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Guam Community College PDF Newsletter

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Mission Statement:

The mission of Guam Community College is to be a leader in career and technical workforce development by providing the highest quality education and job training in Micronesia.

Spring semester: 2,428 enrolled!



Express Registration



New Student Orientation

Express Registration for spring semester took place from Jan. 8 – 11, allowing 275 students to register for classes. 177 students attended New Student Orientation on January 15th, at 9 AM and 1 PM. In all, 2,428 students are attending GCC for spring semester 2013! Welcome back students!



Welcome to campus, Roasted Cafe! Now open in the GCC Foundation Building!

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From the President...

For spring semester 2013, our registrar Patrick Clymer tells me we have 2,428 students - just 54 students less than spring semester last year. Patrick points out that when you look at the past six academic years, the average fall enrollment for the last three fall terms (AY2010-2011 to AY2012-2013) is over 27% more than the average of the three previous fall terms (AY2007-2008 to AY2009-2010). That's some amazing growth! To think that we have grown that much, put up four new buildings and added programs, all while our budget has been cut, is a testament to the dedication of the faculty, staff, and administrators here at GCC. We are quite a team, and I am grateful for all the work that you do. Kudos to the Bank of Guam and Nikko Hotel for their donations to our postsecondary service learning and secondary HTMP programs this month. These partnerships are so valuable to us because of our budgetary challenges. Also, congratulations to Dean Reilly on the 30th anniversary of his textbook, Pacific Nations & Territories, which is still teaching our island's youth about Guam and our region.



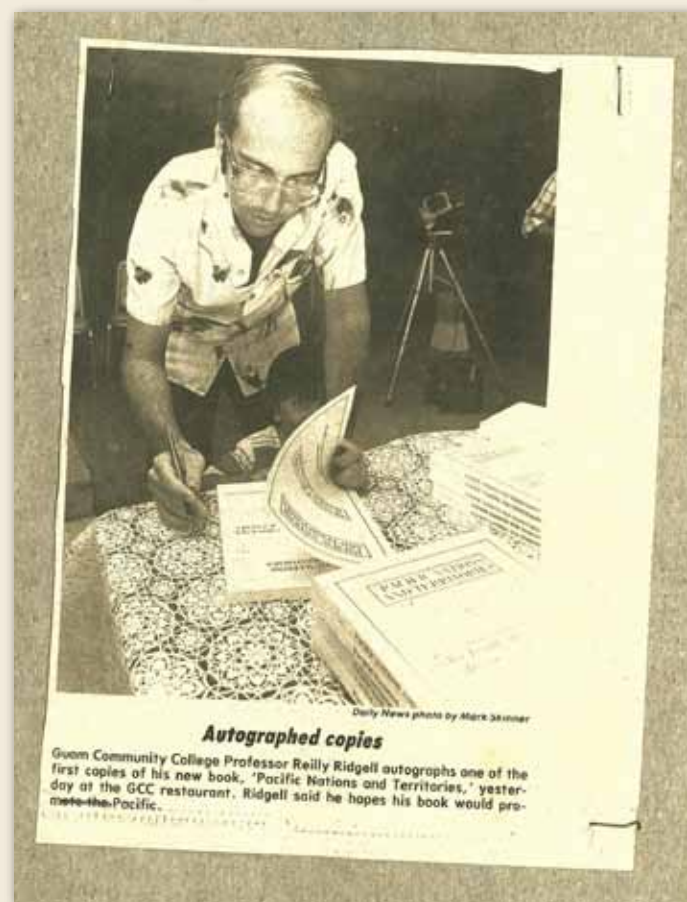
President Okada addresses students at the New Student Orientation on Jan. 15 in the MPA.

30th anniversary of Dean Reilly's PNT textbook!

January 21st marked the 30th anniversary of the release of Reilly Ridgell's textbook, Pacific Nations and Territories, The Islands of Micronesia, Melanesia, and Polynesia. Ridgell, then an assistant professor and now Dean of Trades and Professional Services, wrote the book in 1983 to fill a void in teaching materials about Pacific Islands. GCC funded publication of the first edition in paperback. Since then, the book has been continuously in print, with the second, third, and fourth editions having been published in hardback by Bess Press of Hawaii. A fifth edition is in the planning stages. The book is in use on Guam, in Hawaii, and on many other Pacific islands.

