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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.

## 12th clean audit, 4th nat'l honor roll!

GCC is now the only GovGuam agency to be designated "low-risk," according to the Office of the Public Auditor. Independent auditors Deloitte & Touche, LLP once again gave GCC a clean bill of financial health in March, issuing an unqualified "clean" opinion on its FY 2012 financial statements and its compliance and internal controls. According to the financial highlights issued by the Office of the Public Auditor, "GCC is the only government of Guam (GovGuam) agency to hold the low-risk status." Kudos to Carmen Santos, Finance & Admin VP and her entire division, and everyone who handles local or federal funds, POs and requisitions. You made this happen!



### Service learning projects land GCC on President's Higher Ed honor roll again!

Students' community service efforts such as preparing and delivering food and supplies to homeless residents, providing free health screenings for elderly residents, and distributing educational gift bags to indigent families with young children at the Salvation Army's Thanksgiving luncheon have landed GCC on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the fourth consecutive year.

"Each year, our students, led by an outstanding faculty team, go above and beyond the call when it comes to these community service projects," said President Okada.

During AY 2011-2012, GCC's Center for Civic Engagement logged 150 service learning activities involving 730 students (a 120-student increase over last year) who collectively logged 7,063 hours of community service. This number represents approximately 28 percent of GCC's student population (a six percent increase over the number of students who participated in service learning activities last year).

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## From President Mary Okada...

Keeping track of requisitions and purchase orders and watching how you spend federal and local dollars can often be a challenge, but our 12th clean audit from the OPA signals that we are doing things right here at GCC. Congratulations to all of you – and especially to VP Carmen Santos and the Business Office – for their hard work in getting it right for 12 years in a row! Also, congratulations to our students and faculty – your service learning projects have earned GCC a spot on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the 4th straight year! And kudos to Irene Santos and Frances Untalan, who are highlighted in our new Customer Service Spotlight feature. Sometimes we may forget, but we are definitely in the service industry. We deliver quality education and workforce training, and although we are very familiar with our processes, they can be daunting to newcomers. Let’s all remember to greet the people who walk through our doors with the GCC spirit!

### Nominate GCC’s 2013 Distinguished Alumnus!

The 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented to an alumnus who has demonstrated exemplary professional achievement and service to the community at GCC on May 1. The awardee also will be recognized at the GCC commencement on May 17. Click on the Distinguished Alumni nomination form here: <http://www.guamcc.edu/Runtime/uploads/Files/01%20President/DevelopmentAlumniRelations/DA%20Nomination%20Form%202013.pdf> to nominate someone! A person is eligible if he or she has been an alumnus for a minimum of five years after having graduated from the former Guam Vocational & Technical High School or any of GCC’s secondary, post secondary, or GED/Adult Education programs; or earned at least 30 credit hours at GCC or the former GVTHS. Call Bonnie Datuin at 735-5516 or email her at [bonnie.datuin@guamcc.edu](mailto:bonnie.datuin@guamcc.edu) for more information.

### Admin/Staff training



GCC administrators and staff underwent professional development training March 26 that included shooter-on-campus training, which was eye-opening for everyone. Faculty underwent the shooter-on-campus training March 1st.

### Viscom students intern with Micronesian Image

The Micronesian Image Institute initiated an internship program with GCC, giving graduating students in Visual Communications a semester of hands-on work in the world of environmental media and communications. Congratulations to Erik Carter and Keith Quiblat, both of Dededo, on their internships.

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#### Micronesian Image Institute's Internship Program with Guam Community College to Benefit Micronesia Challenge Communications Efforts

The Micronesian Image Institute recently initiated an internship program with the Guam Community College, giving graduating students in Visual Communications a semester of hands-on work in the world of environmental media and communications.

This year's interns are Erik Carter and Keith Quiblat, both of Dededo, Guam.

"GCC's visual communications department is the finest in Micronesia and both Erik and Keith have plenty of experience in design and brand development to contribute significantly to the Challenge," says Dan Ho, president of MII.

"This is a really great opportunity for the Challenge, as it offers assistance in the area of communications which is always underfunded and least prioritized. It is a way to energize our ongoing work in audience building while using fresh, enthusiastic students to do it."



Meet MII's Spring 2013 MC Communications Interns, Erik Carter (l) and Keith Quiblat (r).

