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2015

Tour of the Pacific



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September 24th was as beautiful an afternoon/evening as GCC could've asked for to host its annual **Fall Festival** and **Tour of the Pacific**. Over 610 students signed in and collected over 3000 COPSAs dollars, and another several hundred guests, including faculty, staff, and everyone's families, put the estimated attendance at this year's event at close to 1,000 people! Everyone enjoyed the Tour of the Pacific displays and delicious food offerings at the booths set up by the 18 GCC student organizations that participated, and of course the entertainment. Like GCC itself, this event is growing and shining more every year!

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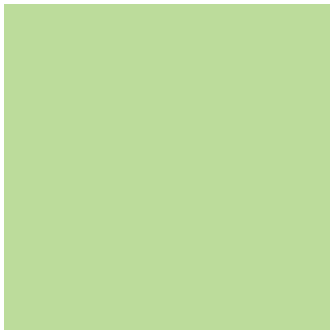


Veteran students now have a place to call their own, as GCC opened its Veterans Club Lounge/Study Room on Sept. 11 in Room 6111 of the Foundation Building. GCC currently has 173 students that are VA certified, representing just over 7% of the total student population for fall semester 2015. The Veterans Club helps veteran students readjust into civilian life, gets them accustomed to speaking in public, and "creates an awareness on campus and in the community as to what being a veteran means to our country and our island," according to Rodney Cruz, Veterans Club president.


LTC (Ret.) David S. Okada, a U.S. Army veteran and 9-11 Pentagon survivor, gave remarks during the ceremony, which fell on the 14th anniversary of the terrorist attacks waged by the Islamic terrorist group Al-Qaeda on the United States on September 11, 2001.




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FROM THE PRESIDENT



I am very happy to announce that on September 11, we opened our Veteran's Lounge and Study Room in Room 6111 of the Foundation Building. This is a project close to my heart, as I am the wife of a 9-11 veteran and military retiree. Thank you to Veteran's Club president Rodney Cruz for helping to organize what was a very touching event, to Mike and Jovi Ady for donating the furniture, and to my husband, LTC (Ret.) David Okada, for his inspiring remarks. At GCC, we are committed to helping our growing number of student veterans be successful in their educational endeavors.

This year's fall festival was a huge success, drawing nearly 1,000 people to our campus on a beautiful evening on Sept. 24. Great work, COPSA and CSI!

Congratulations to our John K. Lee scholarship winner, Ms. Ivana Sanchez, who is also one of the first AS in Human Services majors here at GCC. We wish you the best.

The best is what we got when we invited Dr. Laura Souder and her husband, Dr. Sam Betances, to campus on Sept. 18 to present at our College Assembly. They inspired us all to teach, and to lead, from a different perspective in order to better fulfill our mission!

I also want to thank all of the employees who worked to make our GCC GovGuam Labor Day Picnic a great success this month. We took 2nd in the table-decorating contest and our table was THE BEST (see the photos in the pages ahead!). It was stunning. Thank you to all who helped in any way! Also, thank you to all who attended. It was wonderful to see that sea of blue shirts – Team GCC is metgot! Biba everyone, and have a great semester!

GCC's College Assembly on Sept. 18 featured the dynamic husband and wife team of international speakers Dr. Sam Betances and Dr. Laura Souder, presenting "Establishing Common Ground for Transformation." They talked about how we can better fulfill our mission by teaching students what they need to learn from their individual perspectives. All of GCC's full-time employees attended. In addition to the insightful Betances-Souder presentation, GCC employees learned more about sexual harassment and Title IX, and ate Jamaican Grill for lunch!

Betances, Souder
inspire at College Assembly

DR. RAY SOMERA, AVP
VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



From The ALO's Desk

From Sept. 6-9 I traveled to Palau Community College to help lay the groundwork for a collaborative partnership between the Palau Ministry of Health (MOE) and PCC so that these two entities can successfully participate in the HRSA grant funding opportunity. I also provided assessment and TracDat training workshop for key PCC faculty and administrators responsible for accreditation. As the college is in the initial implementation of TracDat, this training was an integral part of their preparations for their Feb-March 2016 campus visit by an ACCJC accrediting team.

On my first day at the PCC campus, Dr. Patrick Tellei, Everlyn Temanguil, Alex Ngingirais, Deikola Olikong, Marianne Temanguil, Sherman Daniel, Robert Ramasiu, Hilda Reklai, and Tzuchie joined the discussion on issues such as how to include PCC faculty in the discussion of the HRSA grant funding, how to select them, and the steps needed to be completed for the grant application; connectivity issues that may serve as a barrier toward successful completion of the industry certification as required by the HRSA grant; and how this initiative can be linked to Behavioral Health certification classes that are already being taught at the college.

