students an education that will result in sustainable career opportunities when they graduate.

As our Institutional Strategic Master Plan for 2009-2014 comes to an end, we have successfully "closed the loop" with regard to the plan's key initiatives of Pioneering, Educational Excellence, Community Interaction, and Dedicated Planning. GCC has made significant strides in partnering with island businesses for employment and training opportunities and becoming a familiar acronym in island households. We have linked resource allocation to program and institutional effectiveness, and based those components on our student learning outcomes. We have also strengthened our self-assessment process and maintained our accreditation, all in the name of our ultimate goal: student success.

It has indeed, as you will see in the following pages and as our Fall 2013 Convocation theme declared, been "Our Time to Shine."

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Mary A.Y. Okada, Ed.D.
President

Toward that effort, we are also reviewing and updating the GCC Institutional Strategic Master Plan for the years 2014-2020, in order to prepare GCC to be at the

forefront of technology and job training efforts, not only in the region, but among all community colleges in the nation.

We've added our fourth new building to the campus in the form of the fully renovated Foundation Building.