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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.

Manuel B. & Maria LG Flores Rotunda of LRC!

Former Lt. Governor Frank Flores Blas, his family, and relatives gathered in what is now officially known as the Manuel B. and Maria LG Flores Rotunda of the GCC Learning Resource Center on Dec. 5 to honor the memory of his maternal grandparents, the late Manuel B. and Maria LG Flores (familian Undi). "Very often we forget where our assets come from," said Blas. He called the donation to GCC in his grandparents' name a way to say thank you to them for what they left for their heirs. Unveiling the sign from left are: Siblings Julie Blas Maanao, Teresita Blas Torre, and Patricia Blas Aguon, their cousin Tomas Flores, brother Frank F. Blas, and cousin Barry Flores.



GCC/FHB John Lee 5K draws hundreds on Nov. 9

Nearly 400 runners turned out for the first annual GCC/First Hawaiian Bank John Lee Scholarship 5K Run/Walk at Chamorro Village on Nov. 9, and while Ryan Matienzo and Manami Iijima finished first in the male and female divisions, the real winner was a young woman participating in her first 5K since being seriously injured during a home invasion in Nimitz Hill last April. There wasn't a dry eye in the crowd as she approached the finish line, everyone cheering her on. Students in the Supervision and Management Personnel Supervision classes hosted the 5K, which was sponsored by First Hawaiian Bank and the GCC Foundation. The Guam Running Club provided race support. "I'm very proud of the students – they did a great job with the logistics. In fact, the Guam Running Club told us it was very well organized," said Fred Tupaz, SM instructor. Proceeds from the 5K will help provide GCC scholarships.



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From the President... Dr. Mary A.Y. Okada

Happy New Year everyone! We had a full holiday season at GCC, and a very active end of the 2013 fall semester. My thanks to the students and faculty that performed so many wonderful service learning projects in November. You are really having a positive impact in our community! As you can see by the academic events and fundraisers alike that have taken place over the past two months, we did not slow down even though it was the end of the year.

For spring semester 2014, we look forward to a revised mission statement that helps us to focus on more student-centered learning, and a new Institutional Strategic Master Plan update to carry us through from 2014 – 2020. Please look for news and updates about these important documents that allow us to plan for future expansion and the addition of new degrees.

Finally, congratulations to our 17 Practical Nursing graduates; to our GovGuam MagPro winners, Patty Terlaje, Dr. Jay Sunga, and Barbara Mafnas; and to the GCC volleyball teams for winning the championship and the sportsmanship trophies. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and a peaceful New Year's celebration and that you are ready to start the semester anew! Biba GCC!



During the President's Office Christmas pajama party on Dec. 23rd, Dr. Mary ran around Building 2000 handing out toilet paper "money" for people to use in case the College runs out of real money! Here, Deans Juan and Gina show off their \$\$!

Godspeed, +Richard

GCC lost a dear friend and coworker, Richard Ocampo Duque, Systems Analyst I, of the MIS Department, suddenly on December first. Richard left behind his son, John Gabriel Dabu, his parents, sisters, and many friends. His death reminds us all to cherish every day with our families and friends, because we know not the day or the hour. Richard is photographed here with coworkers Johanna Camacho and Joleen Evangelista.



and +Ashley

On Nov. 27, the day before Thanksgiving, the Culinary Arts HS249 Advanced Food Prep class hosted "A Gift for Ashley," a Chamorro Thanksgiving Buffet fundraiser to help bring home their fallen classmate, 20-year-old Ashley Quitugua, who earlier in the semester learned she had cancer. Ashley went off island for treatment and passed away the week before the fundraiser. The MPA was packed with students, employees and relatives who honored her memory.



AHA PI articulation

In November, President Okada and AVP Somera signed an articulation agreement with the 4-year American Hospitality Academy in the Philippines, paving the way for GCC's AA Culinary Arts graduates to pursue a degree at AHA. Chef Gene Cordova, president of AHA, was a member of the ACF accreditation team that visited our Culinary Arts program in October.



From the ALO's desk... Dr. Ray Somera, VP for Academic Affairs

Hafa adai! Thank you to all who provided input into our proposed Institutional Strategic Master Plan (ISMP) 2014-2020 by the Dec. 6 deadline. The final version has been approved and adopted by the Board of Trustees, and the ISMP 2014-2020 will be circulated on campus for the information of all stakeholders during spring semester 2014.

