



23 PRACTICAL NURSES PINNED!

Congratulations to GCC's 23 Practical Nursing graduates who were pinned by loved ones at the traditional Pinning Ceremony Sunday, Dec. 13 at Nikko Hotel Guam. In her keynote address, Captain Jeannie Comlish, CO, Naval Hospital Guam, told the graduates that with all of the health challenges emerging around the world, "this is a very exciting time to be in the health care industry." The 20 women and three men now studying to pass their NCLEX exam are: front row from left: Brenda Presto, Mark Cosico, Melodie Macaraeg, Shernitta Bertrand, Ailyn Jade Cruz, and Florence Ando. Second row: Solmaz Akhtarpour, Micah Aquino, (not shown) Marie Jane Bacani, Celine Crisostomo, Therese Cruz, Meroy Len Denora, Davaryne Diaz, and Ceidree Duenas. Back row: Joana Takai, Romelyn Romero-Valencia, (not shown) Yuri Resuma, Cassie Nester, Mello Dee Martinez, Meliza Mangahas, Patrick Llaban, Kristan Leon Guerrero, and Michelle Franco.

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Sustainable Tech. Clinic
Work Experience Wkshop
Holiday parties!

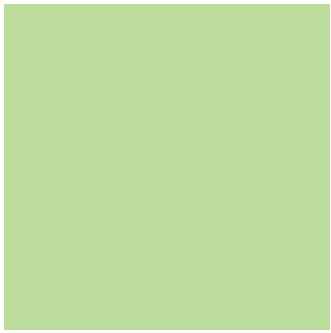
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GCC is MagPro Department of the Year; wins three other categories!

On behalf of President Okada and Academic VP Somera, congratulations to the GCC 2015 MagPro winners - all of us! The awards were handed out Nov. 29 at LeoPalace Resort: Guam Community College - Department of the Year; Ben Rachielug - Customer Service Professional of the Year; Simone Bollinger - Excellence in Higher Education; and Jerome Blas - Employee of the Year. Thank you all for your dedication and the excellent job you do here at GCC! Biba!



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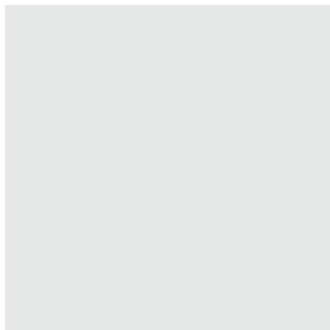
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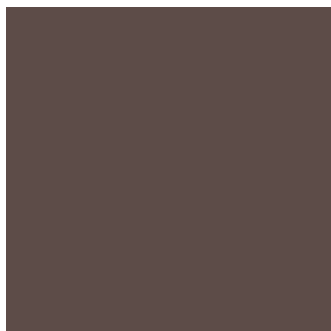
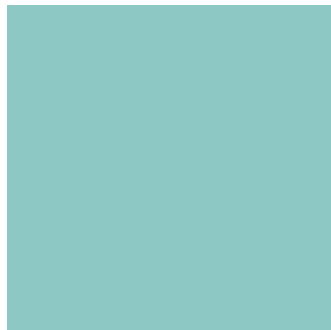
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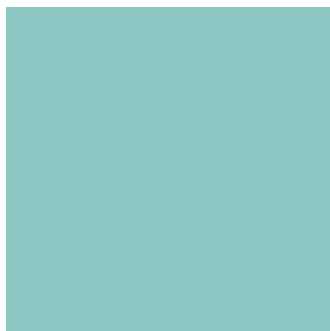
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Merry Christmas everyone! I'd like to thank each and every one of our employees for helping GCC to earn Department of the Year for the 2015 MagPro Awards. What a thrill! And congratulations to our individual winners: Jerome Blas, Simone Bollinger, and Ben Rachielug – you make us very proud.