## From Academic VP Dr. Ray Somera...



On December 20, 2012, President Okada, and BOT Chairperson Deborah Belanger signed the Call to Action, a pledge to increase student completion rates by 50 percent over the next decade. Members of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society are serving as the student arm of the Community College Completion Challenge, a national education initiative.

GCC PTK Beta Beta Xi members garnered over 100 signatures of commitment from students at the Students Leading Students Conference on March 1. Pictured here with the Call to Action poster are Dr. Somera; Pilar Pangelinan, Chapter Advisor; Floregine delaCruz, Beta Beta Xi President; and Carl Torres II, Chapter Advisor.

## Students leading students conference



Students Leading Students Conference Organizers, L-R:

Front Row: Troy Lizama, Counselor and COPSA advisor; Elizabeth Duenas, CCE Program Coordinator II and COPSA Advisor; Sally Sablan, Counselor and COPSA Advisor; Carl Torres II, Math Instructor and COPSA Advisor.

Back Row: Huan Hosei, Program Specialist, Project AIM; James Fathal, Program Coordinator II, Project AIM; Vicenta Lungred, COPSA Historian; Elmarie Anderson, COPSA Treasurer; Steven Alvarez, COPSA President; Bobbie Leon Guerrero, CSI Program Specialist; Dana Santiago, Counselor, Project AIM; Christine Walter, COPSA Secretary; Jennifer Esteves, COPSA Vice President; and Donnie Lizama, CSI Program Coordinator II.

COPSA, GCC's student government, sponsored the 10th Annual "Students Leading Students" Leadership Conference held on March 1 at the Marriott Guam Resort in Tumon. GCC's Assessment & Counseling Department, Project AIM and the Center for Student Involvement assisted with the conference. Over 150 students turned out to gain skills in time management, communication, budget management, leadership, teambuilding and more!

## COPSA campus poster contest



Pictured L-R: COPSA Secretary Christine Walter; COPSA Vice President Jennifer Esteves; COPSA Treasurer Elmarie Anderson; Angela Cabrera; COPSA President Steven Alvarez; and COPSA Historian Vicenta Lungred. 2nd Place: Taylor Coffman and COPSA Vice President Jennifer Esteves.

VisCom student Angela Cabrera won 1st Place in the COPSA “NO Smoking / NO Chewing / NO Spitting” Poster Contest,” which asked students to design a poster encouraging everyone to follow the directive that prohibits smoking and betel nut on campus. Second place went to student Taylor Coffman. Congratulations to all who entered the contest!



## GCC's Customer Service Spotlight



Frances Untalan, Administrative Aide for Admissions & Registration, noticed a customer who was unable to access the Continuing Education Office and was becoming frustrated. She left her desk to let CEWD assistant director Victor Rodgers know, then calmed down the customer, continuing to interact with the customer until she could be assisted. Thank you Frances!



Irene Santos, Clerk Typist III in Student Support Services, went out of her way to assist a person with disabilities in the enrollment process so that this person did not have to traverse the campus in order to register for classes. Thank you Irene!

## Adult Education Conference

Superior Court Judge Art Barcinas gave the opening keynote on March 20, the first day of the two-day, free GCC Adult Education Conference, "Preparing for the Next Step." Barcinas spoke about the benefits of earning an adult high school diploma or GED®, and how taking that first step can lead to more opportunities. The conference highlighted the components of GCC's Adult Ed programs and how to transfer into postsecondary programs, offering sessions on discovering your career interests, creating a resume, developing job interview skills, and finding job opportunities.



## Inarajan CAPS program!

The Inarajan Community Access Points Cohort 1 has so far accrued over 386 hours in KeyTrain. That is voluntary learning taking place. "We're off to a great start," says Chelsa Muna-Brecht, CEWD CAPS project coordinator. In the photo are Thomas San Nicolas (front) and Vince Crisostomo taking their WorkKeys assessment test after completing their KeyTrain hours.



## 28 attend HATSA CNA orientation

On March 28, 28 people signed up to take the GCC Certified Nurse Assistant course through Project HATSA, a federal grant program run by GCC and DPHSS in order to provide clients enrolled in the TANF program with employable skills. The CNA course will teach clients the skills needed to function professionally and competently under the supervision of a licensed practical nurse, a registered nurse, or a medical doctor, in home or community health settings, hospitals, clinics, private medical offices, or mental health facilities. The course includes 180 contact hours and will provide clients with the knowledge and skills required to pass the National Nurse Aide Licensing Exam.



