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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.

13 consecutive clean audits for GCC!

GCC continued its clean audit streak with a 13th clean bill of financial health from independent auditors Deloitte & Touche, LLP, according to the Guam Office of Public Accountability on March 10. The OPA also notes that conservation measures put in place allowed the institution to realize \$70,000 in utility savings.

“Our success in maintaining our low risk status is a team effort as far as educating employees on the processes and accountability guidelines,” said President Okada. “Everyone knows the rules and everyone follows the rules to ensure that the financial arm of the college runs smoothly and efficiently.”

“We would like to acknowledge and thank all our employees for their hard work and efforts to help ensure that GCC maintains its low-risk status,” added Carmen Santos, CPA, VP of Finance & Administration.

Adult Education conference

GCC Adult Education students learned just how many services are available to help them succeed in earning their high school diploma and in postsecondary education during the annual Adult Education conference on March 6. This year’s theme, “Seeing into the Future,” encouraged the students to explore career paths and job opportunities.



Students leading Students

Nearly 160 students attended the annual Students Leading Students free leadership conference on March 7 at the Marriott to gain leadership skills for the classroom and the workplace. The conference is organized by COPSA, the Assessment & Counseling Dept., the Center for Student Involvement and Project AIM.

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

Our busiest month of spring semester started off on a great note, with our 13th clean audit. I want to thank everyone, from the faculty, staff and administrators, for following procedures and being diligent with requisitions and POs – it's a source of pride for us that we are such good stewards of our island's public funds! Also, thanks to the Citi Foundation for being a consistent partner in education by again funding the summer PSEAI program for the eighth consecutive year with another \$30K grant. To all the students that attended Meet the President on March 17-18, thank you for your suggestions and for the productive dialogue that these sessions always produce. Thanks also to our students for all of the wonderful service learning projects – from the Ecowarriors cleanups and testifying at the WESPAC meeting for a shark sanctuary to MA students conducting free health screenings to the JFK LMP Hafa Adai Pledge, and many more! Our students are our best ambassadors, taking what our faculty has taught them and applying it out in the community. Biba GCC!



Students meet the president!

Students met with President Okada on March 17 and 18 in the MPA. The president talked about upcoming projects on the campus, the Keep Your Guard Up program, sustainability, registering for summer and fall courses, and taking advantage of scholarships. She answered questions about programs, repairs to classrooms, and other issues.



GCC at Women Veterans conference

Dr. Okada and Vic Rodgers, CEWD Asst. Director, presented at the 8th Annual Women Veterans Conference at the Sheraton Laguna Resort Guam on March 6, speaking about job trends through 2020, and educational opportunities available to women veterans.



President Okada one of 12 Guam women pioneers!

Our very own President Okada was selected as one of Guam's 12 women pioneers by the Guam Women's Chamber of Commerce. Check out this link to Pacific News Center for details:

http://pacificnewscenter.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=42768:video-guam-women-honored-as-pioneers-in-guam-history&catid=45:guam-news&Itemid=156

From the ALO's desk... Dr. Ray Somera, AVP

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), which we fall under, has been busy over the last two years revising standards that have been in effect since 2002. This revision process, which began almost three years ago, has solicited input from many sources, including Guam Community College. As a result (see chart), the title of Standard 1 has changed to Mission, Academic Quality, Institutional Effectiveness and Integrity. Also, the overall standard count has been reduced from 139 to 128 standards, which is good news for all of us! The new standards for comprehensive institutional evaluations for reaffirmation of accreditation (which GCC falls under) will begin in spring 2016, with an accreditation cycle of seven instead of six as the maximum number of years. Also, the definition of "reaffirmation of accreditation" has been revised to distinguish high-performing institutions (such as GCC!) that meet and exceed standards. Which means that in 2018, when we are next up for our reaffirmation, we can strive for reaffirmation for seven years – through 2025.

2002		2015	
Accreditation Standards	Count	Proposed Accreditation Standards	Count
Standard 1: Mission and Effectiveness	11	Standard 1: Mission, Academic Quality, Institutional Effectiveness and Integrity	27
Standard 2: Student Learning Programs and Services	46	Standard 2: Student Learning Programs and Services	29
Standard 3: Resources	50	Standard 3: Resources	39
Standard 4: Leadership and Governance	32	Standard 4: Leadership and Governance	33
TOTAL	139		128

One other exciting piece of news is that community colleges under the umbrella of ACCJC are now allowed to offer ONE baccalaureate degree. Of course, this degree for us should be a degree that is NOT currently offered by our partner institution UOG. It will be a four-year CTE degree.

