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STEEP SUMMER CAMP ROBOTIC FUN IN THE POOL!

The College Access Challenge Grant Program's Sustainable Technologies and Environmental Engineering Program (STEEP) introduced 20 high school students to robotics and environmental sciences through hands-on activities that included building and operating a robotic device that could perform operations under water! It was one of five CACGP summer programs at GCC.



VISCOM STUDENTS PRODUCE COMMERCIAL WITH NBA COACH PHIL HANDY

GCC Visual Communications students Sara Evangelista, Christine Leonen, Tony Sayama, and Greg Delos Reyes shot a public service announcement with Phil Handy, Cleveland Cavaliers asst. coach, while he was on Guam for youth and coach basketball clinics. Kudos to CJSS instructor and Women's Master's Basketball star Donna Cruz for arranging the PSA opportunity, to the students, instructor Matt Weiss and Business & VisCom Dept. Chair Robin Roberson for your support, and thank you Phil for promoting higher ed and GCC! Look for the PSA later this semester.

HIGHLIGHTS

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GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS A LEADER IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDING THE HIGHEST QUALITY STUDENT-CENTERED EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING FOR MICRONESIA.

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From the President

DR. MARY A.Y. OKADA

Hafa Adai!

It's hard to believe that summer is already over and we are preparing for another academic year at GCC. Our summer programs kept our campus lively, with the College Access Challenge Grant Program's Summer Bridge, Kids in College Kamp (KICK), National Summer Transportation Institute, Construction Trades, and STEEP programs. These programs, especially our NSTI, Construction Trades, and STEEP programs, seemed to pique students' interest in things technological. Kudos to everyone who worked so hard to make these programs successful. We hope these summer camps will steer middle and high school students toward programs such as our new Certificate in Environmental Technician, or any of our other programs that highlight the STEM fields. We are also proud to be offering, for the first time, an associate of science in Human Services. This program is geared toward those that want to continue on and get a bachelor's degree in social work.



President Okada tries to maneuver a robot to perform an underwater activity during the final day of the CACGP STEEP summer program on July 2

I am happy to report that our budget hearing at the Legislature went very well on June 30. Vice Speaker BJ Cruz was excited to hear about our AS in Human Services program. We are hoping that the senators will give us the \$20.4 million we will need for this upcoming academic year.

Congratulations to our new COPSA officers for this academic year, including president Adrian Davis, and to our new Board of Trustees member Mr. Eloy Hara. We look forward to working with all of you in what promises to be yet another outstanding academic year at GCC.

Dr. Ray Somera and I were busy at two conferences in Honolulu in July. At the Community Colleges for International Development, Inc. (CCID) conference, Dr. Patrick Tellei and I introduced the (approximate number) conference attendees to the Pacific Postsecondary Education Council, and then at the ACCJC conference, Dr. Ray and I gave a presentation on the value of assessment and its positive impact at GCC.



COPSA Officers get to work

GCC's new Council on Postsecondary Affairs officers took their oath of office on July 24, in preparation for the new academic year starting in August. Congratulations officers!



Seated: President Mary Okada; Elmarie Anderson, Board of Trustees Student Member; Dr. Michael Chan, TSS Dean.
Standing-front row: Donnie Lizama, CSI Program Coordinator; Bobbie Leon Guerrero, CSI Program Specialist; Nikki Del Castillo, COPSA Treasurer; Chrystel Baguinon, COPSA Public Relations Officer; and Samantha Cruz, COPSA Parliamentarian.
Standing-back row: Carl Torres II, COPSA Advisor; Liza San Agustin, COPSA Historian; Laryssa Talavera, COPSA Secretary; Miyuki Kim, COPSA Vice President; Adrian Davis, COPSA President; and Troy Lizama, COPSA Advisor.

GCC officials sail through budget hearing

Dr. Mary Okada, GCC President, (right) and Carmen Kwek Santos, CPA, VP of Finance & Administration, receive kudos from senators during the GCC budget hearing at the Guam Legislature on June 30. Vice Speaker BJ Cruz said he hopes to be able to give GCC its budget request of \$20.4 million!



BOT Welcomes Eloy Hara

Mr. Eloy Hara, former CCU member, former executive director of the Civil Service Commission, and a 25-year Navy veteran, appeared before the Legislature on June 11 and was sworn in as GCC's newest member to the Board of Trustees by Board chair Deborah Belanger during the July 31 meeting at GCC. Welcome Mr. Hara!

