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Guam Community College PDF Newsletter

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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.

Members of 18 student organizations sworn in



GCC's Council on Postsecondary Student Affairs (COPSA) hosted its annual induction ceremony and leadership training workshop for members of the 18 student organizations on campus Sept. 5 in the MPA.



After the ceremony, COPSA officers presented UOG Dean Dr. James Sellmann with a check for the UOG theater program that allows GCC students to attend performance for free!



Meet the President!

GCC students met with President Okada on Sept. 24 & 25 in the MPA, discussing issues such as parking permits (GCC is no longer issuing parking permits because of the limited parking areas – which the College is working on!), whether GCC can offer Russian as a foreign language (it's in discussion), when Building 200 will open up (late this semester) and plans for a GCC Wellness Center that will include a gymnasium. Thank you to the 389 students, faculty, staff and administrators that attended!



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

September was a very sustainable month for GCC. Welcome to all the new student organization officers inducted on Sept. 5, and thank you to all the students, faculty and administrators who attended the two nights of Meet the President on Sept. 24 & 25. Your questions and insights into campus issues are very valuable and we welcome your input! We were a sea of blue shirts at the MagPro 5K early Sunday morning, Sept. 14, and congratulations to Bertha Guerrero and Christie Ginson for their wonderful hats that won prizes, and to Zhaopei Teng for placing in the race in her division! Also, congratulations to Frank Camacho and Jeff Fabro from MIS for their ESGR award honoring the MIS division's efforts to support our veteran students. Our students and faculty came out en force to participate in the International Coastal Cleanup on Sept. 20, and our Ecowarriors led a GCC Clean our House day on Sept. 27. Thank you to all who helped to beautify our campus! Finally, congratulations to this month's retirees: Liz Duenas, Joanne Ige, and Jovita Valenzuela. Thank you for your service to Guam Community College! Biba!

Update from AIER (Assessment, Institutional Effectiveness & Research)

By Marlena Montague, Asst. Director, AIER

The Assessment Leadership Summit that took place on September 19th marks the Committee on College Assessment's (CCA) start of an ongoing campaign to spread and sustain awareness of the importance of assessment here at GCC. The sessions included topics such as Student Learning Outcomes and the importance of being measurable, TracDat Navigation for the Beginner, an assessment award winners' showcase, a Q&A session to answer some of the most common and not-so-common questions about TracDat and assessment, what it takes to be successful with assessment at GCC, and a session on assessment and your budget. The summit lays the groundwork for a "GCC Assessment Day" targeted for spring 2015, date and details forthcoming, which will bring the campus together to talk about assessment and have discussions about student learning and success. We hope to share assessment rubrics and artifacts, approaches, results, and most especially, the intentional efforts to improve student learning and success.

Also, the Office of Assessment, Institutional Effectiveness and Research (AIER) and the Committee on College Assessment (CCA) have produced an Annual Institutional Assessment Report (AIAR) since 2001. This academic year marks the production of the 14th AIAR. This report highlights information and data specific to the College's activities related to the implementation and continuity of the GCC Comprehensive Assessment



Cathy Solidum, MIS Computer Tech, and Marlena Montague, AIER Asst. Director, prepare documents for the Assessment Leadership Summit.

Initiative through various program review components and provides a guide to departmental planning and program changes.

These annual assessment reports attest to the College's commitment to continuous institutional self-evaluation and reflection with realistic plans and initiatives for improvement. Here are some of the actionable plans for improvement included in the report: 1) A recommendation that the Learning Outcomes Committee work directly with the Committee on College Assessment to ensure curriculum currency and alignment with semester-specific assessment requirements; and 2) a recommendation that departments work collaboratively with workforce advisory committees for feedback on program improvement plans. The 14th AIAR is now available on the GCC web site at:

<http://ifs.guamcc.edu/adminftp/academics/services/aad/aier/annualinstitutionalassessmentreport14th.pdf>

New BOT member Connelley sworn in



Congratulations to GCC Board of Trustees member Maria Connelley, who was officially sworn in to her position by Chairwoman Deborah Belanger at the Sept. 4 BOT meeting. She brings a wealth of workforce development experience to the BOT. Welcome Ms. Connelley!

