

# CHACHALANI



Guam Community College PDF Newsletter

Campus Happenings ❖ President's Message ❖ Upcoming Events

**Mission:** Guam Community College is a leader in career and technical workforce development, providing the highest quality student-centered education and job training for Micronesia.

## 2,545 students register for classes



New Student Orientation for fall semester 2014 happened on August 6 at 9 AM and 1 PM in the MPA, where GCC COPSA officers, Acting Pres. Carmen Santos, AVP Somera and the deans welcomed a total of 311 new students to GCC. Students learned about all the services available at the college to help them succeed in their academic endeavors, and took a campus tour to become familiar with GCC's new facilities. A total of 2,545 students started postsecondary classes on August 13. Welcome students!



## Convocation

GCC faculty gathered in the MPA at 4 PM on August 11 to start the 2014-2015 Academic Year. New Faculty Senate and Staff Senate officers took their oaths of office, as did the COPSA officers for AY 2014-2015. President Okada talked about how each of us has a different role in making GCC successful, likening our jobs to those of individual stonecutters building a cathedral. In his annual

Convocation Address, Dr. Ray Somera talked about getting back to basics in the way we view each of our roles at the College, and about preparing for our mid-term ACCJC report. We also celebrated milestones from the previous academic year and handed out assessment awards (see the list on page 2). Congratulations to the winners and welcome back everyone! Biba GCC!



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

We started off Academic Year 2014-2015 by welcoming new employees on August 1st, having our department chairs meet on August 4th, orienting our new students to the College on the 6th, welcoming faculty back to campus on the 8th, holding Convocation on the 11th, and starting classes for 2,545 students on August 13th. And that was just the first half of the month! Our CEWD officer training program added new corrections officers to the staff at DYA and DOC, our Practical Nursing students, who don't get a long break over the summer, helped out at the GFT Fair on the 18th, some secondary CTE students had tea time with their summer employers at the Westin Resort, and I survived having a bucket of ice water dumped on me as part of the latest rave – the Ice Bucket Challenge! I'd like to thank the dozens of employees that helped make our showing at the GovGuam Labor Day Picnic on Aug. 31st a very good one – the GCC spirit is indeed alive and well – off campus as well as here on campus. As AVP Dr. Ray Somera mentioned during Convocation, this year, we are focusing on getting back to basics in order to help our students be more successful, and in order to get the College ready for our mid-term report due to ACCJC next year. Here's to a productive and fulfilling academic year for our students, faculty, staff and administrators. Biba GCC!



As the guest speaker at the Guam Chamber of Commerce meeting on Aug. 27, Dr. Okada relayed to the business community GCC's efforts to strengthen Guam's workforce.

**From the ALO's Desk... Dr. Ray Somera, AVP**

This year's Convocation theme, "Back to Basics," reflects the simple notion that we all need to look back at our origins in order for us to journey successfully to our destination. As the President said so eloquently in her speech, we all need to carve a stone that will build our cathedral of a community college. We continue to take pride in our work with ACCJC, as GCC has been used as a model for other community colleges in our Western region.

It is now almost the third year since our ACCJC Team visit in 2012. At our midpoint in March 2015, we will submit our institutional Midterm Report to ACCJC once again. Through the hard work of our Standard Committees and AIER, a draft report has now reached my desk. This report will be posted online soon so everyone in our campus community is provided ample opportunity for input and feedback. It is also imperative that all of us take the online Accreditation Basics course so that by March, we can report that yes, GCC takes its accreditation seriously!

We have been quite successful in our internationalization initiative in order to expand the cultural and educational experiences of both our faculty and students through various opportunities available through articulation agreements and other arrangements. On the domestic front, we have also been successful in signing agreements and arrangements with Bellevue University in Nebraska, University of Alaska-Fairbanks, University of Phoenix, Pacific Islands University here on Guam, and soon, with Wayland Baptist University in Texas. We are currently finalizing our reverse transfer agreement with the University of Guam, and also the possibility of a reverse transfer of our Adult High School diploma to GDOE. All of these developments are an integral part of our newly established Institutional Strategic Master Plan or ISMP, 2014-2020, a critical road map that will guide GCC in the years ahead.