From the Accreditation Liaison Officer's (ALO) Desk

DR. RAY SOMERA, Ph.D.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Welcome back to our department chairs. I hope you all had a relaxing summer! It was a busy one for Dr. Okada and I, as we presented at conferences in Honolulu about the Pacific Postsecondary Education Council and about the importance of assessment and the difference it makes here at GCC.

First, we attended the Asia Pacific Forum for Technical & Community College Educators, July 10-13 in Honolulu, which was sponsored by the Community Colleges for International Development, Inc. (CCID). Dr. Okada and Dr. Patrick Tellei, the president of Palau Community College, gave a presentation on the Pacific Postsecondary Education Council, its mission and the challenges facing the postsecondary institutions in "The Blue Continent" (a reference to the fact that our regional colleges are situated in an ocean area that, per square mileage) is larger than the continental United States.

The following day, Dr. Okada and I gave a presentation at the ACCJC Workshop: Institutional Internal Quality Assurance & Student Learning Outcomes Assessment on July 14 at Kapi'olani Community College in Honolulu. Our presentation, "Strengthening our Commitment: The Assessment Difference at Guam Community College" was very well received. So much so that Dr. Barbara Beno, president of the ACCJC, personally thanked Dr. Mary for a "great presentation." Dr. Beno wrote her in an email that, "The ACCJC and the member institutions recognize the excellent example you set of higher education quality." Faculty members Chris Dennis, our Automotive Dept. chair, and Tony Roberto, our Counseling Dept. chair, also attended the conference, and contributed significantly to the discussion following our presentation. So, all of our meticulous assessment work here at GCC does pay off!

Again, welcome back to our department chairs, as we all prepare for the start of Academic Year 2015-2016 at GCC.



Dr. Mary Okada and Dr. Ray Somera at the ACCJC Workshop: Institutional Internal Quality Assurance & Student Learning Outcomes Assessment on July 14 at Kapi'olani Community College.



Dr. Okada, Dr. Patrick Tellei, President of Palau Community College, Dr. Somera and at the CCID Asia Pacific Forum for Technical & Community College Educators, July 10-13 in Honolulu.

ECOWARRIORS ROCK!

The GCC Ecowarriors were out en force at the Micronesian Island Fair at Ypao Park and the Liberation Carnival at Tiyan. And – check this out: On July 20th, the day before the Liberation Day Parade, in 36 hours, they made 188 chicken wire bins, to pass out to parties along the parade route. By 4:30 am on the 21st, they had transported all of the bins to the Governor’s Office in Adelup. Of the 202 bins that were made, 154 were taken home by parade goers; 48 were collected the next day and redistributed. GCC thanks the following Ecowarriors for giving their time, energy, and in some cases, their blood (from chicken wire scratches!)

ROQUE ROSARIO RAY HIROSHI TINA ERICKSON ANGEL GUTIERREZ MICHAEL FUZIMI
 MARIJOY VIERNES TRE STARR ROY KERR ALI KERR PROF. JONI KERR



SUMMER THEATER PRODUCTION

Students in GCC’s first summer theater course performed three 15-minute plays on July 16th in the AALG Allied Health Lecture Hall. Welcome to summer theater instructor Melanie Robinson, who will also be our Fall 2015 Theater 101 instructor.



Promoting Human Services on Higher Degree

Adrian Davis, a Human Services major; Pete Roberto, CJSS Dept. Chair; and Dr. KristiAnna Santos, HS faculty, were guests on the GCC Higher Degree program with OCP asst. director Jayne Flores on July 19 to promote the new AS in Human Services degree starting Fall 2015.





GCC SUMMER CAMPS
LEARNING
THE FUN WAY!



GCC's National Summer Transportation Institute exposed middle and high school students to the myriad occupations within the transportation industry. Among other field trips, they visited the FAA control tower at AB Won Pat Int'l Airport. They also planned, designed, and constructed a pedestrian crosswalk across Corten Torres Street connecting the GCC campus to a retail establishment frequented by students, and refurbished a crosswalk adjacent to the GCC Student Services offices.

The CACGP Summer Bridge sessions provided 120 students with refresher math and English classes, visual arts, Guam history/Pacific Cultures, health, and career interest classes.



The "Build Your Future" Construction Trades session introduced 20 middle school students to the construction industry through hands-on sessions and classes.

THE CACGP KIDS IN COLLEGE KAMPS (KICK) PROVIDED 40 MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH MATH, ENGLISH, ARTS, SPORTS, SCIENCE, COMPUTER SCIENCE, AND CULINARY CLASSES.



SECONDARY PROGRAMS



SSHS PROSTART STUDENTS EARN WORKKEYS CERTIFICATES

The SSHS class of 2015 held a graduation dinner at Westin Hotel on June 6 to celebrate their accomplishments. Pictured are students who took the WorkKeys exam and earned Nat'l Career Readiness Certificates at Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels, demonstrating their foundational skills to qualify for at least two thirds of the jobs in the WorkKeys database.