Also, our updated mission statement (Policy 100) was passed by the Board in its meeting on January 10. A new poster is being developed by AIER so that everyone on campus will get the assistance they need to commit this new mission statement to memory!

Similarly, a new Board resolution on Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) was introduced at the same meeting, and passed the first reading. PLA is a term used to describe learning gained outside a traditional academic environment. In short, PLA is the evaluation and assessment of an individual's life learning for college credit, certification, or advanced standing toward further education or training (www.cael.org).

Also important is our new articulation agreement with the 4-year American Hospitality Academy in the Philippines. Thank you to Chef/President Gene Cordova of AHA for his hospitality - he was a member of the ACF accreditation team that visited our Culinary Arts program in October!

I also want to welcome our two new Associate Deans under TPS beginning this spring term: Dr. Elizabeth Diego and R. Gary Hartz. Please give them your congratulations as they begin to transition into their new leadership roles at the college.



GCC helping to Keep our Guard Up!



On Dec. 12, over 20 employers in the GCC Apprenticeship program attended a Keep Your Guard Up initiative in the hope of being able to hire employees among 600 Guam Army National guardsmen that returned from deployment in January 2014. Of that number, 287 soldiers will return home unemployed. GCC's Office of Continuing Education & Workforce Development (CEWD) formulated a 90-day industry certification program in six areas to help the guardsmen who need jobs to get the training they'll need to get hired.



3 GCC students awarded BWOY scholarships

Congratulations to GCC students Ann Mariel Flores, Faith Hope Francisco, and Alexine Gentapanan, who were awarded First Hawaiian Bank/Guam Business Businesswoman of the Year scholarships on Nov. 8.



17 Practical Nursing graduates pinned

Congratulations to the 17 GCC Practical Nursing graduates who held their pinning Ceremony on Dec. 15 at the Outrigger Hotel!



Photojournalist Tim Rock speaks to students

The GCC Humanities 120 Pacific Cultures class welcomed award-winning Guam photojournalist Tim Rock to campus on Nov. 6 in the MPA to present “Beyond Big Blue Oceania,” his photojournalism journey through the oceans of this corner of the world.



Faculty convocation

GCC faculty held a convocation for current students to meet with advisors and ask questions regarding specific courses, movement through English courses, articulation of courses, certificate and degree programs on November 7 in the MPA.



Nankin Tamasudare performers meet GCC students in Japanese classes

Japanese and Education students posed with Nankin Tamasudare performers Takashi Kobayashi, Shoichi Kora, Yasuko Nakabayashi and Kayoko Mori after their performance at the MPA on Dec. 2. Nankin Tamasudare is a traditional Japanese street performance that involves chanting and the manipulation of bamboo screens. Students were able to try out the screens and other props used.



Theater class, Talent Club perform “A Very Merry Christmas”

Students in the GCC Introduction to Theater classes performed “A Very Merry Christmas,” a series of skits based on the Christmas theme, on Dec. 5 at the GWHS gymnasium. Students in the GCC Talent Club also performed dance numbers in between the production acts.



Thank you Micronesians Chefs Association - for the kitchen supplies!

The Micronesians Chefs Association donated 40 color-coded cutting boards and a dozen safety mats to the GCC Culinary Arts program on December 18. “GCC is always there helping out the association with its events, and we thought this was a great way to reciprocate,” said Chef Peter Duenas, MCA president. “They really need these mats and cutting boards, and we want to help the program.”

Secondary activities

SSHS students receive CERT training

Students in the GCC Simon Sanchez High School Tourism Academy were among the first teenagers on island to learn how to prepare for and respond in disaster situations. The 25 students participated in Guam Homeland Security’s Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training on Nov 16 and 23, where they learned how to deal with both terrorist attacks and natural disasters like the devastating typhoon that struck the Philippines.



