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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.

Over 2500 take spring courses

Enrollment for Spring 2015 stands at 2,502 students – a very high and sustainable number! GCC welcomed 112 new students at New Student Orientation on Jan. 7 in the MPA. They learned about the various programs and services available at GCC to help them succeed during the semester, which officially started on Jan. 14. Thank you to the Council on Postsecondary Student Affairs, or COPSA, GCC's student government organization, for hosting NSO!



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

Welcome to spring semester 2015 at GCC! We have 2,502 students on campus this spring, all taking courses that will hopefully move them toward a certificate or an associate's degree. College Access and Project AIM held orientations for the new students in their programs, and our Medical Assisting students once again helped with the island's homeless count. Not only are academics flourishing on our campus, but also, our sustainability efforts are gaining ground. Kudos to the Ecowarriors, faculty, administrators and family members that helped "Clean Our House" on Jan. 24. Also, Kiko Palacios, our sustainability coordinator, says that recycling efforts on campus have increased 95 percent with the installation of the recycling "atolls!" One of the most exciting things to happen on campus this month was the awarding of \$42,500 in scholarships to 14 GCC students by the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF). (See photo of Dr. Robert Underwood, UOG president and APIASF original board member, scholarship winner Johnny Worswick, and myself, and the APIASF article below.) These scholarships were \$2,500 to \$5,000 each. We need to encourage more of our students to take advantage of this amazing APIASF opportunity. The scholarships are posted on our web site and on MyGCC, so let's steer our students toward them so that they can increase their own sustainability. Have a great semester everyone!



GCC students awarded \$42.5K in APIASF scholarships

The Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) awarded 14 GCC students a total of \$42,500 in scholarships on Jan. 30 in the Student Center Training Room. Eleven of the students were each awarded a \$2,500 scholarship, and three students were each awarded \$5,000 scholarships.

"I feel very blessed, especially since it was at the last minute that I applied," said scholarship recipient Kaolanie Claros of Yigo. "It is the first time I've ever applied for a scholarship," said Claros, who will use the money to finish her Associate of Science degree in Human Services at GCC. She then plans to attend the University of Guam to earn her bachelor's degree in either social work or counseling. "It's a great opportunity," she added.

President Okada encouraged the students to keep applying for these scholarships. "A lot of our scholarships are not awarded because students don't apply," she said. To learn more about the APIASF AANAPISI Scholarship Program, visit www.apiasf.org.



Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund awardees: (seated from left) Raekel Santos, Rosanna Martinez, Jaricel Roman, Kaolanie Claros, and Gracia Rebujo. Standing: (from left) Danilo Bilong, GCC Development & Alumni Relations; GCC President Dr. Mary Okada; Dian Xu; Johnny Worswick; Anthony Martinez; Shadanice James; Pia Joy Hocog; Kevin Banico; Kehani Mendiola; Anthony Reyes; Adrian Davis; Bonnie Datuin, GCC Development & Alumni Relations; and UOG President and APIASF board member Dr. Robert Underwood.

Project AIM orientation



New & Continuing Student Orientation for Project AIM members took place Jan. 23 in the MPA, with 87 students learning about the advantages of the Project AIM program that helps college students succeed.



CACGP student & parent orientation

The College Access Challenge Grant Program held its Spring 2015 orientation for 64 students and parents/guardians on Jan. 28 in the MPA. Students, parents and guardians learned about free tutoring services, upcoming activities, and the \$1,000 grant aid program.

Fees public hearing unattended

Only BOT Student Trustee Elmarie Anderson showed up at the GCC Fees public hearings Jan. 20-21 in the Student Center Training Room. Fees instituted included a replacement fee of \$15 for a CE certificate; fees for GCC's new Prior Learning Assessment program to be instituted in Fall 2015, and a fee of \$80 for a new high school equivalency from HiSet. It's all good!



Notable!