In the course of the entire discussion, Dr. Tellei provided insights regarding the development of PCC's Community Public Health program and how this experience may be used as a critical guideline in crafting the curriculum component of the HRSA grant.

The discussion identified two directions that PCC can take:

- 1) Develop a separate track for Behavioral Health under the Community Public Health Program, which may be a more realistic route, considering the grant timeframe and the substantive change process that ACCJC requires for new program offerings at PCC; or
- 2) Develop a 21-credit Industry Certification program from among the certification courses in Behavioral Health that are already being taught through the Continuing Education Office by a former Ministry of Health employee.

The robust interaction that occurred on that first day provided me with a lot of insights about the urgent need for capacity building for health care needs training, and the collaboration that the Ministry and the College to move the behavioral health curriculum forward (as a requirement of the HRSA grant funding) is surely a big step in the right direction.

On the second day of training I presented a Powerpoint entitled, "TracDat at GCC," and provided an overview of the changes in processes and outcomes in GCC assessment that emerged as a result of this institutional investment back in 2003. The ensuing discussion touched on assessment buy-in by faculty, program review template development, and other accreditation related issues, and set deadlines for TracDat submissions. We then spent time configuring TracDat so that they can merge their separate processes for program review and course assessment. Marlena Montague graciously provided assistance over the phone with regard to the technical requirements of the TracDat configuration process. During this trip, I gained a few lessons and insights about critical monitoring of the institutional strategic plan that I would like to implement at GCC through the AIER office, so watch for these lessons and insights to come soon!



COPSA INDUCTION

COPSA, GCC's Council on Postsecondary Student Affairs, held its annual induction of officers for GCC's 18 student organizations on Sept. 4 in the MPA. The candlelight ceremony was followed by a morning of leadership training for the members.



SEPT. 6

The Ecowarriors were out en force at the GovGuam Labor Day picnic, helping to recycle at the GCC tent and others! Si Yu'os ma'ase, warriors!

SEPT. 12

GCC students joined the Guam Nature Alliance for a Masso Adventure at the Masso Watershed in Piti, learning about the Ridge To Reef connection, native plants, water safety, pollinator habitats, seed sling-stones, climate change, and more. The event also earned the students service learning hours in science or related courses.



SEPT. 19

GCC volunteers participated in the **Guam International Coastal Clean-up**

at three locations:

Frank Perez Beach at Pago Bay – Leaders: Eric Chong and Pilar Pangelinan

Tagachang Beach in Yona – Leaders: Kiko Palacios and Yvonne Tam

Anao Conservation Reserve in Yigo – Leaders: Tina Erickson/Ecowarriors.

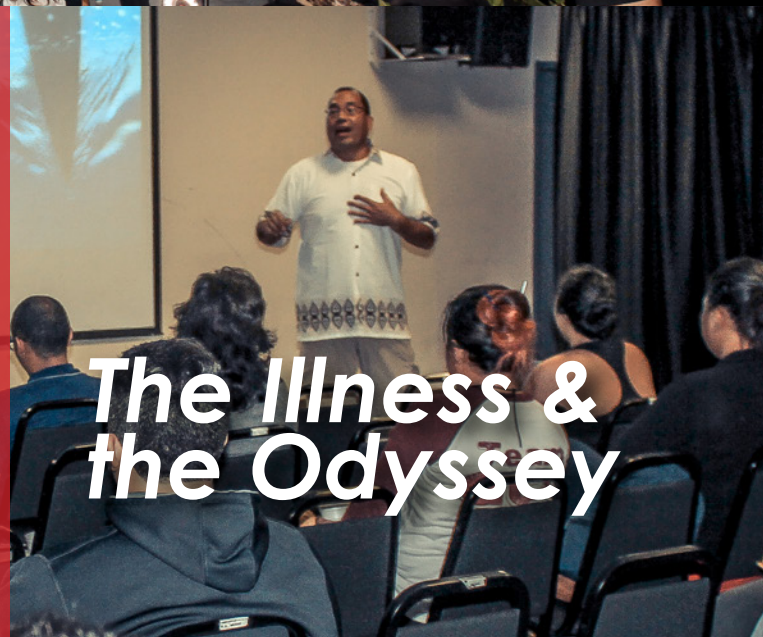
The goal of the clean-up is to clear coasts, watersheds, and inland areas to protect the ocean and every living thing that depends on it.