USDA officials visit campus



USDA officials visited our campus on Sept. 2 to introduce the new USDA community programs director, Robin Pulkkinen. From left: Joe Diego, USDA Guam Area Director; Carmen Santos, CPA, GCC Finance VP; Robin Pulkkinen; Dr. Okada; Doris Perez, GCC Asst. Dir., P&D; and Anthony Barcinas, USDA Business Programs Specialist.

Chinese company explores partnership with GCC



Officials from MCC Overseas Ltd. met with Pres. Okada on Sept. 25 to discuss a possible joint venture. From left: Mr. Chris Tsiao, MCC Guam representative; Mr. Zou Weiman, Chairman, MCC Overseas; Dr. Okada, John Martinez; and Mr. Ken Au, MCC Business Manager.



Project AIM Professional Development

Project AIM mentors took part in a professional development day on Sept. 19, to learn about the program's benefits and how to mentor students to help them succeed in their studies. Seated: Faculty members Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz, Zhaopei Teng, Sally Sablan, and Christie Marie Ginson, and Huan Hosei, Project AIM Program Specialist. Standing: James Fathal, Trio Programs Program Coordinator; and faculty members Rose Loveridge, Donna Cruz, Pete Roberto, Dr. KristiAnna Santos, and Wilson Tam.

EcoWarriors lead the cleanup charge!

The GCC Ecowarriors assisted at the Mangilao Donne Festival Sept. 12-14th, helping i-Recycle with collecting and sorting recyclables. The Ecowarriors also led the GCC charge during the International Coastal Cleanup on Sept. 20. Thank you to all who helped to clean up our environment, especially Ipan Site Leader Roque Rosario - assisted by Dottie R., Jamie D., Ray H., Tina E., and the Rosario Family; Agat Site Leader Peggy Denney - assisted by Marijoy V., and Angel G.; Tagachang site leader Joni Kerr, assisted by Yvonne T. and service learning students; and Matapang Beach, where Mike and Michelle Fuzimi assisted new site leaders. The Ecowarriors also organized the GCC Clean Our House Day on Sept 27th. Thank you for caring about our environment!



Clean Our House Day crew (from left): Kristin Cruz, Bobbie Leon Guerrero, Dottie Rosario, Roque Rosario II, Vince Palacios, Mike Setzer, Margarita David, and Allison Hadley. In back: Kiko Palacios. SI YU'OS MA'ASE!!

EcoWARRIOR officers for AY 2014-15:

- Dottie Rosario, President
- Rhia Jimenez, Vice President
- Cassandra Gaamed, Secretary
- Benhart Fithngan, Treasurer
- Rejoice Mallon, Historian

Welcome to Christine Matson as a new faculty advisor and welcome back Zhaopei Teng, Michael Setzer II, and Joni Kerr.



GCC's PTK also participates in Coastal Cleanup!

GCC's Phi Theta Kappa Beta Beta Xi chapter helped out at the International Coastal Cleanup at Pago Bay. PTK members and advisors took care of registering volunteers and handing out supplies, etc.



Notable!

Guam Regional Medical City was on campus promoting its services to employees on Sept. 5 in the Student Center training room.

GCC joined the DPR GovGuam Coed Volleyball League, which started the 3rd week of September. Games are usually played in the evenings during the weekdays and/or during the day on Saturdays. Check MyGCC for the team schedule, and go Team GCC!

Camacho, Fabro honored with ESGR awards!

On September 11th, Frank Camacho, MIS administrator, and Jeff Fabro, MIS computer tech, received the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve's (ESGR) Patriotic Employer Award for GCC "for Contributing to the National Security and Protecting Liberty and Freedom by Supporting Employee Participation in America's National Guard and Reserve Force." Way to go, guys!