One of the Back to Basics initiative that we will undertake this year is the roll-out of our institution-wide College and Career Readiness Plan, a work that entailed a year and a half of examining our Developmental Education, Adult Education, Adult High School, ESL, and even our secondary programs. The result is a proposal which suggests gradual shifts in our approach regarding college readiness at GCC. We need to cluster our Adult Education, Adult High School, Developmental Education, and even our GDOE-based secondary programs into one unified department on career and college readiness that will coordinate, organize, and implement activities that will promote student success and completion in these critical areas of college preparation. I will propose a dedicated administrator (such as a new Dean) that will oversee and manage this whole area of pre-college, non-postsecondary credit-bearing programs that will lead to better-prepared, college-bound students. We might call it the School of Career and College Readiness for now.

I welcome all of you to another challenging but exciting academic year, as we continue to build our cathedral of a community college!



**Roman awarded John Lee scholarship**



On Aug. 1, First Hawaiian Bank presented a \$1,500 John K. Lee Scholarship award to GCC student Janessa Marj V. Roman, in recognition of her outstanding academic achievement. Congratulations Janessa! From left: Danilo Bilong, GCC Program Specialist; President Okada; Clare S. Lee; Janessa Marj V. Roman; Laura-Lynn Dacanay, FHB Sr. VP and Guam/CNMI Region Manager; and Irene Mafnas, FHB VP & Operations Officer.

**Aklan scholarship donation**



Members of the Aklan Association of Guam donated \$500 to the GCC Foundation Scholarship Fund on Aug. 1. Presenting the donation, seated, from left: Ethel Confu and Aida Lucas, board members; GCC President Okada; and Susan Ibit, Aklan Assoc. of Guam president. Back row, from left: Mercy Guevara, Pedro Tabañar, and Narciso Ibit, board members; Johnny Q. Lucas, ex-officio; Patrick Lucas, 1st vice president; Consuelo Tabañar, board member; Andrew Solidum, public relations officer; and Catherine Solidum, asst. treasurer.

**AY 2014-2015 Officers**

**Faculty Senate**

Anthony Roberto, President  
Robin Roberson, Past President  
Sarah Leon Guerrero, President-Elect  
Troy Lizama, At Large Member  
Carl Torres, At Large Member

**Staff Senate**

Elizabeth Duenas, outgoing President (through Sept. 19)  
Toni Chamberlain, VP & incoming President (after Sept. 19)  
Latisha Leon Guerrero, Vice Pres.  
Ana Mari Atoigue, Sec./Treasurer  
Bertha Guerrero, Member-at-large  
Tara Pascua, Member-at-large  
Vivian Guerrero, Member-at-large  
Donnie Lizama, Member-at-large  
Ken Bautista, Member-at-large  
(1 member-at-large vacancy)

**COPSA**

**Council on Postsecondary Student Affairs**

Rosanna Martinez, President  
Abbie Battung, Vice Pres.  
Jesselyn Sangon, Secretary  
Shawn Fernandez, Treasurer  
Zachary Sablan, Parliamentarian  
Johnny Worswick, Public Relations Officer  
Elmarie Anderson, Student Member, GCC Board of Trustees

**Assessment Award Winners!**

- Best Administrative Unit Effort:  
**Materials Management Office**
- Best Assessment Model Award:  
**1st place: Medical Assisting Program**  
**2nd place: CEWD Office**
- Best Instructional Program (Postsecondary):  
**Automotive Service Tech. Program**
- Best Instructional Course Assessment Award (Postsecondary) **SSCJ Dept. courses**
- Best instructional Program (Secondary):  
**Marketing Program**
- Best Instructional Course Assessment Award (Secondary):  
**Health Career & Science Program**
- Best Student Services Effort Award:  
**Assessment & Counseling Office**



- Commitment to Assessment Award:  
**1st Place: Health Services Center**  
**2nd Place: Learning Resource Center**
- CCA Choice Award:  
**1st Place: Criminal Justice Program**  
**2nd Place: Construction Trades Dept. Courses**

### Student Health Services Office presentations

The GCC Student Health Services (Nurse's) Office held several presentations on health over the summer: Staying Healthy in College and The Nursing Profession, for CACGP Career Day, both on July 1. On June 27, the Nurse's Office presented a stress management session for GCC employees, and on June 30, Nurse Emma presented Wellness Tips for College Students to Project AIM students. Si Yu'os ma'ase Nurse Emma!