Of course everything we do focuses on student success, so congratulations to the 23 Practical Nursing graduates that were pinned in December (and good luck on your NCLEX exam!). Our Supervision & Management students were busy hosting an awards luncheon for Guam's veteran artists and helping to host another successful John Lee 5K. These annual events help to keep GCC in the limelight and promote our students as well as our programs. Kudos to the over 50 employers that attended our Work Experience Workshop, which gave employers a glimpse of the value of this program from the students' eyes, and to those who worked to make this event so successful. Also, be sure to listen to the podcast of English instructor Tressa Delacruz' appearance on KPRG's "Beyond the Fence," talking about her veterans essay project with one of her students and the student's grandfather. What a great way to bring young and old together through the writing process! The Sustainable Technologies Clinic we hosted over Christmas break was a huge success – teaching high school students about solar power, marine robotics, and more. Thank you to UnderWater World and GPA for being such great partners for this clinic!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and that you are ready to be busy again with spring semester activities. Thank you for all that you do, and biba GCC!

WORK EXPERIENCE WORKSHOPS DRAWS EMPLOYERS

More than 50 employers attended the GCC Work Experience Workshop for current and prospective employer participants of the CTE High School Work Experience Program on Nov. 10 in the MPA. Last summer, nearly 200 high school students earned valuable employment experience and credit toward graduation through the program. The program recruited students enrolled in GCC Career & Technical Education programs throughout Guam's six public high schools, matching them with employers in corresponding career fields. Students underwent training at 41 participating employers from June through August.





From Nov. 18-21, I conducted Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) Grant and TracDat Training at the College of the Marshall Islands (CMI). This trip's purpose was two-fold: First, to lay the groundwork for a collaborative partnership between the Marshall Islands' Single State Agency (SSA) and the College of Marshall Islands (CMI) so that these two entities can successfully participate in the HRSA grant funding opportunity; and second, to provide assessment and TracDat training workshop for key CMI faculty, staff, and administrators who are responsible for institutional accreditation. As the college is in the initial implementation of TracDat, which began in spring 2015, this training is intended as an integral part of their preparations for their March 2016 progress report to ACCJC.

To cap off my trip, I was invited to dinner by CMI president Dr. Theresa Koroivulaono, where we had a good discussion on accreditation-related matters, as well as on the assessment infrastructure that would provide support to TracDat implementation. Earlier in the afternoon, I also made a courtesy visit to the Minister of Education, Dr. Hilda Heini, where we discussed possible collaborative partnerships between K-12 (PSS) and CMI, particularly on the areas of program quality and assessment.

Sowing the seeds of collaboration and partnership across the western Pacific is in keeping with our mission as "a leader in career & technical workforce development, providing the highest quality, student-centered education and job training for Micronesia." Biba GCC!



GCC students awarded FHB/BWOY scholarships
GCC students Raekel Santos (Supervision & Management), Flori-Anne Delacruz (Travel & Tour Management), and Melanie Reyo (Accounting), each were awarded a scholarship from the First Hawaiian Bank-Guam Business Businesswoman of the Year program on Nov. 17 at FHB in Maite. The program supports students (either female or male!) that are majoring in business-related programs.

FROM THE FACULTY SENATE

Hafa Adai! from the Learning Outcomes Committee (LOC).

As part of GCC's participatory governance system under Faculty Senate Committees, the LOC strives to ensure and regulate, through quality control, a curriculum that reflects the mission of the College. Additionally, a curriculum that is academically sound, comprehensive, and responsible to the evolving needs of the community.

Committee goals:

- Review curricula and respond in a timely manner.
- Provide training to faculty on curricula process and development.
- Participate and attend trainings with GCC's curricular review process via ACALOG.

The Committee comprises of 14 members from various disciplines: English, Math, Science, Social Science, Counseling, and Career Technical Education, all of whom bring in expertise in their respective areas critical to ensuring quality curricular reviews.

