

# 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.

## 152 complete Keep Your Guard Up

“Don’t stop now.” That was GCC President Okada’s message to 152 Guam veterans during a ceremony marking the completion of the Keep Your Guard Up program at the National Guard Readiness Center on July 8. KYGU was implemented after Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Benny Paulino informed Guam’s leaders last year that 260 of the 588 men and women of the I-294th Infantry Regiment deployed to Afghanistan would be returning home in January 2014 either unemployed or under-employed.

While the soldiers were still in country, GCC surveyed them and formulated a 90-day industry certification program in eight areas. The 152 soldiers earned enrichment certificates for having gained employable skills. Some also earned completion certificates, National Career Readiness Certificates and valuable industry certifications.

Okada encouraged them to continue with their studies at GCC. “Some of you are only a few credits away from your degree or certificate,” she said. Employers DCK Pacific, Cabras Marine, Cars Plus, the Guam Fire Department, and even GCC have hired several dozen of the KYGU veterans, and others have already signed up to take courses at GCC for fall semester.



### JFK students earn NCRCs

On June 3, nearly 100 students at John F. Kennedy High School that have earned their National Career Readiness Certificates gathered in the school gym to commemorate their success. Several dozen of the students are graduating seniors.

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



We always think that the campus will be quiet during the summer, but it seems GCC is a happening place all year round! We had five summer programs going on at one time, plus we wrapped up the Keep Your Guard Up program for over 150 of our returning veterans, we had customer service trainings, workshops, scholarship donations, a walk-through of the three-fourths completed Building 200, and much more. Thank you to all the program coordinators, instructors, and support staff who helped make these programs a huge success! We also upgraded MyGCC over the summer, so it is much more user-friendly, and ready for fall semester. Being this busy over the summer months is a good thing – it gets us ready for fall semester, and the return to campus of hopefully over 2,700 students looking for education and workforce training.

Thank you to the Friends of GCC, consisting of retired faculty and alumni, for their wonderful fundraiser at the Elks Lodge in Agana Heights on July (I forget the date!).

To our faculty, I hope your summer was relaxing and restful. Dr. Ray and I are looking forward to Convocation and the start of the academic year. Biba GCC!

**PPEC elects Okada as ACCJC rep**

In June President Okada was named the Pacific Colleges Representative to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). Dr. Okada was elected by fellow members of the Pacific Postsecondary Education Council (PPEC) to serve on the ACCJC from July 2014 through June 2017. She currently serves as chairperson of the PPEC. “It is an honor to have been elected to serve on the ACCJC,” she said. “PPEC has been assisting colleges in our region with issues pertaining to accreditation, so that the caliber of the postsecondary education in our region continues to improve and meet the needs of the region’s workforce.”



GCC Foundation Board member Carline Bukikosa was among the organizers of “A Night with Friends of GCC” sponsored by GCC Retired Faculty/Staff/Friends on July 10 at the Agana Hts. Elks Club. Thank you, retirees!!!

**GCC now a member of SOC**

Veteran students, GCC has “got your six.” The College has been accepted into the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges Consortium for the 2013-2015 membership cycle, based on “its commitment to fair, equitable, and effective policies and practices that recognize and deal with the special conditions faced by military students who want to obtain a college education,” according to GCC’s acceptance letter from the SOC Consortium. GCC’s SOC Veteran Point of Contact is Retired Col. Dennis Santo Tomas, executive director for the Peace Officer Standards Training, or POST Commission. Col. Santo Tomas also serves as the advisor to the newly formed GCC Veteran Students organization.



Thank you to Dennis Santo Tomas, POST Commission exec. director; Esther Rios, Financial Aid Coordinator; and Janna Fernandez and Chelsa Muna-Brecht of CEWD for representing GCC at the Westcare Veterans Health Conference at the Westin Resort on July 18.

**Talofofo CAP is fourth to open!**



GCC opened its fourth Community Access Point (CAP) at the Talofofo Mayor’s Office on June 4. The first cohort of 10 residents will take free online training via the KeyTrain component of WorkKeys, the Job Assessment and Training program offered by GCC. When they complete KeyTrain, they can take the \$65 test to earn a National Career Readiness Certificate - proof for employers of specific skills that they have mastered. In exchange, the residents work two hours a week on village beautification projects. GCC also has CAPS in Inarajan, Sinajana, and Tamuning, through a partnership with the Guam Contractor’s Association, the Guam Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor’s Council of Guam, and PC Merge. Thanks to Talofofo CAP sponsors JTC Services, Rotary Club of Tumon Bay, Island Tinting, JMC Equipment Rental, and Budazu Electric, and to Mayor Taitague!