"The success of this book has fulfilled and exceeded my expectations," Ridgell said. "To be 30 years from its initial release and still be a viable, useful tool for Pacific educators is very gratifying. Many people helped me with this project but I need to particularly give kudos to Dr. John Salas, Provost of GCC in 1983, and the GCC Board of Trustees."

This Pacific Daily News file photo shows Ridgell, with then 4-year-old son Clynt, signing a copy of his book in what was then the GCC cafeteria.



Joint Leadership meeting



GCC administrators and members of the Faculty Senate met on Jan. 17 to discuss budget matters and other issues and challenges facing the college. It's good to know they're working together for the benefit of our students and employees!

MA students help with homeless count

GCC Medical Assisting students hit the streets and other areas where the homeless are known to frequent starting at 4 A.M. Jan. 25 to help with the annual Point-in-Time homeless count spearheaded by GHURA and the Guam Homeless Coalition. "This service learning project allows our students to see firsthand the health challenges facing our island's homeless population, and possibly to help develop health care options for these people," said Kat Uchima, Medical Assisting instructor.

CACGP grant funds counselors' training

The College Access Challenge Grant Program (CACGP) funded a Distance Credentialed Counselor Training provided by the ReadyMinds Training Division for several GCC and GDOE counselors. The counselors satisfactorily completed the Online Distance Credentialed Counselor (DCC) Training and are now among a select group who have obtained professional preparation and training in the field of distance counseling.



Pictured are counselors (back row from left): Esther Rios, SSHS CTE; Michelle Santos, JFK; Dr. Elisabeth Rosario, GWHS; Dana Santiago, GCC TRiO; Barbara Rosario, CACGP; Dr. Carmen Garrido, SHS; Sally Sablan, GCC; Hernalin Analista, GWHS CTE; (front row from left) Brian Muna, OHS CTE; Christine Sison, CACGP Program Director; Patricia Terlaje, GCC Adult HS; Anthony Roberto, GCC; and Margaret Sablan, CACGP. Not pictured: Rose Marie Nanpei, JFK CTE, and Maribeth Camacho, SSHS.

Nikko donates to JFK Tourism program



Officials from the Hotel Nikko Guam were so impressed with the performance of JFK Tourism Academy students at their employee appreciation dinner in December that they decided to give back to the students through a \$500 donation to the Academy. Ele Magdael, Nikko HR/Training Manager, and Sandra Flores, Public Relations Manager, presented the \$500 check to the 20 students who participated and to Carol Cruz, HTMP instructor, and Chris Poliquit, ProStart instructor, on Jan. 25 at JFK. The instructors say the money will go toward field trips and supplies for the programs.

SSHS CTE Tourism capstone project



SSHS Tourism Academy's ProStart and LMP seniors presented their restaurant capstone project on Jan. 23, serving lunch to industry professionals from Proa, Hyatt, Table 35, and B&G Catering at SSHS. Two ProStart teams created a Mexican and a Mediterranean restaurant concept and collaborated with LMP seniors who crafted marketing plans and provided the waitstaff service.

Notable: On Jan. 26, GCC's **College Access Challenge Grant Program** hosted a Professional Development Day for middle school students, and on Jan. 30, CACGP hosted a Student/Parent Orientation in the MPA for nearly 60 students and their parents.

CE launches Community Access Points (CAPS)

Continuing Ed launched the first of 19 Community Access Points on Jan. 11 at the Inarajan Mayor's Office. The CAPs are a partnership between GCC, the Guam Contractor's Association, the Guam Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor's Council of Guam, through which residents will have access to free online training via the KeyTrain component of WorkKeys. The six-week CAPS program offers residents the opportunity to spend six to 10 hours a week working on online skills development, and in turn, they will spend two hours a week working on a village beautification project. Once they complete the KeyTrain program, residents can then take the test to earn a National Career Readiness Certificate offered through WorkKeys.