Officials visit from Sias International University

On March 17, Dr. Okada and former Sen. Larry Kasperbauer met with Dr. Shawn Chen, president of Sias International University in China, and with officials from the university's construction department, to discuss potential partnerships.



Citi Foundation funds PSEAI for 8th year!

On March 19, Citibank officials Connie Moral and Owen Lorzano presented Dr. Okada, Dean Gina Tudela and Associate Dean Michael Chan with a \$30,000 check from the Citi Foundation to provide an eighth Postsecondary Education Assessability Initiative summer program for graduating and incoming high school seniors, to prepare them for college. Thank you Citi!



Ecowarriors testify at WESPAC for shark sanctuary

Kudos to the GCC Ecowarriors for joining with the GW Marine Maniacs and the Simon Sanchez Sharks MADE students in testifying for a shark sanctuary at the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (WESPAC) meeting on March 20 at the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa. WESPAC is entrusted with developing policy in the Western Pacific. The Ecowarriors provided testimony to promote a shark sanctuary and preempt WESPAC's attempt to develop a shark fishery in our waters.

"This is a grassroots, from the bottom up, campaign to protect the ocean's most valuable apex predator," said Ecowarriors advisor and Associate Professor Joni Kerr. Other March activities for the Ecowarriors included:

March 6th – Clean Our House Day at GCC

March 8th - Fire Prevention Clinic at Umatac Discovery Day Celebration. Ecowarriors conducted a crafts table and spread the message that "There's no need to burn – it's so '80s!"

March 29th - Fire Prevention Clinic at Agat Mayor's Office.

Kadan Automotive School students visit, interact with GCC students

Beginning Japanese II students interacted with 50 students from Sendai, Japan's Kadan Automotive School on March 11 in the Student Center Training Room. The visiting students then toured the GCC campus and the Automotive shop.



Japan CLUB participates in annual crafts fair

GCC's Japan CLUB took part in the annual Japan Club of Guam Arts & Crafts Fair on March 8 at the Hotel Nikko Guam, demonstrating traditional Japanese cloth wrapping.

Math & Medical Assisting Notables!

The GCC Math Department hosted the 15th annual Math Kangaroo on March 21, with 200 students from public and private schools attending the national math test on the GCC campus. Afterward, GCC math students hosted a Math Carnival at which various GCC programs set up booths with games, demonstrations, and hands-on activities for students of all grade ranges so they could learn about the fields of study offered at GCC, and about how math is applied in these programs and in other fields.

Medical Assisting students provided free health screenings for the Guam Diabetes Control Coalition in collaboration with Department of Public Health & Social Services for Diabetes Alert Day Health Fair on March 29 at the Micro Mall.

Grace Salamera, LPN and 2010 GCC graduate, appeared on GCC's Higher Degree program in March with Jayne Flores, Asst. Director of Communications & Promotions, and Jennifer Artero, RN, MSN, GCC Nursing Instructor, speaking about having served on a Medical Mission in Tacloban in Phillipines, following the supertyphoon that struck the Phillipines several months ago.

Education Dept. conducts workshops



The Education Department has been busy this semester with Year 2 activities under a contract with DPHSS. Activities thus far included college courses and workshops in January, February and March. On March 15, a culture and learning workshop provided developmentally appropriate activities that incorporate local culture, customs, and materials. The importance and ways of being culturally responsive and creating an anti-bias curriculum were provided. Then on March 22, Nutrition and Health training assisted caregivers in providing nutritious snacks to young children, talking with parents about nutrition, and accessing resources to make informed choices.

Sen. Yamashita talks with CJ students

Sen. Aline Yamashita was a guest speaker in GCC's Social Values & the CJ Process class on March 10, talking about the challenges facing the CJ system in dealing with people from different cultural norms, and dealing with people with disabilities.



Pacific Cultures class helps out TASA

On March 15, six students from the Pacific Cultures classes volunteered with the nonprofit organization, TASA, Traditions Affirming our Seafaring Ancestry, to repair and maintain their canoe house at Ypao Beach, Tumon. Jeffrey Alano, Erin King, Ellis White, Natasha Cruz, Angela Alicko and Leona Peter spent four hours repairing the nipa thatch roof and painting the container storage building as a service learning project, learning how to string and replace nipa in the process!