**Education Dept. conducts training for caregivers of young children**

The Education Department hosted two trainings in June for caregivers working with young children. Circle Time and Centers, held on June 7, demonstrated the important components of effective circle time activities and learning centers. Fun and Learning Training on June 21 focused on activities that promote positive physical growth and learning.



**GCC graduates are Healthcare Heroes**

Dee Manglona MSN, RN, GCC’s Allied Health Dept. Administrator, along with Christine San Nicolas of the DPHSS HATSA Program, and Laticia Santos & Emma Reyes, GCC HATSA CNA program graduates & now-Certified Nursing Assistants, were guests on Travis Coffman’s K57 Big Show feature “GMH Healthcare Heroes” segment on June 24.



**GCC students assist at GovGuam Employees Health Fair**

GCC Practical Nursing and Medical Assisting students helped out at the GovGuam Employees Health Fair on June 26 at the Department of Public Health.



# Summer Programs!

## CACGP Renewable Energy Program

The CACGP Renewable Energy Summer Program culminated on June 27 with the eight high school participants connecting their solar panel projects outside the Technology Center to power up light bulbs! Three of the four two-person teams' projects turned on without a hitch, and one team had to make a small adjustment, but overall: success! Instructor Terry Kuper from GCC's Technology Department said the two-week course was designed to teach the students about emerging careers related to power conservation, sustainability and keeping the environment eco-friendly.



## CACGP Summer Bridge:

Two CACGP Summer Bridge sessions for middle and high school students provided 120 students with free summer courses in math and English, and cultural and career exploration field trips. The sessions ran June 9 through July 18.



## Citi Postsecondary Education Accessibility Initiative (PSEAI)

The 8th annual Post Secondary Education Accessibility Initiative (PSEAI), sponsored by Citi Foundation, provided 20 high school graduates and incoming seniors with a six-week course that included English and Math instruction, textbooks, tutors, financial aid counseling, college coping skills workshops, a budgeting workshop, placement tests and career interest inventories. PSEAI volunteer Connie Moral conducted the budgeting workshop on July 9.

## AHEC Summer health academy

Forty high school students interested in pursuing careers in the medical or health professions explored some of those professions during the Area Health Education Center's (AHEC) 2014 Summer Academy July 22 – August 1. The students learned about careers in the medical and health field, and built up their math, science and English skills.



## Notable:

The 30 students in the UOG Upward Bound Program toured the GCC Campus on July 3. Thank you to the GCC TRiO Project AIM staff for conducting the tour!!!

## Nat'l Summer Transportation Institute



The National Summer Transportation Institute allowed middle and high school students to experience the various fields within transportation and to talk to professionals in the field. Tours include visits to federal sites, the airport and airline industry. Students gained hands-on experience related to transportation through projects such as painting crosswalk lines at a campus entrance point and measuring and cutting rebar for a sidewalk installation. The middle school NSTI program is funded by the Department of Transportation's Federal Highways Administration through GovGuam's Department of Public Works; the high school session is funded by GCC's College Access Challenge Grant Program.

## Build Your Future Construction Summer Academy

The Build Your Future Construction Summer Academy for middle and high school students, from June 16 - 27, exposed students to different areas of the construction trade and included hands-on activities such as creating objects in 3-D in the GCC AutoCAD lab and building a footstool.



## Sign Language Camp

GCC American Sign Language II students prepared children's stories and songs this summer to present at the local daycare/ ASL camp.



## Notable:

The GCC Ecowarriors helped keep our island clean by recycling again this year at the annual Liberation Carnival and Liberation Day Parade! They also assisted with a base-wide count of fanihi on Andersen Air Force Base on July 3. Si Yu'os ma'ase, Ecowarriors!

## Scholarship Opportunities!

### FEATI donates to the GCC Foundation...



The Far Eastern Air Transport Incorporated (FEATI) Alumni Association presented its annual donation of \$500 to the GCC Foundation scholarship fund on June 27. Present for the donation were Esther Rios; Ray Valenzuela, FEATI past president and GCC instructor; Glicerio Nasis, past president; Ed Tucker, president; Dr. Okada; Rosa Vargas, board member; Marissa Serrano, board member; Mac Vargas, past president; and Nestor Catangay, board member.

### as does the Laguna Association...

The Laguna Association of Guam presented its annual \$500 scholarship donation to GCC on June 13. On hand for the check presentation were, from left, Nelia Cahinhinan, Laguna Assoc. advisor; JoePeter Gacutan, Laguna board member; Dr. Okada; Linda Carmona, Laguna Assoc. president; Esther Rios, GCC Financial Aid Coordinator; and Ray Valenzuela, Laguna Assoc. advisor and past president.