Allied Health offers NCLEX-PN review

The Allied Health Department offered an NCLEX-PN review course for recent graduates of the Practical Nursing program and any one else wanting to take the NCLEX-PN Examination from Jan. 22 – 31, to help prepare students to take the NCLEX-PN Examination with the Guam Board of Nursing Examiners.

Dean Reilly, CJSS Chair Munoz on Higher Degree

Dean Reilly Ridgell discussed the success and 30-year anniversary of his textbook, Pacific Nations and Territories on A Higher Degree with Jayne Flores, Asst. Director of Communications & Promotions, on Jan. 20, and then Jose Munoz, Chair of the CJSS Dept., appeared on the program with Jayne on Jan. 27 to discuss the success of the department's Learning to Give, Giving to Learn service learning project. Both were definitely ready for prime time!

Students from Chuuk tour GCC



The Center for Micronesian Empowerment brought 12 students from Chuuk to Guam for a work development/ placement program, and they toured GCC with COPSA leaders on Jan. 25. Kudos to COPSA officers Christine Walter and Vicenta Lungred for conducting the tour and promoting GCC to our guests from Chuuk!

Court Interpreting Program talks begin

GCC Education officials met with Judge Liz Barrett-Anderson on Jan. 29 to discuss the development of a Court Interpreting Program. The Education Dept. is working with the Superior Court of Guam to develop the program in order to train individuals who speak various languages in the region to become court interpreters. Meeting to discuss program needs were, from left, Merly Karsom, Superior Court; Sarah Leon Guerrero, GCC Education Dept. chair; President Okada; Judge Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson; Dr. Ray Somera; and Dean Reilly Ridgell.



On your calendar...

For more information on these and other GCC happenings, check on the web site at www.guamcc.edu.

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| February 15 | ASVAB Testing 9AM Allied Health
Lecture Hall #3108 |
| February 18 & 19 | Meet the President 6 PM in the MPA |
| February 19 | Management SHRM Prep Course starts |
| February 21-22 | CTE Hotel & Tourism Management Program
Competition in MPA |
| February 23 | CACGP College Access & Community
Resources Fair at Micronesia Mall |
| February 25 | CE Procurement Training Course begins |
| March 1 | Faculty Shooter on Campus Training |
| March 7 | DECA State Event in MPA |
| March 8 | Board of Trustees Meeting Noon PCR |
| March 15 | Island Sustainability Video Contest Deadline! |
| March 26 | Admin/Staff Shooter on Campus Training |

Malago' i Kulehon Kumunidat Guahan Mandiseha gi i empleao siha un Minagof yan Biba Kompli' años para Ineru 2013!

The Guam Community College would like to wish the following Employees a Happy Birthday!

January 2013

Adrian Atalig
Jerome Blas
Peter Blas
Jose Cejoco
Jesse Cruz
Vivian Cruz
Bonnie Mae Datuin
John Diaz
Richard Duque
Joel Egana
Vivian Guerrero

Huan Hosei
Polli Huseby
John Jocson
Catherine Leon Guerrero
Sarah Leon Guerrero
John Limtiaco
Michael Limtiaco
Barbara Mafnas
Charles Meno
Todd Olson

Esther Rios
Anthony Roberto
Carmen Santos
Irene Santos
Rene Ray Somera
Sterlyn Sotomil
Rebecca Toves
Francis Untalan

Puedi i Tinituhon i Sakkan u fatto' minaolek siha para todus hamyu.

May the New Year bring good things to you all.



Retirement Breakfast for Loly!

Lolita Reyes, former GCC Asst. Director of Development & Alumni Relations, retired on Jan. 18 after nearly 23 years at GCC. We'll miss you Loly!



Sinangan Siha para Ingeru/Tumaiguini

January 2013 Chamorro Phrases



Adahi i sinigon-mu.

Be careful driving

Kao siña un pula' ini?

Can you translate this?

Mungnga chumáthinasso.

Don't worry.

Ma tungo' nu i taotao siha na siña ma tutuhon pá'go.

Everyone knows they can start now.

Siña un tutuhon pá'go.

You can start now.