AHSSO feeds homeless

Also on the Ides of March, the Adult High School Student Organization prepared dinner for clients of the Kamalen Karidat, a soup kitchen for the homeless. The students and advisors donated and prepared dinner for 50 clients: corn soup, arroz caldo, rice, home baked cookies, donuts, and water bottles. The families of the homeless including children personally came up and thanked the group for its time and efforts in preparing the donated food and drinks!



More Notables!

The Council on Postsecondary Student Affairs (COPSA) has been hosting entertainment nights this semester. In March, entertainment night was on the 13th in the Student Center courtyard, with Matua Sablan and Niki Suba playing mainstream, R&B, pop and island/reggae music!!

Project AIM participants went on a field trip to Star Cave at Ritidian and Two Lovers Point on March 21.

CTE Secondary Programs - March activities



JFK Hafa Adai Pledge!

JFK CTE Lodging Management students organized the signing of a Hafa Adai Pledge on March 19 at the JFK Main Courtyard as a service learning activity. The students got over 20 school organizations to join them in signing the pledge, which is a cornerstone of the Guam Visitors Bureau local community branding campaign.

SSHS Financial Aid workshop

Thanks to Financial Aid Coordinator Esther Rios for giving a presentation on financial aid and scholarships to SSHS LMP and Allied Health seniors on March 12. Afterward, seniors had a better understanding of how to apply for college financial aid!



SSHS-Okkodo beach clean-up

GCC CTE LMP students from Okkodo and SSHS teamed up for a beach clean up in Tumon on March 8. These 31 tourism students want to make a difference by helping to keep our beach clean for residents and visitors, and the activity provided networking and bonding opportunities from both schools.



ASL hosts AIJMS field trip

The American Sign Language classes invited deaf and hard of hearing students from Agueda Johnston Middle School to GCC on March 17 to present activities, stories, songs, and provide interaction with the students and their interpreters. Thank you, ASL students!!!



Notable!

CACGP joined with GDOE and UOG to present a **College and Career Readiness Summit** from March 18 – 20. Approximately 120 students from Guam’s public middle and high schools visited GCC March 18-19 to experience the various programs offered and to learn about making career choices and how to afford college. They were also introduced to the free College Access Challenge Grant Program and how it can help them to develop career goals, apply for college and be able to afford it. On the 20th, students toured UOG.

Mes Chamorro!

Si Yu’os ma’ase to the Mes Chamorro organizing committee, decorators, and Chamorro language competitors!



GCC celebrated Mes Chamorro each Friday in March with a merienda full of Chamorro treats! Si Yu’os ma’ase to the Mes Chamorro committee for organizing the Friday meriendas and the fiesta in the MPA at the end of the month.

Kudos to the GCC Mes Chamorro decoration contest committee for placing third in the competition, and for creating such a beautiful Chamorro setting in the LRC!

Also, si Yu’os ma’ase to our outstanding Chamorro language competitors, who did very well in the GovGuam Chamorro language competition: Frank Camacho, Ely Damian, Philip Guerrero, and Rosemarie Siguenza, and alternates Terry Barnhart and Toni Cabrero. AND si Yu’os ma’ase to Dr. Ray Somera and Dennis Santo Tomas for the beautiful photography!



Sinangan Siha para Måtso/Umatålaf

March 2014 Chamorro Phrases



**Malago' i Kulehon Kumunidåt Guahån
Mandiseha gi i Empleao siha un
Minagof na Kompl'åños!
Måtso/Umatålaf 2014!**

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

March 2014!

**John Armstrong
Ana Mari Atoigue
Lisa Baza-Cruz
Doreen Blas
Simone Bollinger
Francisco Camacho
Katrina 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
Joaquin Rosario
Howard Salas
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.

Håfa i chináthinasso-mu?

What is the matter?

Taimanu na siña hu na'maolek i hinasso-mu?

How may I make you understand?

Desde GCC malågu gue asta UOG.

He/She ran from GCC to UOG.

Håyi ali'e'-mu på'go?

Who did you see today?

Nuebu este na atparåtu.

This is a new machine.

Upcoming at GCC!

**May 2 - Guam Regional Medical City Job Fair, 11 am - 2 pm,
2nd floor, AALG Allied Health Center**

May 16 - Commencement 2014, 6 pm, UOG Field House