**GCC Foundation scholarship applications are available at [www.guamcc.edu](http://www.guamcc.edu).**



### SSHS ProStart's Dimla receives culinary scholarship

SSHS graduate MacDaniel Dimla was chosen as one of the 2014 APIASF scholars. This scholarship comes on top of Dimla's two culinary scholarships awarded as a result of the SSHS ProStart team's two consecutive national championship titles, during the 2013 and 2014 ProStart National Invitational competitions. Dimla was the only SSHS ProStart member to be on BOTH championship teams - this year as captain. Mac, we wish you the best, and we expect great things from you!

## Staff Development

### AHEC First Aid CPR staff training

GCC's Allied Health Department conducted First Aid & Heartsaver training on June 11 & 12 for GCC staff members, courtesy of the AHEC grant.



### Customer service training

Eric Chong, GCC CTE LMP instructor at Simon Sanchez High School and a credentialed tourism instructor, provided customer service training for GCC support staff on June 6. Thank you Eric!

### Staff/Admin Development Day

"Focusing on Making a Difference" was the theme of the GCC Staff/Administrator Development Day on June 13. Sessions included Bullying and Cyberbullying, the Mini-Hatch Act, an explanation and review of Title IX (by John Payne, GCC Accommodative Services Program Specialist - see photo right!), Achieving Success in the Workplace, a team energizer, and staff and administrator meetings.



## Notable!

- GCC and DOA presented a "Preventing Sexual Harassment" workshop at GCC on June 10.
- GCC administrators took a walk-through of the three-fourths completed Building 200 Expansion/Renovation on June 11. The building is expected to be ready for spring semester 2015.
- The Chuuk Department of Education conducted interviews in the GCC Student Center on July 22-23, looking for postsecondary students in the process of earning a degree and college graduates interested in making a difference in Chuuk. Chuuk DOE Director Gardenia Macayaon, Chief of School Support Paulina Yourupi, and DOE Representative Paul Hadik interviewed several candidates. Anyone hired gets their ticket to Chuuk paid for!

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

Huño/Mananaf 2014

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

June 2014

Kenneth C. Bautista  
Antonita F. Cabrito  
Johanna L. Camacho  
Elizabeth J. Duenas  
Bertha Guerrero  
Teresita C. Guerrero  
Paul N. Kerner  
Terry Kuper  
Bobbie Leon Guerrero

Tish Leon Guerrero  
Pamela Mabazza  
Marlena O. Montague  
Daniel Okada  
Doris C. Perez  
Rowena Ellen Perez  
Jesse Quenga  
Dennis Santo Tomas  
Vicky Schrage

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HULIO/SEMU 2014

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July 2014

Marina Aguilar  
Joe Benavente  
Ann Cruz  
Harold Cruz  
Karen Dumchus  
Mary Ann Eclavea  
Joleen Evangelista  
Jeff Fabro  
Diana Inclano

Edwin Limtuatco  
Jonathan Mantanona  
Brian Muna  
Jonathan Perez  
Tonirose Realica  
Sally Sablan  
Cheryl San Nicolas  
Rose Marie Siguenza

Minagof Ha'anen Libirasion!

## Upcoming at GCC

August 11 - Convocation 4 PM in the GCC MPA

August 13 - First day of classes!

September 18 - Fall Festival 4 - 8 PM GCC Student Center Courtyard

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

Join the nearly 1,300 people who "like" us on  facebook at [www.guamcc.edu](http://www.guamcc.edu)!

## Sinangan Siha para Huño/Manânaf

Manânaf - "Signifies to go on all fours, to crawl"  
June 2014 Chamorro Phrases



**Bumulontâriu ham para i eskuela.**

We volunteered at the school.

**Guaha ramentan-miyu siha para i fina'maolek i "computer."**

You have tools to repair the computer.

**Umeskuela ham gi i eskuelâ-mu gi Mit Nuebi Sientos Nubentai Kuâtro.**

We attended your school in 1984.

**Kao ha ñega i kentrâtan i ma'estro?**

Did she/he nullify the teacher's contract?

**Kao un chule' i pisara yan i lepblo siha para i kuation-mu.**

Did you take the blackboard and the books to your classroom?

## Sinangan Siha para Hulio/Semu

July 2014 Chamorro Phrases



Marines land on Asan Beach, Guam, July 21, 1944

<http://pacificislandparks.com/2011/06/30/park-programs-during-liberation-month/>

**Kao i empliao siha ma hongga i anunsio?**

Did the employees here the announcement?

**Hu aliligao i chiget pappet siha gi sanhilo i lamasa-mu.**

I'm looking for paper clips on my desk.

**Hâfa na asunto ma diskuti gi miteng?**

What topic was discussed at the meeting?

**I estodiante siha fumatinas i limasa isla.**

The students made the island table.

**Guaha nuebu na lepblo siha gi i sagan lepblo.**

There are new books at the library.