GCC Medical Assisting students assisted with annual January count of the island's homeless population. Check out the coverage: <http://www.guampdn.com/article/20150131/NEWS01/301310004/Volunteers-survey-homelessness-around-island>

Congratulations to science instructor Ronaldo Paulino and his wife, Chelo Marie Paulino, who teaches math as an adjunct at GCC, on the birth of their healthy baby boy on Jan. 26.

Join the over 1,600 people who "like" us on  facebook at www.guamcc.edu!

Clean our House Day = Sustainability at GCC!



Jan. 24, volunteers Vincent Palacios, Kiko Palacios, Benny Quenga, Ronnie Abshire, Abigail Abshire, Dr. Ray Somera and Tony Roberto, among others, managed to divert about 200 pounds of plastic bottles and other plastic materials from entering the landfill during GCC's Clean our House day. Thank you to all and to those who did not sign in but also helped!



Ecowarriors' activities

The GCC Ecowarriors said goodbye to Rhia Jimenez, president of the GCC Ecowarriors for most of 2014. Rhia is transferring to UOG, which is awesome. The organization elected computer science major Benhart Fithngan as their new president, and took part in the GCC Clean Our House Day on Jan. 24. The Ecowarriors are also preparing for a mini-Ridge to Reef conference for high school students, a booth at the Math Fest, and Earth Month in April. Ecowarriors' current campaigns include "Reduce Plastic Bottles and Bags on Campus," "Stop Car Engine Idling," and the Shark and Ray Sanctuary for the Mariana Archipelago. Keep up the good work, sustainable ones!

Green is the new Red this Valentine's Day!

Roses and chocolates are two of the most sought out valentine gifts every year for lovers around the world, including Guam. Most roses are imported and can cost as much as \$100 or higher for a dozen, while chocolates simply serve to satisfy your partner's sweet tooth. This Valentine's Day, instead of roses, go for a tropical set that consist of locally grown flowers and other plants. And instead of the usual fancy chocolates, purchase chocolates that are either fair trade, organic or manufactured by a company committed to the forest conservancy.

With this new approach on Valentine's Day, not only will you make your partner feel loved, you will also be saving money, supporting local and purchasing chocolates that serve to better the environment and society. Now that's love!



Recycling atolls make a difference!



Sustainability Coordinator Kiko Palacios reports that since the installation of recycling "atolls" around campus, recycling has increased about 95 percent! Kudos to all who utilize these bins (shown here in our new Building E!) and sort their disposable items to keep things out of our landfill!

Secondary CTE News

SSHS students are tourists for a day

On Jan, 23, Simon Sanchez High School's 41 Lodging Management Program students participated in their "Be A Tourist" field trip, where students experience Guam from the tourists' perspective. They visited nine of Guam's scenic and historic sites and at each site, teams were assigned to perform tour guide duties. After the field trip, students were required to do a reflection on their individual web sites.



SSHS Tourism Academy gains national recognition

Congratulations to the Simon Sanchez High School Tourism Academy (a program that allows different subjects to focus on a particular profession within each subject's respective area of study) for being recognized nationally on the [Ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) web site as a partner with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Red Cross, and the Department of Education for their National Strategy for Youth Preparedness Education: Empowering, Educating and Building Resilience! <http://www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness>



Culinary grad/MOSA's owner inspires SSHS students

GCC Culinary Arts graduate and owner of MOSA's Joint restaurant, Monique Genereux, gave a presentation to Simon Sanchez Tourism Academy seniors on January 9. Monique's talk was focused on her successful experience with a food truck business, which will prepare ProStart and LMP seniors for their capstone food truck project. ProStart seniors will develop their food truck concept and menu and LMP seniors will be responsible for marketing the "food trucks."

Missed last month!

