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Guam Community College PDF Newsletter

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Mission Statement:

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

Another spring enrollment record!



Spring 2014 enrollment saw another record broken as 2,452 students registered for classes at the college. Of those students, 177 attended the New Student Orientation on Jan. 14 in the MPA, where they met GCC administrators and learned all about GCC and the services the College offers to help students succeed.

Project AIM and CACGP help students succeed



Project Aim's Spring Semester New & Continuing Student Orientation happened Friday, Jan. 24 in the MPA. Nearly 170 students are enrolled in this valuable program. The College Access Challenge Grant Program welcomed 70 new or returning students and parents to program orientation on Jan. 29 in the MPA.

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



We begin 2014 with the highest spring enrollment in our college's history: 2,452 students! Breaking enrollment records is becoming routine here at GCC, but don't let that fool you. Higher enrollment means more work for all of us, yes, but it also means that we are fulfilling our important mission in a very big way! As we get into this semester, let's focus on how we can strengthen that mission through each of our respective roles as faculty who teach our courses, as staff who provide critical support, and as administrators who oversee our programs. I look forward to all the activities this semester will bring – including the wonderful service learning projects that our students and faculty produce. Biba GCC!

Dr. Okada was a 2013 Guam Business Magazine Executive of the Year nominee. She and GCC HR administrator Joann Muna look fabulous at the EOY gala on Jan. 18 at the Hyatt Regency Guam.

President Okada is nominated for 2013 Executive of the Year



Congratulations to President Mary Okada on being one of the 10 nominees (and the only female nominee this year!) for the Guam Business Magazine's 2013 Executive of the Year. Your accomplishments have made GCC shine, and you were stunning in your dress and in your lip-synching duet with fellow nominee Oscar Miyashita at the Employee of the Year gala on Jan. 18. We are proud to work with you!

Dr. Okada with husband David, BOT chair Deborah Belanger, and standing, Dr. Juan Flores, Jayne Flores, Kimie Okada, Carmen Santos, FBOG chair Lorraine Okada, Dr. Ray Somera, and HR administrator Joann Muna.



Thanks to GCC Talent Club dancers Lydia Sombria, Ellane Guiao, Kevin Malanum, and Joe Gozum for dancing "backup" for Dr. Okada and Oscar during their lip sync performance to Elton John's "Don't Go Breakin' My Heart," and to Talent Club sponsors Theresa Datuin and Tonirose Realica for organizing the students' participation. GCC students rock!



Joint Leadership meeting

GCC administrators and members of the Faculty Senate met on January 17 to discuss budget and other issues at the college. It was a very productive discussion!

Preparing to Keep our Guard up

On January 19, LTC Robert Crisostomo of the US Army National Guard and LTC Mike Tougher, Commander, 1st Battalion, US Army, appeared on GCC's A Higher Degree to talk about the GCC Keep Your Guard Up program that has been put together by the Continuing Education & Workforce Development Office in cooperation with the Governor's Office, Guam Chamber of Commerce, the Guam Contractors Association, the Guam Department of Labor and the Agency for Human Resources Development, and island businesses, to assist nearly 300 soldiers who returned from Afghanistan this month to either unemployment or under-employment. The 90-day certification program is designed to help the soldiers jump-start careers in eight CTE fields.



Victor Rodgers, CEWD asst. director, meets with returning soldiers on Jan. 5 to discuss the GCC Keep Your Guard Up certification program.

GCC highlights Sign Language Interpreting at conference



GCC co-sponsored an Access to Language Equality forum Jan. 21-23 at the Westin Resort, and Sarah Leon Guerrero, Education Dept. chair, was one of the presenters/sign language interpreters, enabling her to highlight GCC's new Sign Language Interpreting certificate program!

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CTE Secondary Programs - January activities



Southern takes DECA Quiz Bowl

Southern High School's GCC CTE Marketing team won the DECA Quiz Bowl Jan. 31 in the MPA. They will also compete at the DECA State Event in the MPA on Feb. 21. Seated, from left: Alyssa Marie Meno, Mary Flores, Leani Vegafria, Georgina Vawter, and Jelcy Taman. Standing: Eliot Cruz, GCC CTE SHS Marketing instructor Yvonne Tam, and Peterson Menase.



Hyatt presentation to tourism students

Mr. Earl Thomas, Hyatt Events Manager, spoke to SSHS Tourism Academy seniors on January 30. He assisted ProStart and LMP seniors by providing valuable information for their spring semester capstone restaurant development and marketing project.



SSHS students' rainy day hospitality

During the stormy last week of January, LMP students at SSHS practiced hospitality by providing a simple deed - "umbrella service" to help students stay dry walking to classes. GCC CTE LMP instructor Eric Chong says most people appreciated their good deed, but that a few refused the service. The students then reflected on the activity, which is similar to providing service at a hotel or restaurant.



SSHS CTE instructor Chong presents at GDOE Service Learning Expo

Eric Chong presented at GDOE's first Service-Learning Expo on Jan. 18 at UOG, on the topic, "Turning Service Learning into Action." With Chong are presenter Melanie Blas, SSHS, and Luis Cabral, GDOE Curriculum & Instruction.



School Resource Officer Aysha Oner presented to SSHS LMPI classes about drugs and alcohol awareness on Jan 21.

Peace Festival of Lights!

Kudos to the GCC employees who hosted the Peace Festival of Lights at Government House the evening of Jan. 5.



Malago' i Kulzhon Kumunidat Guahan Mandischa gi i emplzao siha un Minagof yan Biba Kompli' años para Inzru 2014!

The Guam Community College would like to wish the following Employees a Happy Birthday!
January 2014

a simple
new year's

Adrian Atalig
Jerome Blas
Jose Cejoco
Jesse Cruz
Vivian Cruz
Bonnie Mae Datuin
John Diaz
Joel Egana
Vivian Guerrero
Huan Hosei
Polli Huseby
John Jocson
Catherine Leon Guerrero

Sarah Leon Guerrero
John 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.



Law enforcement shooting match at GCC Firing Range

The Guam Shooting Sports Federation hosted a shooting match for law enforcement officers on Jan. 25 at the GCC shooting range. The Gun Owners of Guam prepared food and drinks for the event to thank GPD and other law enforcement officers for their service to the community, according to Dennis Larsen, GSSF president.

Sinangan Siha para Ineru/Tumaiguini

January 2013 Chamorro Phrases



Tumutohon i nuebu na sakkan.

The new year has begun.

I ma'estro ha adingani i estudiante siha put i regulasion i Kulehon.

The teacher spoke to the students about the college regulations.

Na'adanche hinasson-miyu.

Understand each other's thoughts.

Akihot i gima'-mami ya i kulehon.

Our house is close to the college.

Sen asentado aksion-ña gi che'cho'.

Her performance at work was exceptional.