SSHS Tourism Academy “tourists for a day”

On Dec 6, the GCC Tourism Academy at Simon Sanchez held its annual “Be A Tourist” field trip for 55 LMP and ProStart Sophomores. The students learned to appreciate Guam from the tourist’s perspective and the LMP students also acted as tour guides at the seven scenic and historic sites they visited. ProStart students evaluated food and service at the Micronesian Mall food court. This field trip was made possible with CACGP funding

College Access Winter Bridge & workshops

Fifty middle and high school students spent their two-week Christmas break exploring college and career options, thanks to the College Access Challenge Grant Program’s first Winter Bridge program. Thirty 11th and 12th graders learned about college, how to apply to schools, and financial aid options, and 20 sixth through tenth grade students explored careers in the caregiving and cosmetology fields.



On Nov. 16, CACGP invited adult education students, high school juniors, seniors and parents/guardians to attend a Financial Aid /Grant Aid Orientation to learn about ways to afford college and the steps needed to apply for FAFSA and obtain CACGP’s grant aid to assist with college needs.

The CACGP team also received a certificate of appreciation from the JP Torres Alternative School for their Family Workshop and outreach presented on Dec. 19th.

Notables:

- GCC welcomed Dr. Grace Turner to the campus on Nov. 21. Dr. Turner, who hails from Jamaica, is a Fulbright Scholar in Residence at the Northern Marianas College through May 2014. She spoke to the management team about strategic planning and team leadership.
- Congratulations to Okkodo CTE LMP instructor **Evon Wong**, who earned her Certified Rooms Division Executive (CRDE) credentials from American Hotel & Lodging Association last semester! Congratulations Evon!
- Congratulations to Medical Assisting instructor **Barbara Mafnas**, who earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Chamberlain School of Nursing in December. Congratulations Barbara!
- GCC Computer Science instructor **Mike Setzer**’s g4I project, created and modified over three special projects, is “only” 235 pages long. There are 3 versions of the program that have been downloaded about 1,800 times. The 0.44 version of the program was downloaded over 11,000 times, and the current 0.45 has been downloaded over 24,000 times!

Service Learning projects connect GCC...

GCC students Shernitta Bertrand, Mark Cosico, Anjenette Martinez, Ivone Reusia, Shalene Banez, Jennifer Quemado, and Ailyn Jade Cruz cleaned out the Catholic Social Service thrift store and organized it on Oct. 25. "We decided to do this particular project with the Catholic Social Services because we get to experience face to face contact with customers that are in need of food and clothing. With us volunteering our services was a big help for the facility, employees and also the customers," said Bertrand.



Intro to Sociology students Matthew Cano, Thomas Daga, Christel Jessica Galang, Noel Garces, and Alfred Simpao collected various necessities for the Alee Shelter, including clothes, canned goods, toiletries and toys. They asked volunteers to donate a few items so they could provide more items to Alee. "Most of them were very cooperative," said Simpao.



The program manager from the Alee Shelter, Paula Perez, met students from the Supervision & Management 220 class on Nov. 21 to collect food, clothing and toys donated during the class' service learning drive throughout the semester.



SM225 students cleaned up the coast at Tanguisson Beach on Nov. 15, gathering 15 bags of trash that altogether weighed approximately 580 lbs. They also recycled the trash at GCC after the cleanup! SM225 Students Jeffrey Ulatan, Guillan Berman, & Jesse Hernandez picked up garbage on the beach.

After collecting donations of storybooks, coloring books, and supplies among its members and advisors, the Adult High School Student Organization visited the Guam Memorial Hospital's Pediatrics Ward patients on December 14. The students read the storybooks to the children and presented them with the storybooks, coloring books, and supplies.



...to the community!



The GCC Ecowarriors were busy during the holiday months, assisting at the Japan Autumn Festival on Nov. 30 at Ypao Beach; Taste Guam on Dec. 1 at Pleasure Island in Tumon; the Pig Derby on Dec. 14-15; Pork in the Park on Dec. 21, and they participated in Dr. Shieh's Christmas Tree Decorating Contest!

Also, several students in a GCC marine biology class wrote a letter to the editor that appeared in the Pacific Daily News on Dec. 9, reflecting on their Coastal Cleanup efforts. In part, they said,

"For the next Coastal Cleanup, we encourage teachers to extend service learning by allowing students to help with sorting -- it is no longer enough to just pick up trash... Recycling extends the life of our landfill, as well as reduces the amount of energy needed to manufacture items from virgin metal and fossil fuels. We have learned that manufacturing contributes to climate change and ocean acidification -- this makes it even more important to reduce our use of plastics and recycle as much as possible.