LOC Meeting Dates: January 22, February 19, March 18, April 15 (3:30 PM, Room A-29)
Deadlines for Documents Spring 2016: March 4, 2016

Upcoming Training: How to Write Curriculum
Date: February 5, 2016 Time: 3:00pm Location: AH3108

To attend, contact either:

LOC Chairperson Rose Marie Nanpei: rosemarie.nanpei@guamcc.edu

Chairperson-Elect: Tressa Dela Cruz: tressa.delacruz@guamcc.edu

Past Chairperson: Norma Guerrero: norma.guerrero@guamcc.edu

CONVOCATIONS

Three departments held convocations in November and December in order to assist students with course selections for the following semester and to recruit new students to their respective programs:

Technology – Nov. 25 in Rm. 5108. Current and future technology majors asked instructors questions about future careers, made industry connections, and met with other students in this exciting field. Randy Reeves, FAA Guam Manager, and Steve Redman from GTA were the guest speakers.

Tourism & Hospitality – Dec. 1 in the MPA. Faculty provided information about the new Culinary and International Hospitality Management programs and showcased newly developed international partnerships. The keynote speaker was Dr. Ramos from the University of Makati, who spoke about the proposed GCC/UMak 2+1 program.

Automotive Technology – Dec. 5 in the GCC Auto Shop. The event was open to all students and featured program updates on the new Hybrid/Electric Vehicle courses that are currently being developed as well as academic advisement for current programs, plus a “Meet the DC Q&A,” and a dynamometer demonstration by our industry partner Top Notch Auto.



SM students organize Veteran artists' award ceremony

Students in the SM225 Leadership class, in conjunction with the Guam Veterans Art Committee, hosted a Veteran Artists' award ceremony and luncheon on Dec. 9 in the MPA to commemorate and acknowledge the sacrifice and service of Guam veterans through their artistic outlets. Twenty-four veteran artists were honored, and several brought paintings or sinahi siha (Chamorro necklaces carved of shells) to display at the event.

Doing GCC proud: English instructor on Beyond the Fence
 GCC English instructor Tressa Dela Cruz was a guest speaker on KPRG's Beyond the Fence talk show in November to discuss her EN110 veterans essay project. One of her students, Elisa Guerrero, and Guerrero's grandfather, retired Command Sergeant Major Franklin Artero, joined her to talk about the Chamorro culture and the military.

Link to podcast:

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JFK student Karina Reyes' winning essay:

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USDOE officials speak with SM class

Students in Al Erguiza's SM205 class invited USDOE officials Christine Jackson and Mark Robinson to speak to their class on Nov. 3 about career planning. They fielded questions from about 50 students, emphasizing the importance of attaining educational goals and pursuing one's passion in life. Here, Jackson and Robinson pose with student Jason Aguon.

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Cosmetology students worked in their temporary location in the EM Chen Building in Barrigada (due to Building 100 renovations) through December 21st, giving island residents free haircuts, manicures and pedicures, just in time for the holiday season!



TRADITIONAL JAPANESE STREET PERFORMANCE

Again this year, visitors from Japan entertained students with Nankin Tamasudare, a traditional street performance including various props and chanting, in the Student Center Training Room on November 19. The Education Department and Japanese classes sponsored the event.



JAPAN CLUB CREATES HOLIDAY ORIGAMI

THE JAPAN CLUB SPONSORED A HOLIDAY ORIGAMI TRADITIONAL JAPANESE ART OF PAPER FOLDING SESSION ON NOV. 19 IN ROOM A30, TO HELP PEOPLE GET INTO THE SPIRIT OF HOLIDAY DECORATING!

CJSS DEPARTMENT AND STUDENTS SUPPORT SANCTUARY, INC

The 2016 CJSS Department Service Learning Project, in collaboration with Prof. Jose Munoz' students from CJ206 Social Values & the Criminal Justice System course, donated a van full of toiletries to Sanctuary, Inc. on November 24. The non-profit organization benefits our island youth and their families.