### A Higher Degree

GCC PIO Jayne Flores hosts the GCC edition of A Higher Degree. Her guests in August were two veterans from GCC's Keep Your Guard Up program.

### Employer Survey!

The GCC Workforce Advisory Council is currently conducting a survey with the Guam Chamber of Commerce to determine workforce needs.

Please promote this survey among your business contacts!

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e9haijvzhwsh0w6m/a0125hy15djfh/greeting>

### Notable!

- A total of nine officers graduated from the BCOT cycle 14-02, offered through GCC's Continuing Education Dept., on Aug. 5 at Government House. Two are now working at the Department of Youth Affairs and seven at the Department of Corrections.
- Maria Connelley, former Department of Labor director, went before the Legislature on Aug. 7 for her confirmation as the newest member of the GCC Board of Trustees. Welcome Trustee Connelley!
- Also on Aug. 7, GCC's Center for Student Involvement conducted a tour for 16 students from Micronesia - 11 from Chuuk and five from the Marshall Islands, to introduce them to the programs and facilities at GCC. Thank you, CSI!
- GCC Practical Nursing students and instructors assisted at GFT's 9th Annual TB Testing and 2nd Annual Health Fair on Aug. 18 at the Agana Shopping Center.
- Orientation for new and continuing Project AIM students took place Friday, Aug. 22 in the MPA from 8:30 to noon.
- The GCC Ecowarriors hit the ground running this semester by planting trees and snorkeling in the Masso Reservoir/River at the Guam Nature Alliance launch in Piti on Aug 30, and then by assisting iRecycle with sorting recyclables at the GovGuam Labor Day Picnic on Aug 31 – for the 5th consecutive year!

### AHEC Summer health academy completion ceremony



Brittany Lou Manglona, 15, a freshman at Academy of Our Lady of Guam, listens to her heartbeat with the miniature stethoscope she and 39 other students received during the completion ceremony for the GCC Area Health Education Center's (AHEC) 2014 Summer Academy on Aug. 1 at GCC. The two-week session offered students information about careers in the medical and health fields while building their math, science and English skills. The Summer Academy was funded by GCC's AHEC grant.

### Summer Work Experience students have tea with the boss

On Aug 28, the Westin Resort & Spa invited its 2014 Summer Work Experience Program trainees back for a tea time with General Manager Toshi Doi. Fifteen students from JFK, GW, Okkodo and Sanchez LMP and ProStart students were presented with certificates and enjoyed their tea time with Westin management staff.

L-R: Lhisel Cura, Natasha Mercado, Etheline Alviz, Jay Patrick Dela Cruz, Mr. Doi, Kristeo Torres, Ginelle Pobre, Jhanine Batac, Juliana Taitano, Elaine Espino.



### College Access promotes college at SSHS!



College Access counselors Chad Palomo and Marylee Palomares presented information about CACGP to SSHS CTE students on Aug. 29. Altogether 102 CTE students (LMP, ProStart, Health Occupations, and Electronics) attended the informative presentation. Sanchez LMP instructor Eric Chong noted that Sanchez continues to be a big supporter with the largest high school CACGP membership!

# Labor Day Picnic!



The GCC spirit was alive and well at Pavilion #D1, Hilton Hotel side, during the GovGuam Labor Day Picnic on Aug. 31. Aside from great food and camaraderie, Dean Gina Tudela's crew hosted children's games, a great table competition under the theme "Stars," and the College provided great dry-fit Team GCC t-shirts. Great job, Dean's office crew! Also, great job to GCC's new sustainability coordinator, Kiko Palacios, and his crew of John Payne and Huan Hosei, who headed the awesome recycling effort at the GCC tent, and to Associate Dean Gary Hartz' AWESOME band, Mr. Charlie, for providing the excellent musical entertainment (including a guest performance by our own Tamara Therese Huira)!