Performance by Dakot-ta

The English Department invited students, staff, and faculty to a special presentation by Dākot-ta Alcantara-Camacho on Sept. 10 in the MPA. Alcantara-Camacho is an internationally based performance artist, facilitator, and cultural advocate. He is a graduate of NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, with a Masters in Performance Studies. He has competed nationally in Poetry Slam competitions and was a "First Wave" Hip Hop scholar at University of Wisconsin-Madison. He recently returned to Guåhan to produce Iniguai, an emerging artists collective of Guåhan-based artists, bringing integrated approaches towards contemporary cultural expression.



Pacific Islanders in Communications presented a showing of the film "The Illness and the Odyssey," by Berry Minott, at GCC on Sept. 23 in the MPA. Students that attended learned about the mysterious Guam illnesses lytico and bodig, which were akin to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease. Scientists from all over the world studied the high concentration of these diseases on Guam, but could never find a cause. Today, the film notes, the disease has almost disappeared, so we may never know what caused it to afflict so many elders several decades ago.



The Illness & the Odyssey

SEPT. 3

Guest Chefs teach Culinary Arts students

Glen Austin, former president of South Pacific region for WACS – the World Association of Chefs Society, spoke to students about culinary education and careers in the food industry.

SEPT. 11



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Chef Paul Kerner filmed a segment at GCC as a guest chef for the Military Channel's "What's Cookin'?"



SEPT. 14

The Culinary Arts **International Cuisine** class learned from Pacific Star Resort Chef Leland Feng how to make delicious, delicate Chinese Dim Sum.

Myra Tiamzon, a 2013 GCC Culinary Arts graduate, demonstrated the artistry that earned her the position of Pastry Chef at Lotte Hotel Guam. Tiamzon was a guest chef in Chef Suharto's Patisserie class, where students baked cakes, and Tiamzon showed them how to decorate the cakes, deftly using a piping bag to apply decorative frosting, and then carving strawberry roses and tulips to top the cake.