## Education Department events

### Education Recruitment Fair

The Education Department hosted its second Convocation and Recruitment Fair of the academic year on March 13. Over 140 people attended, including students and others interested in entering programs in Education, Early Childhood, Sign Language Interpreting and Family Services.



### Helping out at Special Olympics

GCC students from different courses assisted in the Special Olympics Track and Field Event at Okkodo High School on March 23. Over 100 students assisted with registration, signing of the national anthem and Guam hymn, and acted as coaches, buddies, cheerers, time keepers, and/or huggers. Students came from PY125 Interpersonal Relationships (Mr. Pedro Leon Guerrero/Mr. Pete Roberto), ASL100/110 American Sign Language (Ms. Jeannie Hollis/Ms. Sarah Leon Guerrero), ED231 Intro to Exceptional Children (Ms. Clare Camacho) and PY120 General Psychology/SO 130 Intro to Sociology (Mr. Pete Roberto).



### First Lady's Easter Egg Hunt

Students in Education courses assisted in the First Lady's Easter Egg Hunt on March 14 at Adelup. GCC students conducted face painting services for young children and their families.

## CLEAN OUR HOUSE DAY

Please join the **ECOWARRIORS** in tackling unsightly campus trash and sorting recyclables - we would appreciate all the help we can get.

**Great service-learning or community service opportunity!**

**FREE ECOWARRIORS**  
Re-usable bags to the first 25 people

Raffling 5 cool ecowarrior t-shirts

Refreshments and water provided—  
Please bring re-usable water bottles

**DATE:** SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2013

**TIME:** 9:00AM-12:00PM



### EcoWarriors on the move!

The GCC EcoWarriors cleared the limestone forest adjacent to the Student Services & Administration Building on March 15 & March 22, cleaned the campus during Clean our House Day on March 16, and gave Limestone Forest Tours on March 26 & 27, during spring break! Si Yu'os ma'ase for all your efforts!

INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS *guam*

# international flavors

## Guam

Robert A. Walter, CEC, CCA, AAC of Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center, writes about the food culture of the island he calls home.

## future of Guam cuisine

There are many hardworking, dedicated culinary professionals committed to the hospitality and tourism industry. They serve large numbers of island visitors, making the local resorts world-class destinations. Guam Community College (GCC) provides a number of programs designed to support the community with training and development of future hospitality and tourism professionals by offering degrees in culinary arts, food and beverage management, hotel



### Navy MWR Chef Walter writes about GCC!

Chef Robert Walter of the Navy's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center, gave kudos to GCC in an article in *Spring Sizzle* magazine! Thanks for the plug, Chef!



### GCC Talent Club performs at MMall

Left to right- Ben Auputiw, Jonathan Rivera (guest), Vincent Alviz (guest), Paula Jamin, and Micah Carlos performed for the CACGP fair in February at Micronesia Mall.

## Notable...

### GCC's Japan CLUB participates in Arts & Crafts Fair

The 15th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair, sponsored by the Japan Club of Guam, took place on March 9 at the Hotel Nikko Guam Tasi Ballroom. Performances included Japanese dance, tea ceremony, Aikido and koto, exhibits of Japanese dolls and crafts, and the GCC Japan CLUB demonstrating how to wrap with the traditional Japanese cloth, furoshiki!

## Babauta speaks to SM students



Anthony M. Babauta, former Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs, spoke to students in Fred Tupaz' SM215 International Management Class on March 5 about his career and about working in Washington D.C. with the federal government.

## Writing tips from a pro!



Jeff Harris, former Guam resident and creator of the internationally syndicated education cartoon feature "Shortcuts," talks to students in Simone Bollinger's freshman English Composition class at Guam Community College on March 5 about the creative writing process. Harris' artwork was on display in the University of Guam's Isla Center for the Arts through March 29th.



## Professionals judge DECA students



Members of the GCC CTE Marketing teams at Guam's five public high schools pitched marketing ideas to industry professionals and officials on March 7 in the MPA during the 34th GUAM DECA State Event. The four-student teams completed a comprehensive exam that tested their marketing knowledge and skills, then performed individual role-play scenarios judged by local marketing professionals and officials. Scores from the exam and role-play were combined with each school's DECA Quiz Bowl score from Feb. 1st.



