

CHACHALANI

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS • PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

A total of 155 students attended New Student Orientation for spring semester 2016 in the MPA. This semester we welcome nearly 2,400 students to the campus.



Happy New Year

GCC

GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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GCC ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

NAWIC Block Kids Lego Competition
February 13, 8:30AM - 12PM [MPA]

Meet the President
February 23 & 24, 6PM [MPA]

CACGP College Access & Community
Resources Fair
February 27, 10AM - 2PM [Micronesia Mall]

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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.



POSTSECONDARY NEWS & EVENTS



Manwai Nguyen and Melanie Reyo, Project AIM tutors, prepare for their presentation at the Project AIM orientation on Jan. 16 in the MPA.

Project AIM orientation/ high school tour

GCC's federally funded TRiO Project AIM program held its orientation for spring semester on Jan. 29, with 89 Project AIM students attending (over 50% of the participants!), to learn how the program is going to help them be successful in completing their studies here at GCC!

Students assist with homeless count

Approximately 20 GCC Medical Assisting students volunteered to help with the Department of Public Health's Homeless Count in January.

The Project AIM staff also took 25 high school students and 23 of their parents/guardians on a tour of the GCC campus on Jan. 16, to encourage them to consider GCC as a postsecondary option when they graduate from high school.

Ecowarriors assist at Trenchfest

The GCC Ecowarriors wasted no time in getting back into their clean-up/recycling mode after the holidays, helping with the call to clean up Oka Point on Sunday, Jan. 3, and then assisting i-Recycle at Trench Fest 2 island music festival on Jan. 15. Trenchfest volunteers received free entry to the event, as well as refreshments (and of course they recycled the containers!)

POSTSECONDARY NEWS & EVENTS

EVOC up & running for CJ

In September 2015, the EVOC simulator was disassembled, moved out of Bldg 100 (which will soon be renovated!) and reinstalled in classroom A-9 by manufacturer Doron Systems. The EVOC is back up and running for the 7th GPD Cycle, allowing students to learn how to correctly maneuver emergency vehicles. The EVOC simulator will be part of all future EVOC courses and law enforcement training.

GCC Water Bottle Filling Stations Promote Health & Environment

GCC has integrated the first Water Bottle Filling Stations on Guam. Located at the Student Center Lounge and Building E. Lounge you can see these wonderful additions which have been making a difference since they were installed. These water bottle filling stations give students and the campus community the choice to consume water versus beverages with high sugar content. The new installations also reduce waste from single use plastic bottles by allowing the community at GCC to utilize reusable water bottles instead. The WBFS have already saved approximately 400 plastic bottles since December 2015. The more people use these stations the better it will be for their health and the health of the environment. Now that's sustainability!





Randy Babauta

3rd year Culinary Arts student
Speciality: Breads & Baking
2013 graduate of John F. Kennedy HS,
where he participated in the ProStart program.

"I flunked out of ProStart, and came to GCC for a second chance. I love baking bread. My mom has been my biggest influence because she doesn't cook. At first, she wanted me to be in the Police Academy, but I told her I wanted to study culinary arts. Now, she's always bragging to her coworkers about what I've baked or made."

Randy just started a job at New Fresh Bread in Yigo. He is a full-time student, and plans to graduate in 2018.

"I'm taking things slowly because I want to enjoy college."

STUDENT

SPOTLIGHT

FACULTY FOCUS

Welcome to GCC, new faculty!

Kristianna Santos, PhD., CJSS

Vito Calvo, English

Kathryn Maloney, Math & Science

Jean Cepeda, Business & VisCom

Jooho Lee, Business & VisCom

Kenneth Perez, Business & VisCom

Narciso Cosico, Tourism & Hospitality

David Dingcong, Tourism & Hospitality

Bertrand Haurillon, Culinary Arts

KennyLyn Miranda, Culinary Arts

James Lizama, Technology

Joegines Calbang, Technology

Roland Tyquiengco, Nursing & Allied Health

Leonard Tenorio, Construction Trades

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Joegines Calbang

joins GCC this semester as an assistant instructor in the Technology Department, teaching computer science classes. Jo came to GCC from Island Business System & Supplies (IBSS). Born in Orion Bataan, Philippines, he moved to Guam with his family around 1980, when he was six or seven years old. Jo studied architecture at Adamson University in Manila, but since his student visa was expiring, he transferred to AMA Computer Center. Jo says he was highly motivated by a retired mentor and many colleagues and peers. What he enjoys most about teaching is "seeing my students graduate and succeed in life. That's the most rewarding. Knowing that you had a small part in their lives."