Check out the scholarship opportunities at [www.guamcc.edu](http://www.guamcc.edu). You can be awarded FREE \$\$ for college!

## GCC administrators take Ice Bucket Challenge!



Dr. Okada, Dr. Somera, CEWD Asst. Director Victor Rodgers, and POST Commission Exec. Director Dennis Santo Tomas got doused with ice water on Aug. 22 as part of an Ice Bucket Challenge from UOG President Dr. Robert Underwood. Check out the video at the link below!

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=10152384687817736&l=6482320623151697403>

## We welcome our new employees...



GCC welcomed new employees to the College family during New Employee Orientation on August 1st.

## ...and bid a fond farewell to others



Best wishes to John Armstrong, Associate Professor in the CJSS Department, and John Limtiaco, Assistant Professor of Electronics, on their retirement this month. Armstrong (right) retired on August 1st, and Limtiaco (left) on August 29th. Gentlemen, you will be missed!



## Adios to Vic Rodgers!



Many of us gathered in the rotunda on Aug. 27 to bid farewell to CEWD Assistant Director Victor Rodgers, who is moving to Pennsylvania to conduct workforce development at Harrisburg Community College, and to be closer to his family. "I'll be back!" he says. We will miss you too, Vic!

## Congratulations Frank...again!

And once again (for the third time!) Frank Camacho was GCC's Biggest Loser (from the annual health contest held January - March). Dr. Ray Somera came in second, and Bertha Guerrero, BOT administrative secretary, was in third place. Congratulations to all on your healthier bodies!



**Malago' i Kulehon Kumunidat Guahan  
Mandiseha gi i manempleao siha un  
Minagof na Kompl'anos!**

AGOSTU/TENHOS 2014

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

August 2014

**Hernalin Analista  
Terry Barnhart  
Chris Camacho  
Patrick Clymer  
Carol Cruz  
Gerry Dacanay  
Ely Damian  
Tressa Dela Cruz  
Cecilia delos Santos  
Gary Hartz  
Priscilla Johns  
Golder Josha**

**Rachel Lee  
Rose Loveridge  
Loressa Melegrito  
Eva Mui  
Joann Muna  
Chelsa Muna-Brecht  
Bob Neff  
Mary Okada  
Richard Reyes  
Peter Roberto  
Ron Santos  
Tishawanna Smith**

**Upcoming at GCC**

September 24-25 - Meet the President 6:00 - 7:30 PM GCC MPA

October 2 - Fall Festival 4-8 PM in the Student Center Courtyard (rescheduled due to rain!)

October 4 - GCC Foundation Par Excellence Golf Tournament at LeoPalace Resort

October 8-9 - Gubernatorial forums hosted by Supervision & Management students

October 21 & 23 Senatorial forums (all forums 6-7:30PM in MPA)

Join the nearly 1,400 people who "like" us on  facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Guam-Community-College/188340884518673>

**Sinangan Siha para Agostu/Tenhos**

Tenhos - "Stormy or Angry"

August 2014 Chamorro Phrases



As the battle for Guam advanced from the beachheads and the concentration camps liberated, people began traveling from the camps or their jungle hideouts to safety behind the front lines. Above, boys on carabaos and on foot are part of the stream of people fleeing the fighting between the Japanese and American forces. [http://www.nps.gov/history/history/online\\_books/npswapa/extContent/Lib/liberation26.htm](http://www.nps.gov/history/history/online_books/npswapa/extContent/Lib/liberation26.htm)

**Hamyo dumadalalak i famalao'an siha para i sagan lepblo.**

You were accompanying the ladies to the library.

**Sina un li'e na'an i manemplehao-ñiha i gi "website."**

You can see the names of the employees on their website.

**Makinista gue' gi i che'cho.**

He/she is a mechanic at work.

**Na tungo' ham sinkaso malago hamyo humanao giya Hagatña.**

Let us know if you want to go to Hagatña

**Ågang ham sinkasu malago hamyo humanao giya KFC.**

If you want to go to KFC, give us a call.