Seated from left: Genifer dela Pena, Iris Guinto, and Oliver Sorio. Back Row from left: Jon Talavera, Kevin Subido, Nathan Espino, Jed Pico, Ryan Valencia, and Damen Borja.



PROSTART CHAMP OFF TO CIA!

Abigail Pineda, a graduate of SSHS and 2014 ProStart national champion, was awarded a partial scholarship to the Culinary Institute of American in Napa Valley by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation, in order to pursue a degree in culinary arts.

Abigail with her mother, Raquel Pineda.

AHEC HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER ACADEMY

High school students interested in pursuing a career in the medical or health profession attended the AHEC 2015 Summer Academy July 22 – August 5 in the GCC AALG Allied Health Center. The students learned about careers in the medical and health fields, AND built up their math, science and English skills.





AHEC FREE HEALTHCARE TRAININGS

GCC's AHEC grant provided a free Caregiver Workshop June 20th & 27th, providing over 30 people with the means to more effectively care for an elderly or infirmed relative or friend. GCC's Practical Nursing faculty assisted in conducting the workshop. An AHEC-funded free Medical Coding & Billing Boot Camp designed for industry professionals and persons over 50 years of age that want to start a career in the field ran July 6 - 18. AHEC also provided a three-week EMT refresher course from July 13-31 for local firefighters.



GCC PRESENTS AT AG WORKSHOP

GCC's Continuing Education & Workforce Development asst. director Rowena Perez presented on GCC programs that can help deter recidivism at a workforce development conference sponsored by the Attorney General's Office on June 17.

ESTA, CATHY!



GCC's MIS Dept. and other employees gave a fond farewell to Cathy Solidum, computer analyst, on June 12. Cathy is moving back to Minneapolis, but we hope to see her again back on Guam some day!

NOTABLE

The Månha Project held American Sign Language classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from July 6 to 29, with the GCC ASL Club, "Happy Hands," providing free childcare.

Kudos to Ben Rachielug from Financial Aid, Phil Guerrero from CEWD, and Jayne Flores from the OCP for promoting GCC at the Army Reserve Education Fair in Barrigada on July 11.

GCC co-hosted the 2nd 2015 Tropical Energy Code conference on July 14 at the Sheraton Resort, along with the Guam Energy Office and the Guam Building Code Council. The College was also represented at TEC village meetings about the code in Dededo on July 15 and Agat on July 16.



Thank you Huan Hosei and Project AIM for hosting UOG TRIO ETS students for a tour of the GCC campus on July 31.



Stars are born on Staff/Administrator Development Day

The zany Chinese lady that runs GCC's Finance & Administration Division (V.P. Carmen K. Santos, C.P.A) and her entire staff put on a Chinese show to explain to everyone what exactly they do in Finance & Administration on Staff/Admin Development Day June 4. They definitely set the bar for division presentations! Also during the day: icebreakers, and breakout sessions designed to help employees better manage time, stress, and budgets!





Senminagof Komplí' años para i Empliao Kulehon Kumunidat Guahan Siha Para Mes Huño/Manañaf 2015!

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

Ken Bautista
Toni Cabrilo
Johanna Camacho
Bertha Guerrero
Terry Guerrero
Bobbie Leon Guerrero
Tish Leon Guerrero

Pamela Mabazza
Tasi Marina Mafnas
Danny Okada
Doris Perez
Rowena Ellen Perez
Vickey Schrage

MINAGOF KOMPLI' AÑOS YAN BIBA TIEMPON SOMNAK!