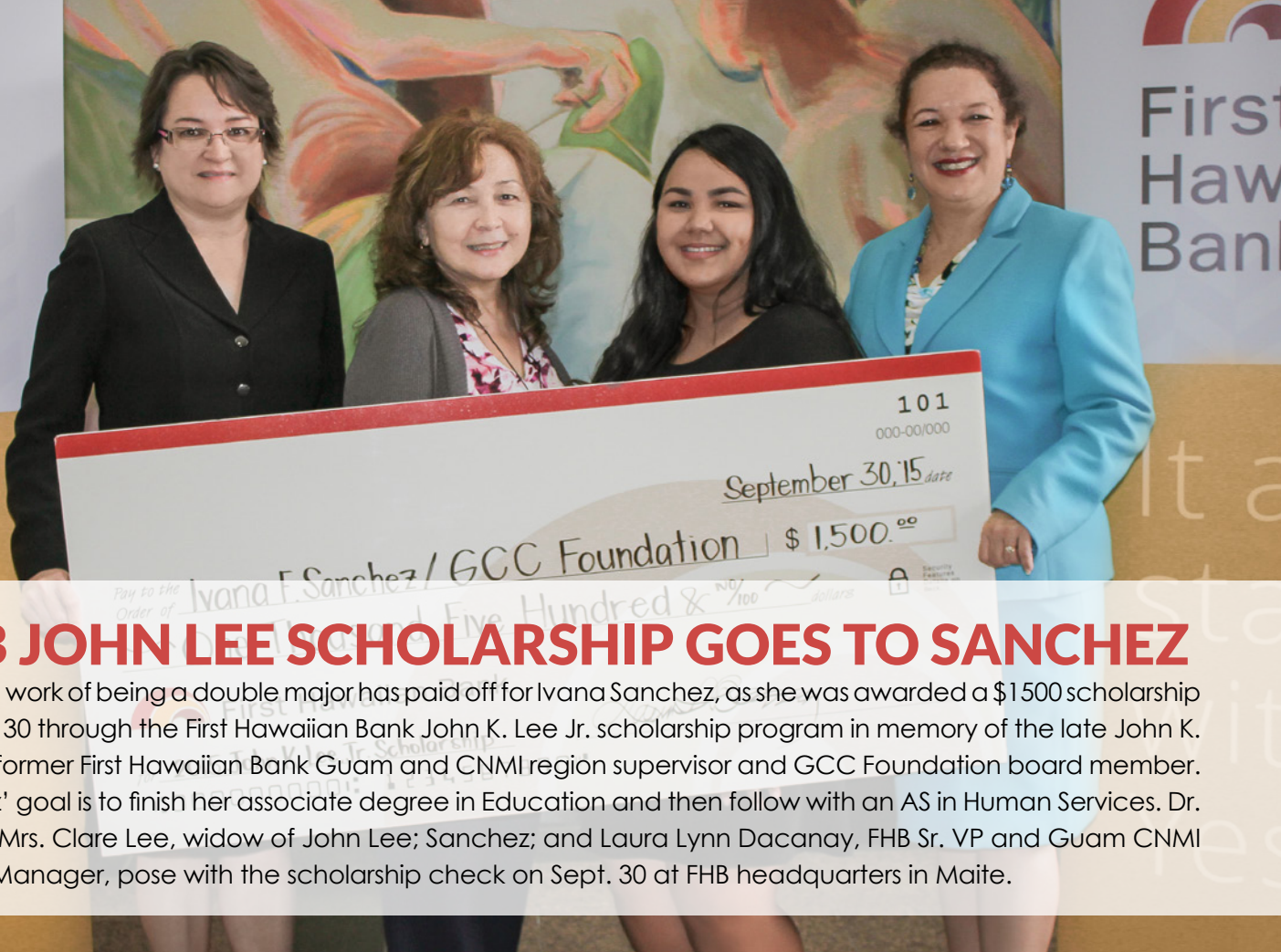


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Culinary Arts students Natsumi Kuranami, Russell Cruz, Desiree Cabrera, Joey Eustaquio, and Patricia Torrella watched as Chef Ikeda Hiroyuki from PIC's Haneda/Welcaruba Restaurants deftly rolled shrimp, cucumber and egg into sushi.





FHB JOHN LEE SCHOLARSHIP GOES TO SANCHEZ

The hard work of being a double major has paid off for Ivana Sanchez, as she was awarded a \$1500 scholarship on Sept. 30 through the First Hawaiian Bank John K. Lee Jr. scholarship program in memory of the late John K. Lee, Jr., former First Hawaiian Bank Guam and CNMI region supervisor and GCC Foundation board member. Sanchez' goal is to finish her associate degree in Education and then follow with an AS in Human Services. Dr. Okada; Mrs. Clare Lee, widow of John Lee; Sanchez; and Laura Lynn Dacanay, FHB Sr. VP and Guam CNMI Region Manager, pose with the scholarship check on Sept. 30 at FHB headquarters in Maite.



ACCOUNTING HELPS GIRL SCOUTS, COASTAL CLEANUP

Pilar Pangelinan's AC211 (Accounting Principles I) students assisted the Guam Girl Scouts with their annual inventory count on Sept. 30. The GCC Accounting program's partnership in helping out the Girl Scouts has been ongoing since fall 2007. Accounting students also participated in the International Coastal Cleanup on Guam on Sept. 9.

INDUSTRY INSIGHTS

On September 26, Frank Guerrero, Assistant General Manager of Lam Lam Tours, spoke to HS257 students about his company's tour operations and its role in Guam's tourism industry.



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CJSS Convocation

The Criminal Justice & Social Science Department held its convocation on Sept. 24, inviting students to the MPA to explore majors/careers in CJ and Human Services. A few industry partners set up information tables so students could get advice about careers and meet with potential employers.

Also, CJSS Associate Prof. Jose Munoz gave the keynote address at the graduation ceremony for GPD's 6th Police Officer Training Academy on Sept. 25 at Government House.

Project AIM Orientation

Project AIM held its fall semester orientation for new and continuing students on Sept. 11 in the MPA, informing 80 participants about how this program can help them to complete their college degree.

SECONDARY NEWS

Viviane Gonzales, a junior in the SSSHS Lodging Management Program, is one of 199 students that worked 180 hours this past summer for free, earning valuable employment experience and credit toward graduation through the successful Guam Community College Summer Work Experience Program. The program recruits students throughout Guam's six public high schools enrolled in GCC Career & Technical Education programs in those schools, matching them with employers in corresponding career fields. The students earned half a credit for every 90 hours worked, had to complete evaluations, keep a journal of their experiences, and either write a report or submit a PowerPoint presentation about their experiences. Several were even hired part-time after completing their work experience hours. Kudos to GCC instructors Eric Chong, Kathy Chargualaf, Rick Tyquiengco, and Chris Dennis for coordinating the program this past summer. Chong noted that of the 41 employer training sites, 21 were new employer sites for this year's program.

A photograph of two women standing in a hallway. The woman on the left is younger, with dark hair pulled back, wearing a white polo shirt with a name tag and a dark skirt. The woman on the right is older, also with dark hair pulled back, wearing a light-colored short-sleeved button-down shirt with a name tag and dark pants. They are both smiling at the camera. The hallway has wooden doors and a light-colored wall.