AJA & AGA CONDUCT FOOD DRIVE

The Association of Junior Accountants and the Association of Government Accountants combined forces at GCC to collect canned goods and dry foods to donate to the Salvation Army. Guam feeds hundreds of families and seniors 365 days a year through the Salvation Army Family Services Center.

CASSOLET TURKEY SOUP

Kudos to Chef Bertrand Haurillon, who is the creator of Jojo Santo Tomas' favorite turkey soup recipe! In the PDN article highlighting the recipe, Santo Tomas says its origin lies in southern France (where Chef Betrand is from!).

Check it out:

<http://www.guampdn.com/story/life/2015/11/25/give-thanks-today-enjoy-more-tomorrow/76342518/>

HELPING TO MAKE A SUSTAINABLE DIFFERENCE!

Ecowarriors participate in culvert campaign

The GCC Ecowarriors in December helped stop a proposal to building a stormwater culvert that experts say would have channeled untreated stormwater into Tumon Bay. They made a difference by petitioning, participating in a Facebook campaign, through word of mouth, and by making signs and marching with about 250 people around Adelup on Dec. 11, and attending a GEDCA round table on Dec. 17th. The campaign effectively tossed the proposal into the waste bin. “That this campaign was successful is evidence that your opinions and actions do matter and can make a difference,” according to Joni Kerr, GCC science professor and Ecowarriors advisor.

The Ecowarriors also held a R.E.E.F. Celebration on Nov. 7 in the GCC Student Center Training Room to celebrate the success of the Guam Community Coral Reef Monitoring Program (GCCRMP). This is a NOAA project that Ecowarriors and various Marine Biology service learners have been volunteering with for over two years!

CANCELLED!
Dec 21st , Legislative Hearing on Bill 220-33 to ban the ‘culvert’.

The Fujita Stormwater Culvert proposal is **DEAD**.
WE WON!
Thank you from the GW Marine Maniacs, Sharks M.A.D.E., GCC Ecowarriors, UOG Green Army and the ‘Grassroots Group against the culvert’.

ECOWARRIORS’ RECYCLING AND CLEANUP ACTIVITIES:

NOVEMBER:

- Japan Autumn Festival - Nov. 28 at Ypao Park
- Konqer Guam Obstacle Course Race - Nov. 29 at Guam Raceway Park
- Guam’s Global Climate March - Nov. 28

DECEMBER:

- Pig Derby - Dec. 12-13
- Pork in the Park Cook-Off - Dec. 19

SM students help host John Lee 5K

Over 300 runners took to Marine Corps Drive on Nov. 7, a number of them using the Guam Community College/First Hawaiian Bank 3rd annual John K. Lee Jr. Scholarship Fund 5K Run/Walk at Chamorro Village to “warm up” for the Nov. 8 Guam Ko’ko half marathon. Jason Young finished the race in first place with a time of 18:38, and Elizabeth Quintanilla was the top female finisher with a time of 21:15. The John Lee 5K is hosted by the students of GCC’s Supervision and Management Personnel Supervision classes, and jointly sponsored by the GCC Foundation and First Hawaiian Bank. Proceeds directly benefit GCC students in the form of scholarships in honor of the late John K. Lee Jr., former First Hawaiian Bank Guam and CNMI Senior Vice President/Region Supervisor, former GCC Foundation board member and avid supporter of Guam Community College. Si Yu’os Ma’ase to major race sponsor United Airlines for providing a round-trip ticket to Asia as the grand raffle prize!



TEACHING SUSTAINABILITY!



Sustainable Technologies clinic attracts attention

DEC. 21-23, 28-30

The GCC Sustainable Technologies Clinic took 15 high school students on a six-day journey into sustainable education that is like no other on island. They studied sustainability and how it works with the natural environment and technology, building marine robotics with GCC science professor Dr. A.J. Sunga, and using those robotics to perform “real-life” tasks at UnderWater World on Dec. 23. They also built windmills and solar-powered cell phone chargers, and visited GPA’s LEED headquarters at Fadian and the NRG solar farm down in Dandan.