## Students host Math Kangaroo!

Kudos to the GCC Math Department, which once again hosted the 14th Math Kangaroo, an international math competition. Approximately 230 students from grades K-12 took their math tests on the campus on March 22. This year, the GCC Culinary Arts department prepared snacks for the students after the test, and postsecondary students hosted an awesome mini-carnival for the students afterward at the Student Center!



## GW AutoCAD class standardizes Guam seal



A select group of GW students in the GCC CTE AutoCAD II class are helping to standardize the design of the Guam Seal. In October of last year, Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio asked GCC Construction Trades Department Chair Gil Yanger and AutoCAD instructor John Zilian if GCC students could help with this project. Yanger and Zilian selected a group of high school AutoCAD II students to handle it, “because they’re very talented,” Yanger said. He noted that it is a great way for students to see a real-world application of the skills they are learning. Drafts of the seal produced by the students will be presented to Lt. Governor Tenorio’s office for approval. The final design will be set in place by law, making the design official.



## From the Student Health Center: Know the signs of heat exhaustion

by Maria Cecilia H. Delos Santos, RN

Summer is fast approaching but with Guam’s climate, it sure feels like summer is already here. The average temperature in Guam is 81 degrees Fahrenheit. In the months of April, May and June, the average is 88 degrees, and the temperature can climb to 92 degrees or higher. Needless to say, Guam’s climate makes us prone to heat-related illnesses. To protect ourselves and our loved ones from heat exhaustion, be knowledgeable of the environment and pay close attention to the following:

1. Strenuous activities, if possible, should not be performed in excessively hot or humid environments. The body’s ability to cool itself can be overwhelmed when activity is performed in a hot environment.
2. If you have to work in the heat of the day, make sure to have adequate fluid intake, slow your work pace to reduce the amount of heat generated by the body, and take frequent breaks in cooler areas.
3. Cool off by using fans, opening windows, or turning on air conditioners.
4. Wear protective clothing (loose-fitting clothes, preferably cotton) and a well-ventilated, wide-brimmed hat that will shield your head from the direct sun.
5. Avoid alcohol or caffeinated drinks since they can increase and speed up fluid loss.
6. Be sensible, and do not stay in or leave anyone, including pets, in a closed parked car.

Signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion: Weakness, lightheadedness, headache, muscle cramps, nausea, and vomiting. If any of these signs and symptoms occur, stop activity and move to a cooler environment. Drink water or commercial sports beverages such as Gatorade which contain electrolytes sodium, potassium, and chloride to rehydrate your body.

The prognosis for heat exhaustion is good and most individuals recover and avoiding complications if the symptoms are recognized early, the activity is stopped, and cooling and hydrating is done as soon as possible. Enjoy Guam’s climate by being safe!!!

## Malago' i Kulehon Kumunidåt Guahån Mandiseha gi i Empleao síha un Minagof na Komplí'åños! Måtso/Umatålaf 2013!

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

John Armstrong  
Ana Mari Atoigue  
Lisa Baza-Cruz  
Doreen Blas  
Simone Bollinger  
Francisco Camacho  
Michael Chan  
Jayne Flores  
Paul Healy  
Darwin Joker

William Korenko  
Pik Man Lam  
Donnie Lizama  
Esther Muna  
Melissa Palomo  
Tara Rose Pascua  
Rosita Quitugua  
Anthony San Nicolas  
Catherine Solidum  
Patricia Terlaje  
Erwin Tudela  
Virginia Tudela

Tungo' i Fino' Mañaina-ta yan  
Na'setbe Kada Diha.

Know the Language of Our Elders and Use it Every Day.