GCC employees run/walk in MagPro 5K!



Si Yu'os ma'ase to the dozens of GCC employees who supported the MagPro 5K on Sunday, Sept. 14 at Chamorro Village! We were being healthy and full of GCC pride! Also, congratulations to GCC's Zhaopei Teng, for her awesome 3rd place finish in the race in her category, and to Christie Marie Ginson and Bertha Guerrero for their 3rd and 2nd place finishes in the MagPro 5K hat contest!



Building 200 update

Building 200 is almost complete, and the opening is slated for sometime this semester. Once Building 200 (which will house our Education, English, and Pre-Architectural Drafting programs) is opened, then construction will start on the renovation/expansion of the adjacent Building 100.

Check out the scholarship opportunities at www.guamcc.edu. Receive FREE \$\$ for college!

Happy Retirement to four GCC employees!

On Sept. 12, Sen. Tommy Morrison presented GCC Associate Professor **John Armstrong** with a legislative resolution honoring his retirement from GCC on Aug. 1 after 22 years at the college. Also retiring this month were **Liz Duenas** and **Jovita Valenzuela** on Sept. 19, and **Joanne Ige** on Sept. 30. Liz, who has been at GCC for over 33 years, had her retirement luncheon at the Hilton's Islander Terrace on Sept. 12 and Jovita's (32 years!) luncheon was in the TC conference room on the same day; Joanne Ige's retirement send-off was in the Student Center lounge on Sept. 26, after 24 years at GCC. GCC will miss you all.

Thank you for your service to the College!



Right: Rey Valenzuela with wife and retiree Jovita, and Mike Setzer, who after Rey, Jovita and Liz Duenas, is the longest-serving employee at GCC.

Below: Brother and Sen. Frank Aguon Jr. joins his sister Joanne and Dr. Ray Somera at her retirement luncheon, during which she received a "retirement tree" and hugs from many coworkers!



**Malago' i Kulehon Kumunidat Guahan
Mandiseha gi i Empleao siha un
Minagof yan Biba Kompl'anos para
Septembri/Lumamlam 2014**

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

September 2014


- Cathy Anderson**
- Kim Bautista**
- Joanne Blas**
- Steve Cheipot**
- Vera De Oro**
- Peter Gogue**
- Carol Guerrero**

- Bertha Leon Guerrero**
- Joey Munoz**
- Nenita Perez**
- Jaclyn Quan**
- Joe Quichocho**
- James Tabunar**
- Carl Torres**
- John Zilian**



Upcoming at GCC

- October 2 - Fall Festival 4-8 PM in the Student Center Courtyard
- October 4 - GCC Foundation Par Excellence Golf Tournament at LeoPalace Resort
- October 8-9 - Gubernatorial forums hosted by Supervision & Management students
- October 10 - Nikkei Appreciation Night in MPA 4-8 PM (with GCC Culinary Students!)
- October 21 & 23 Supervision & Management Senatorial forums (all forums 6-7:30PM in MPA)

Join the over 1,400 people who "like" us on  facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Guam-Community-College/188340884518673>

Sinangan Siha para Septebri/Lumamlam

Lumamla: "Season of Lighting"

September 2014 Chamorro Phrases



Nihi ta plãnta i nengkanno' para na'talo'ani.

Let's set the table for lunch.

Ta fahan kafe sa esta hokkok kafe gi che'cho.

We will buy coffee because there is no more at work.

Macho'cho ham gi ma'os na mes gi i sagan faño chuyan.

We worked last month at the cafeteria.

Adãhi hao, sa senfigan i kalahi.

Be careful, the large pot is very hot.

Bai en falak i piknik Ha'ãnen Humotnãt gi Damenggo.

We are going to the Labor Day picnic on Sunday.