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LMP students volunteer at Japan Autumn Festival

55 LMP students from Simon Sanchez High School used their customer service and food sanitation skills as volunteers at the 36th Annual Japan Autumn Festival on November 28, from 1:00 to 9:00 PM. The event was a service learning activity for them.



T-Galleria Grooming Session

GCC CTE students in the Lodging Management Program at Okkodo High School participated in a Grooming Session conducted by T Galleria Beauty Manager Specialist/Expert Jewel Leon Guerrero and her assistant Kam on December 10.



61st GVB/GCC Tour Guide Training – Nov. 23 – Dec. 2, 2015
(L-R) David Untalan, Bernard Untalan, Ko-jui Chen, Kurtis Finona, Ai Xin, Masa Nakamura, Tanya Dimian, Yifeng Shan, Wenya Nian, Regis Reyes, Ann Lizama, Hope Cortez, Michael Chasser, Leslie Travis, Danica Mallari, Fuminori Okuzumi, Danni Huang, Myeong Jin No, Gang Jin, and Elena Clarke.

Kudos to the GCC Basketball Team that participated in the first GovGuam Coed Basketball League!!!

Pictured from left to right front row: Benedict De Leon, Gerard Dacanay, Francisco Palacios. Back Row: Sally Sablan (Manager), Jose Munoz, Carol Cruz, Janna Fernandez (Asst. Coach), Frederick Tupaz, Christine Sison, Jon Tyquiengco. Not shown, Pascual Artero (Coach), Donna Cruz (Asst. Manager), Morris Eblacas, Joanne Ige, Edwin Limtuatco, Tricia Lizama, Lyndon Pajarillo, and Esther Rios.



GCC IN THE PAINT!

The 12 Ways to Health by CDC -Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (To the tune of The Twelve Days of Christmas, but good advice year-round!)

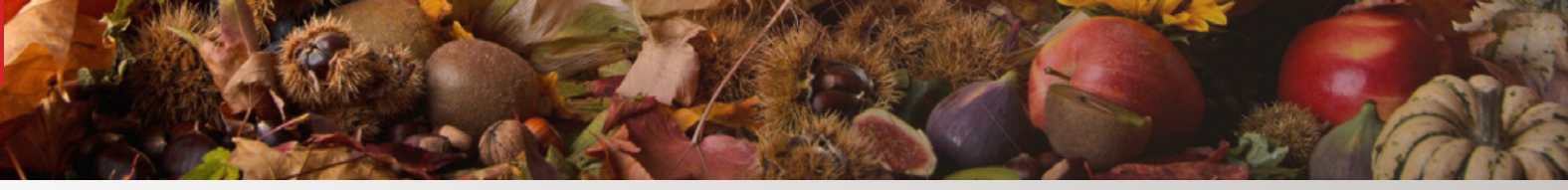
1. The first way to health, said the CDC to me: Wash hands to be safe and healthy.
2. The second way to health, said the CDC to me: Bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy.
3. The third way to health, said the CDC to me: Manage stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy.
4. The fourth way to health, said the CDC to me: Don't drink and drive, manage stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy.
5. The fifth way to health, said the CDC to me: BE SMOKE-FREE, don't drink and drive, manage stress...
6. The sixth way to health, said the CDC to me: Fasten belts while driving, BE SMOKE-FREE...
7. The seventh way to health, said the CDC to me: Get exams and screenings, fasten belts while driving...
8. The eighth way to health, said the CDC to me: Get your vaccinations, get exams and screenings...
9. The ninth way to health, said the CDC to me: Monitor the children, get your vaccinations...
10. The tenth way to health, said the CDC to me: Practice fire safety, monitor the children...
11. The eleventh way to health, said the CDC to me: Prepare dinner safely, practice fire safety...
12. The twelfth way to health, said the CDC to me: Eat well and get moving, prepare dinner safely, practice fire safety, monitor the children, get your vaccinations, get exams and screenings, fasten belts while driving, BE SMOKE-FREE, don't drink and drive, manage stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy!