## Important Dates:

**April 26 - CACGP College & Career Exploration Day**  
250 GPSS seniors tour campus!

**May 1 - Last campus Culinary Arts Lunch/Dinner buffet - Thai food!**

**May 3 - Board of Trustees Meeting Noon, PCR**

**May 8 - May Harvest - GCC Culinary Arts students prepare buffet at  
Dept. of Agriculture using local produce**

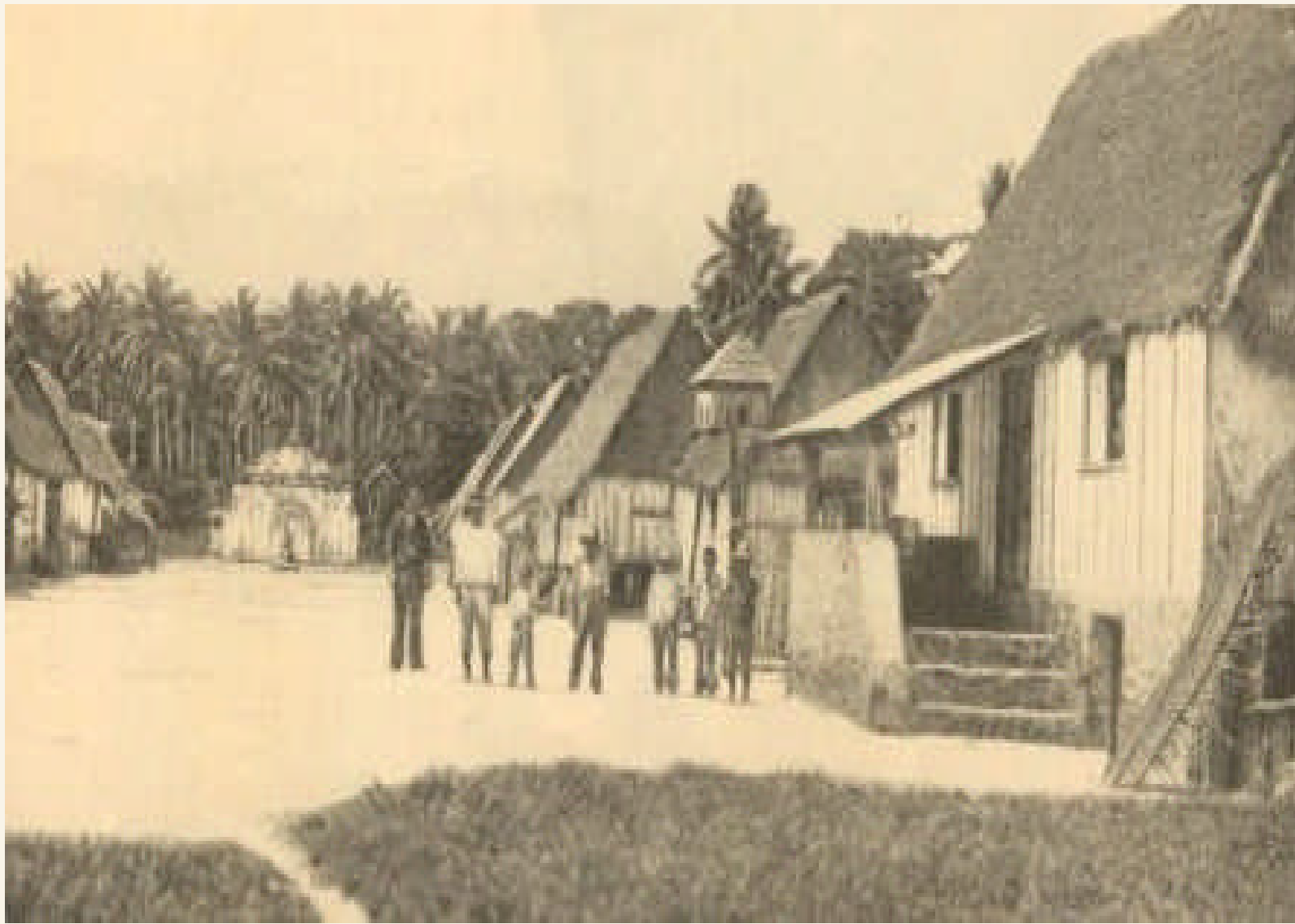
**May 9 - Foundation Board of Governors Meeting Noon, PCR**

**May 11 - Gupot GCC - 1st annual Spring Picnic 9 AM - 2 PM Ypao Beach**

**May 17 - Commencement! 6 PM, UOG Field House**

# Sinangan Siha para Måtso/Umatålaf

## March 2013 Chamorro Phrases



**Gof ya-ña.**

He/she likes it very much.

**Gof ya-ña i che'cho-ña.**

He/she likes her job.

**Dinanche gui'.**

He/she is right.

**Ti siña hu hungok hao.**

I can't hear you.

**Na' saonao siha.**

Include them.

**Ginen i Ofisinan Guinahan Cho'cho' Taotao**