Work Experience Program

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SIMPLE GUIDELINES/ REMINDERS TO PREVENT WORKPLACE ACCIDENTS

FROM THE HEALTH CENTER

It has probably happened to many of you here at GCC – a momentary lapse of attention while thinking about a personal problem or distracted by an activity that ends in a slip, trip or fall. It can lead to a variety of injuries ranging from a simple bruised shin to a broken limb. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, slips, trips and falls make up the majority of general industry accidents, accounting for:

- 15 percent of all accidental deaths per year, the second-leading cause behind motor vehicles
- About 25 percent of all reported injury claims per fiscal year
- More than 95 million lost work days per year – about 65 percent of all work days lost

Follow these simple guidelines to help us create a safer working environment for ourselves:

1) Avoid Wet or Slippery Surfaces

The most frequently reported types of surfaces here where injuries occur include parking lots, sidewalks, stairs, food preparation areas, and floors in general.

2) Wear Proper Shoes

The shoes we wear can play a big part in preventing falls. The slickness of the soles and the type of heels worn need to be evaluated to avoid slips, trips and falls. Shoelaces need to be tied correctly. Employees are expected to wear footwear appropriate for the duties of their work task.

3) Control Individual Behavior

Being in a hurry increases the chances of a slip, trip or fall. Taking shortcuts, not watching where one is going, using a cell phone, carrying materials that obstruct your vision, wearing sunglasses in low-light areas, not using designated walkways and speed are common elements in many on-the-job injuries. It is ultimately up to each individual to plan, stay alert and pay attention.

Stay safe everyone!

Emma R. Bataclan, RN



Barbara Mafnas, RN, BSN, GCC Medical Assisting program director, was inducted into the fellowship of Lamaze international in September and given a certificate for distinguished contributions to Lamaze international and the women and families of Guam. It is estimated that over 8,000 couples have taken her Lamaze class since 1998. *Congratulations Barb!*



Congratulations to Simone Bollinger and Vito Calvo

of the English Department; Janna Fernandez of CEWD; Appoline San Nicolas from HR; and Dee Manglona, Allied Health Dept. chair, for being named in the online Publication: "Who's Who in the Government of Guam: 40 Years and Under" Check out these up and coming GovGuam leaders:

http://issuu.com/agaguamchapter/docs/who_s_who_in_the_government_of_guam/1

GCC GovGuam Labor Day Picnic

In our minds, GCC won first place in the annual GovGuam Labor Day Picnic Table Decorating contest, but alas, the judges only gave us second place. Still, our stunning flora and fauna tables and chandeliers were truly a team effort, with the ladies from HR, AAD, CE, and the President's Office designing and arranging the flowers, lumot and other greenery, and Erwin Tudela from GCC's Autobody shop welding the chandelier pipes. The food was good, the hanom and other drinks flowed freely, and the company was the best. Biba GCC employees!!



Bittersweet Good-byes!

After having worked for 35 years and six months at GCC, Rey Valenzuela, Electronics instructor, retired on Sept. 4 to be with his family. Rey wanted a quiet send-off, so Rick Tyquiangco and the rest of the Technology Dept. and TPS Dean's office gathered in the President's Conference Room that Friday morning to wish him well in his retirement, to tell stories, and to laugh (amidst the tears!) We will miss you, Rey, and si Yu'os ma'ase for all you did for GCC!



GCC employees gathered in the MPA on Sept. 25 to bid a Happy Retirement to Ines Bukikosa, Cosmetology Assistant Instructor; Ana Cruz, Administrative Aide for the TPS Dean's Office; and Josephine Rojas, HR Personnel Specialist II. We will miss you, ladies, and si Yu'os ma'ase for your years of service at GCC!



Sinangan Siha para Septembri/Lumamlam

Lumamlam: "Season of Lightning"

September 2015 Chamorro Phrases



Umali'e' ham/hit pã'go.

We met today.

Amãnu na ta fanali'e'?

Where are we meeting?

Ngai'an gi i ha'ãni para ta fanali'e'?

What time is the meeting?

Pagamento pã'go na simãna.

This week is payday.



Senmagof Kompl' años para i Empliao
 Kulehon Kumunidåt Guahån Siha
 Ni mafañagu gi Lumamlam/Septembre na mes!

Happy Birthday to the Guam Community College Employees for the month of September 2015!

Cathy Anderson
 Kim Bautista
 Joanne Blas
 Steve Cheipot
 Vera De Oro

Carol Guerrero
 Bertha Leon Guerrero
 Jose Munoz
 Nenita Perez
 Jaclyn Quan

Joe Quichocho
 Christine Quinata
 James Tabunar
 Carl Torres
 John Zilian

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