COURTESY OF NURSE EMMA, NURSE EVA, AND GENNY AT THE GCC STUDENT HEALTH CENTER!



THANKSGIVING

GCC employees gathered in the MPA on Nov. 20 to give thanks for the blessings in their lives, including being a part of the GCC team! Of course, the food was amazing!



CHRISTMAS

GCC employees celebrated Christmas on Dec. 6 at the Hilton Guam's Micronesian Ballroom. The night was a blast - good food, good friends, good music and prizes, all made even more fun by the amazingly entertaining Gil Yanger (by day our Construction Trades Dept. chair) - the best MC we've had in YEARS!!!

NEW YEAR'S EVE

The third and final party of the season was our New Year's Eve luncheon bash at the MPA. After a brief (thank you President Okada!) update on our Institutional Strategic Master Plan (ISMP), it was down to the business of eating a wonderful lunch spread, dancing to music and playing games, all in preparation for ringing in the new year!





MINAGOF HA'ĀNEN MANNA'I GRASIA!



Senmagof Kompl' años para i Empliao

Kulehon Kumunidât Guahân Siha

Ni mafañagu-ñiha gi Nubembri/Sumongsong na mes 2015!

Happy Birthdays to the following Guzan Community College Employees for the month of November 2015

BIBA YAN MINAGOF KOMPLI'ĀÑOS!

**Ronnie Abshire
Barbara Blas
David Dingcong
Debbie Duenas
Ronny Pro Espina
Frank Evangelista**

**Joe Flores
Yvonne Flores
Ava Garcia
Wes Gima
Norman Guerrero
Doreen Maribusan
Doris Maribusan**

**Lucille Mayo
Pilar Pangelinan
Theda Rios
Barbara Rosario
Mina Sablan
Ricky Tyquiengco**



MINAGOF HA'ĀNEN NOCHEBUENA!



**Senmagof Kompli' años para i Empliao
Kulehon Kumunidåt Guahån Siha
Ni mafañagu-niha gi Disembri/Umagåhaf na mes 2015!**

Happy Birthday to the following Guam Community College Employees for the month of December 2015

**Pascual Artero
Libby Borja
Angela Cabrera
Jean Cepeda
Victor De Roca
Chris Dennis
Phil Guerrero**

**Lorraine Hussey
Dan Lawcock
Kathy Maloney
Cathy Mesa
Chris Poliquit
Wayne Pritchard
Vincent San Nicolas**

**Dave Santos
KristiAnna Santos
Chris Sison
Wilson Tam
Trisha Unten
Desiree Ventura
Gil Yanger**

BIBA YAN MINAGOF KOMPLI' AÑOS!



Sinangan Siha

Chamorro Phrases

November – Nubembre/Sumongsong

Sumongsong: “Season to repair the nets, stay in the villages”

Para ta falak Ofisinan Kumision Setbision Sibit.

We are going to the Civil Service Commission Office.

Amānu malago’-mu humanao?

Where do you want to go?

Puno’ i kandet put fabot gi ofisina.

Please turn off the light in the office.

I mina’tres bibienda nai gaige gi ufisinan-ñiha.

Their office is on the 3rd floor.

December – Disembre/Umayangan

Umayangan: “Unsettle or weepy”

Gaige i ma’gas-mu gi i halom ofisina.

Your boss is in the office.

Mafa’sagan huego i bodega i hotet.

The hotel basement was made into a playroom.

Kao un hinassuyi?

Did you understand?

Taimanu umali’e’ hit pã’go?

How can I see you today?