Finally, this experience definitely opened up our eyes to how important it is to keep our island clean."

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41 SSHA LMP students also volunteered at the 34th Japan Autumn Festival on Nov. 30, helping out with sales of food, drinks, toys and games.



GCC Marketing students at SSHA sold Tarza tickets to inform the SSHA community about the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and donated part of the sales proceeds to Make-A-Wish. On Dec. 6, they presented a check for \$100.00 to Victor Camacho, executive director of MAFW of Guam. Kneeling L-R: Garred Redila, Rodeson Basto, John Martinez, Keanu Mondina, Renee Santos, Frank Perez. Standing L-R: Keith Nonato, Eliana Sanchez, Jasmine Banks, Amada Manzana, GCC Associate Professor in Marketing; Victor Camacho, Make A Wish executive director; Kienan Naval, Jazmine Duenas, Catherine Capati, Collin Mesa, and Rheana Gabriel.

GCC Upcoming Events!

January 29 - CACGP Parent/Student Orientation, 6 PM in MPA

February 7 - President's Parade of Shoes*, 6-10 PM in MPA

*For tickets (\$20 - includes 1 free drink!), call 735-5516 or email bonniemae.datuin@guamcc.edu

Feb. 18-20 - Construction Trades' Simpson Strong Ties Certification Conference in MPA

Feb. 22 - CACGP College Access & Community Resources Fair, 10 AM - 2 PM at Micronesia Mall

GCC Volleyball champs!

Congratulations to the two GCC teams who participated in the DPR GovGuam Coed Volleyball League! In the Tasi division, Team GCC won the Championship on Nov. 23! In the Tano division, the GCC Tradesmen won the Sportsmanship Award. Thank you to all who participated in the league and to those who came out to support our teams. We look forward to next year's league to help GCC continue to shine!



Tasi Division - Team GCC 2013 Championship Photo - Pictured from left: Dr. Anthony Jay Sunga, Manny Hachenova, Sheena Black, Sally Sablan, Anthony Roberto, Simone Bollinger, Daniel Okada, and Ricky Tyquiengco. Not shown: Phyllis Yurko.



Tano Division - GCC Tradesmen 2013 Sportsmanship Award Photo - Pictured from left: Troy Lizama, Tricia Lizama, Gideon Lizama, Apolline San Nicolas, Ken San Nicolas (DPR Volleyball League Coordinator), and Joanne Ige. Not shown: Ana Mari Atoigue, Gerard Dacanay, Frances Untalan, Huan Hosei, John Diaz, Jon Tyquiengco, Jose Munoz, Benedict De Leon, Guadencia Joseph, and Terry Kuper.



GCC Tradesmen Team Photo- Pictured from left: (first row) Ana Mari Atoigue, Gerard Dacanay, Frances Untalan, Joanne Ige, Huan Hosei; (second row) John Diaz, Tricia Lizama, Troy Lizama, and Apolline San Nicolas. Not shown: Benedict De Leon, Jose Munoz, Jon Tyquiengco, Joey Roberto, Guadencia Joseph, and Terry Kuper.



GCC counselors attend suicide prevention training; Payne facilitates

On Nov. 15, twenty-three counselors, administrators and other staff from GCC, GDOE, and Santa Barbara, San Vicente and St. Anthony Catholic Schools completed a six-hour suicide prevention training called "Connect." It is a designated national best practice program developed by the National Alliance on Mental Illness - New Hampshire (NAMI-NH) to help individuals identify and mobilize available suicide prevention resources to reduce the risks of suicide among community members affected by a sudden death. GCC Accommodative Services program specialist John Payne helped facilitate the training, along with Southern High School counselor Carmen Garrido and FBLG Middle School counselor Mary Bais.



57th tour guide training

GCC Tourism instructor Eric Chong reports that the 57th tour guide training took place from Dec. 4-12 at GCC.



Congratulations GCC Mag Pro Winners!