**Senminagof Komplí' años para i Empliao
Kulehon Kumunidat Guahan Siha
para i Hulio/Semu na mes 2015!**

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

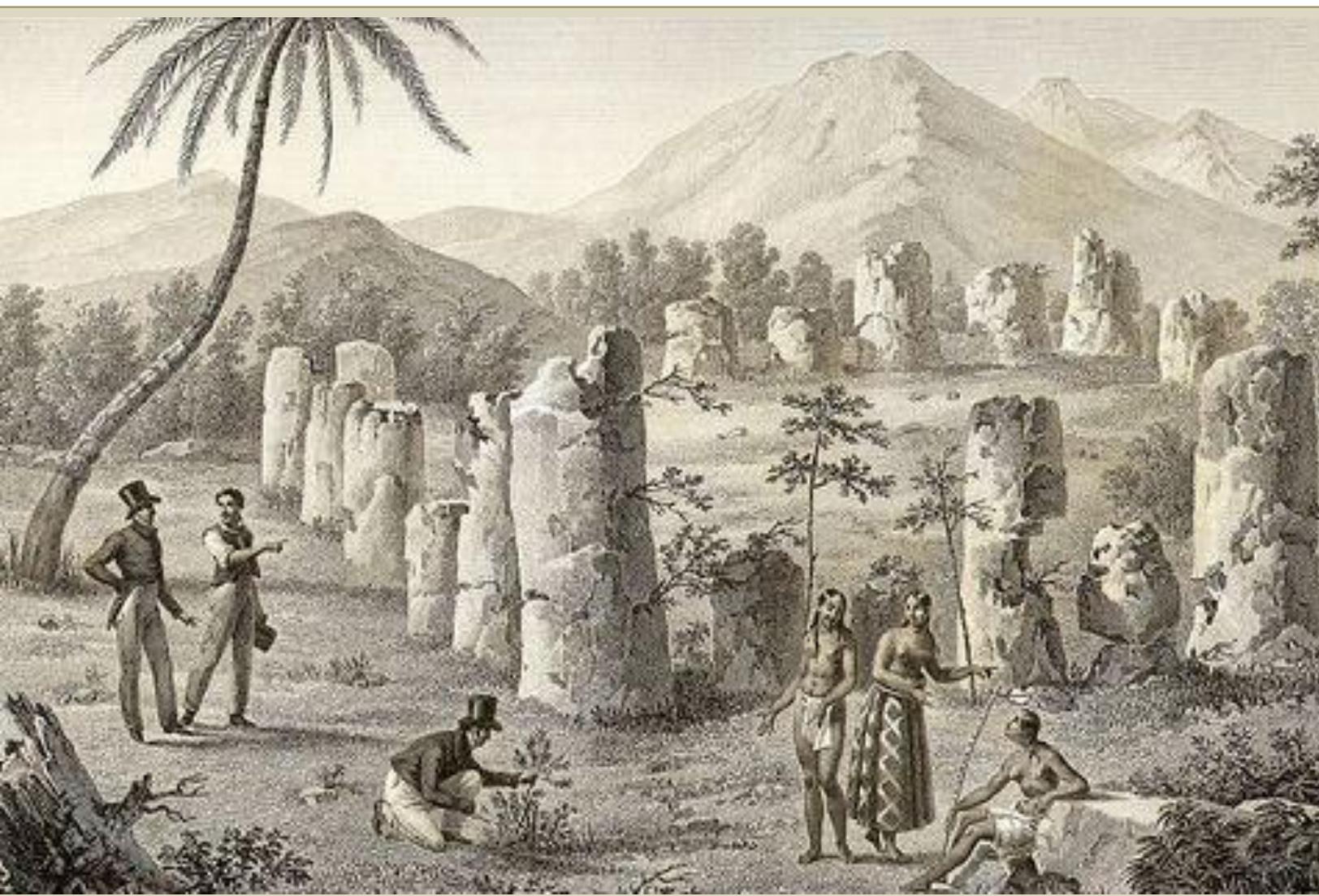
**Rina Aguilar
Joe Benavente
Tonirose Concepcion
Ann Cruz
Harold Cruz
Karen Dumchus
Mary Ann Eclavea
Joleen Evangelista
Eric Ji
Edwin Limtuatco**

**Jonathan Mantanona
Florie Mendiola
Brian Muna
Hannah Pangelinan
Aaron Parker
Jonathan Perez
Sally Sablan
Cheryl San Nicolas
Rose Marie Siguenza**

Sinangan Siha para Huño/Mananaf

Mananaf: "To go on all fours, crawl"

June Chamorro Phrases



Kamareru i lahi gi i fañochuyan.

The man is a waiter at the restaurant.

Måsa i aga', i chandiha, yan i manga.

The banana, the watermelon, and the mango are ripe.

Magof, bråbu yan metgot siha.

They are happy, full of energy and strong.

Maipe i ha'ani lao manengheng i puengi.

The day is hot but the night is cold.

Sinangan Siha para Hulio/Semu

July 2015 Chamorro Phrases

Fairgrounds -- Governor's Palace in background -- Insular Patrolman just right of center



Yayas, mâtuhok, aplacha', yan ñålang ham.

We are hungry, tired, sleepy, and dirty.

Håyi na'ån-ña i taotao ni' umayuda hao?

What is the name of the person who helped you?

Ma fa'nana'an i tiempon uchan fanuchånan.

Rainy season is called fanuchånan.

Manpagamento ham kada Betnes.

We are paid every Friday.