AHSSO reads for hope to young patients at GMH

The Adult High School Student Organization performed its annual "Reading for Hope" activity with children in the Guam Memorial Hospital's Pediatric Ward on Dec. 19. In addition to reading for the children, the students solicited and provided books, crayons, and coloring books for each child. From left: Rose Marie Nanpei (Advisor), Melinda Mendiola (Secretary), Aaliyah San Nicolas (President), Genevieve Chiguina (Member), Adrian Davis (Treasurer), and Patricia Terlaje (Advisor).



**GCC faculty attend
Service Learning summit**

Several GCC faculty attended the Guam DOE 2nd Service Learning Summit Jan. 15-17 at UOG. L-R Trisha Unten (Math), Eric Chong & Eric Ji (Tourism), and Bobbie Leon Guerrero from GCC's Center for Student Involvement.



Solar Energy Int'l hosts workshop at GCC

Rebekah Hren and Brian Mehalic, photovoltaic (PV) instructors for Solar Energy International (SEI), conducted a course at GCC Jan. 20-23 on how to apply National Electrical Code (NEC) standards and industry best practices to residential and commercial grid-direct solar electric systems. The SEI workshop was courtesy of Pacific Solar & Photovoltaics. Attendees included 15 participants from GCC, Pacific Solar, Micronesia Renewable Energy, Budazu Electric, the Guam Power Authority, and Guam Energy Office. The workshop included a tour of GCC's rooftop solar panels. Hren noted an 80 percent increase in jobs in the solar industry over the past year!



**GCC hosts grant-writing workshop
on MLK holiday**

Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo and President Okada were among the people asked to speak at a federal grant writing session on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Jan. 19. The workshop was designed to help attendees from agencies on Guam and throughout Micronesia successfully obtain federal grants for community projects and activities.



New institutional researcher



Please welcome Aaron Parker to GCC as our new institutional researcher. Aaron, a former UOG faculty member, came to Guam in 2013 as former U.S. Coast Guard officer, having graduated from Coast Guard Academy in 2005 with a B.S. in Marine and Environmental Sciences, and from Johnson & Wales University

in 2014 with a Master of Education degree in Teaching and Learning.

Mark your calendars!

**Feb. 24-25 Meet the President
GCC MPA**

**March 6 Parade of Shoes
GCC MPA**

**March 27 ASVAB Test
Student Center 5108**



Happy
New
Year
2015

PUEDI I TINITUHON I SAKKAN U FATTO' MINAOLEK SIHA PARA TODUS HAMYU.
MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING GOOD THINGS TO YOU ALL.

Kulehon Kumunidat Guahan Kompliaños Empliao Siha

Ineru/Tumaiguini 2015

Guam Community College Employees
January 2015 Birthdays

ADRIAN ATALIG
JEROME BLAS
DOLORES CAYABYAB
JOSE CEJOCO
JONAH CONCEPCION
JESSE CRUZ
VIVIAN CRUZ
BONNIE MAE DATUIN
JOHN DIAZ
TANYA DUENAS
JOEL EGANA
JUAN FLORES
VIVIAN GUERRERO
HUAN HOSEI

JOHN JOCSON
CATHERINE LEON GUERRERO
SARAH LEON GUERRERO
BARBARA MAFNAS
CHARLES MENO
TODD OLSON
MARYLEE PALOMARES
ESTHER RIOS
ANTHONY ROBERTO
CARMEN SANTOS
IRENE SANTOS
RENE RAY SOMERA
REBECCA TOVES
FRANCES UNTALAN

Sinangan Siha para Ineru/Tumaiguini

Tumaiguini "Thus, In this way, Like This"

January Chamorro Phrases



Sigi ha' manhanao adumidide' i taotao siha gi miteng.

People left the meeting a few at a time.

Ma ångangi i Magalåhi para i ma baban i nuebu na Sagan Leblo.

The Governor was invited to the opening of the new library.

In na'a'kalaye' i atdonan siha gi che'cho.

We hung the decorations up at work.

Sinkasu ha na'i yu' si Chris ni yabi i ofisina, bai hu espiha hao.

If Chris gives me the key to the office, I will look for you.