GCC Outstanding Employees and Programs in Fiscal Year 2013



The Winners:

Employee of the Year: Professional & Paraprofessional, Social Services, Education & Related
(Merit Cup of Excellence Top Ten Finalist)
Patricia Terlaje

Excellence in Higher Education
Anthony Jay J. Sunga, Ph.D.

Inspiration & Encouragement Award
Barbara Mafnas, R.N.

The Nominees:

Customer Service Professional of the Year:
Front Office & Support Services
John Payne

Employee of the Year:
Personnel Administration, Equal Employment & Public Administration
Joann W. Muna, SPHR

Project/Program of the Year
GCC's Financial Aid Office

Also, congratulations to Tamara Hiura for taking 2nd place in the GovGuam's Got Talent portion of the Governor's MagPro Awards. Tamara was a real team player when other GCC employees were not able to participate – she didn't prepare to perform, but she came through for GCC! Thanks and congrats, Tamara!



GCC professional development day

On Dec. 13 GCC administrators and staff gathered in the MPA for professional development day. All was not so professional, though, as some pretty wild dancers performed for the group before the training got under way!



Student leaders attend national training

COPSA President Jennifer Esteves and BOT Student Member Steven Alvarez earned Certified Student Leader® credentials during the National Center for Student Leadership Conference in New Orleans from Nov. 21-24. They were among over 120 collegiate leaders who successfully completed an intensive three-day course that covered the fundamental skills of collaboration, individual and group goal-setting and achievement, and the development of a strategic plan for a real-world project.



Parties!!!

Thanksgiving Luncheon Nov. 22



Thank you to the Bello family for your generous \$10K donation presented at the GCC Thanksgiving luncheon!



FYI-GCC employees donated nearly \$400 for Typhoon Yolanda relief efforts to help our neighbors and friends in the PI.

Christmas Party - Dec. 6 at the Westin!



New Year's Eve Party in the MPA!



Malago' i Kulehon Kumunidat Guahan mandiseha gi i empleao siha un Minagof yan Biba Kompli'anos para Nubembri/Sumongsong 2013!

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

- Ronnie Abshire
- Michele Aguero
- Elizabeth Aquino
- Barbara Blas
- Frank Evangelista
- Joseph Flores
- Yvonne Flores
- Ava Garcia
- Wesley Gima
- Norma Guerrero
- Doreen Manibusan

- Doris Manibusan
- Lucille Mayo
- Erlinda Mendiola
- Pilar Pangelinan
- Lawrence Perez
- Theda Rios
- Victor Rodgers
- Barbara Rosario
- Fermina Sablan
- Heather Skoog
- Ricky Tyquiengco

Minagof yan Biba Ha'angen Manna'i Grasia

Adahi i sinigon-mu.

Be careful driving

Kao siña un pula' ini?

Can you translate this?

Mungnga chumáthinasso.

Don't worry.

Na'saonao yu'.

Include me.

Siña un tutuhon pa'go.

You can start now.

Malago' i Kulzhon Kumunidat Guahan Mandisgha
gi i emplzao siha un Minagof yan Biba
Kompli'años para Disembrz 2013!

The Guam Community College would like to wish the following Employees a Happy Birthday!
December 2013

**Brigida Artero
Pascual Artero
Libby Borja
Clare Camacho
Nita Cepeda
Victor De Roca
Chris Dennis
Philip Guerrero
Lorraine Hussey
Dan Lawcock**

**Cathy Mesa
John Pereda
Chris Poliquit
Vince San Nicolas
Dave Santos
KristiAnna Santos
Christine Sison
Wilson Tam
Trish Unten
Desiree Ventura
Gil Yanger**

Biba yan Minagof Ha'anen Nochebuena!

Kao un tungo taimanu matinas bumuñelos dāgu?

Do you know how to make buñelos dāgu

Manayuda si Agueda bumuñelos dāgu.

Agueda helped make buñelos dāgu.

I nana-ña fuma'na'gue si Agueda bumuñelos.

Agueda's mother taught her how to make buñelos dāgu.

Na' siguru un na'saonao si Steve gi i dimimorian Nochebuena.

Be sure to include Steve in the Christmas play.

Kao macho'cho hao gi i tiempon Nochebuena?

Did you work during the Christmas break?