From the President

Dr. Mary A.Y. Okada



Hafa Adai and welcome to our new Chachalani format. We are starting to undergo transformation at GCC - by that I mean we are changing the way we look at our mission in order to better serve our students. Our mission is to help our students be successful, whether their goal is to earn a degree or certificate, take one course, or acquire professional development or some other type of training. Every one

of us at the college - faculty, staff, and administrators - is assessing the ways in which we do our jobs. We are looking at what works, and what doesn't work. Through this process, changes that will help our students to be more academically successful and more engaged with the community, will ultimately lead to them becoming successful, productive members of our workforce. We are also creating sections of Chachalani to spotlight

students and faculty, so that we can all be better acquainted with each other. If you have a suggestion or an idea about something you think we could offer to help better facilitate student success, please email me at gcc.president@guamcc.edu, or gcc.pio@guamcc.edu. I hope to hear from you very soon! ***Biba GCC!***



From the ALO's Desk

Dr. Ray Somera
VP for Academic Affairs

January was a busy month for me. First, I escorted John Cruikshank from the National Science Foundation (remember John gave our commencement speech three years ago!) and his brother James from the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development to the Philippines, then a week later I flew to our nation's capital where I was promptly snowed in! In Tanauan, Batangas City, Philippines, the Cruikshanks and I visited the First Asia Institute of Technology & Humanities (FAITH) Jan. 18-21, to conduct Pacific Outreach workshops for senior leadership and to explore collaborative partnerships in STEM research with FAITH in furtherance of the GCC-FAITH articulation agreement. We stayed at Lima Park Hotel in Malvar, Batangas, a training facility for FAITH's Tourism & Hospitality students. It is a 10-minute drive from FAITH's technology park, which includes over 50 electronic companies from around the world, with 25,000 workers who are

based in and out of the complex daily. We explored several areas of research collaboration, with the challenge being to create an interdisciplinary framework that combines environmental biology, climate change, engineering, and culture to shape a compelling research agenda, in order to form a collaborative partnership between GCC and FAITH via a grant with NSF. John explained that as of last year, NSF now allows 10% overhead for foreign institution sub-awards. These sub-awards need to be coursed through a partner US institution (GCC, in this case) that will serve as the grant fiscal agent. FAITH is only 15 years old, yet exemplifies an engaged, proactive college that is at the cutting edge of technology and innovation, with a leadership team that is both visionary and pragmatic. We are looking toward research collaboration between FAITH and GCC that will benefit our respective students. Then it was off to cold and snowy D.C., where I attended the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Annual Conference and CHEA International Quality Group (CIQG) meetings on Jan. 25-27, to learn about the new changes in accreditation policy at the national level. I also networked with community

college ALOs from various regional accrediting bodies of the country, as well as international representatives of quality assurance agencies, to gain a broader understanding of accreditation issues nationally and internationally. I brought back information about USDOE engaging in innovation or experiments to implement INNOVATION in schools. These would give institutions a waiver for USDOE regulations in order to experiment with new strategies that would achieve certain outcomes. (Relevant to our transformation here at GCC?) Also, I learned that NACIQI (the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity) wants to focus on "student achievement" so that general performance measures for accrediting agencies exist; decision activities or range of actions of regional accrediting bodies are made more transparent; and standards and practices relative to student achievement are well-documented.

The bottom line here is that both collaboration and accreditation are vital to the growth and transformation of GCC, and more importantly, to achieve 100% student-centered success. We definitely have our work cut out for us!

SECONDARY

NEWS & EVENTS

FROM CTE PROGRAMS IN GDOE HIGH SCHOOLS

Learning that counts!

On January 9, 16 tourism students from SSHS and JFK high schools applied their banquet, customer service and food sanitation skills volunteering at a banquet event at Dusit Thani. Here is the thank you email from Luna Hendricks of Dusit Thani to SSHS LMP instructor Eric Chong and JFK LMP instructor Carol Cruz:

*Dear Eric and Carol,
Sincerest thank you for your assistance in sending your students to assist us this last Saturday for our events.*

From the beginning of our meeting, until the last one said "Good night" and jumped into her mother's car at the end of the night, every one of them were very professional, enthusiastic and ready to jump in and assist.

The questions they asked, their answers to mine, their curiosity about Dusit International and our property and their focus on guest service, reflected the training that they have been receiving from you and the LMP/ Prostart program. The managers and chefs were impressed with each of them."

Luna Hendricks

Learning & Development Manager
Dusit Thani Guam



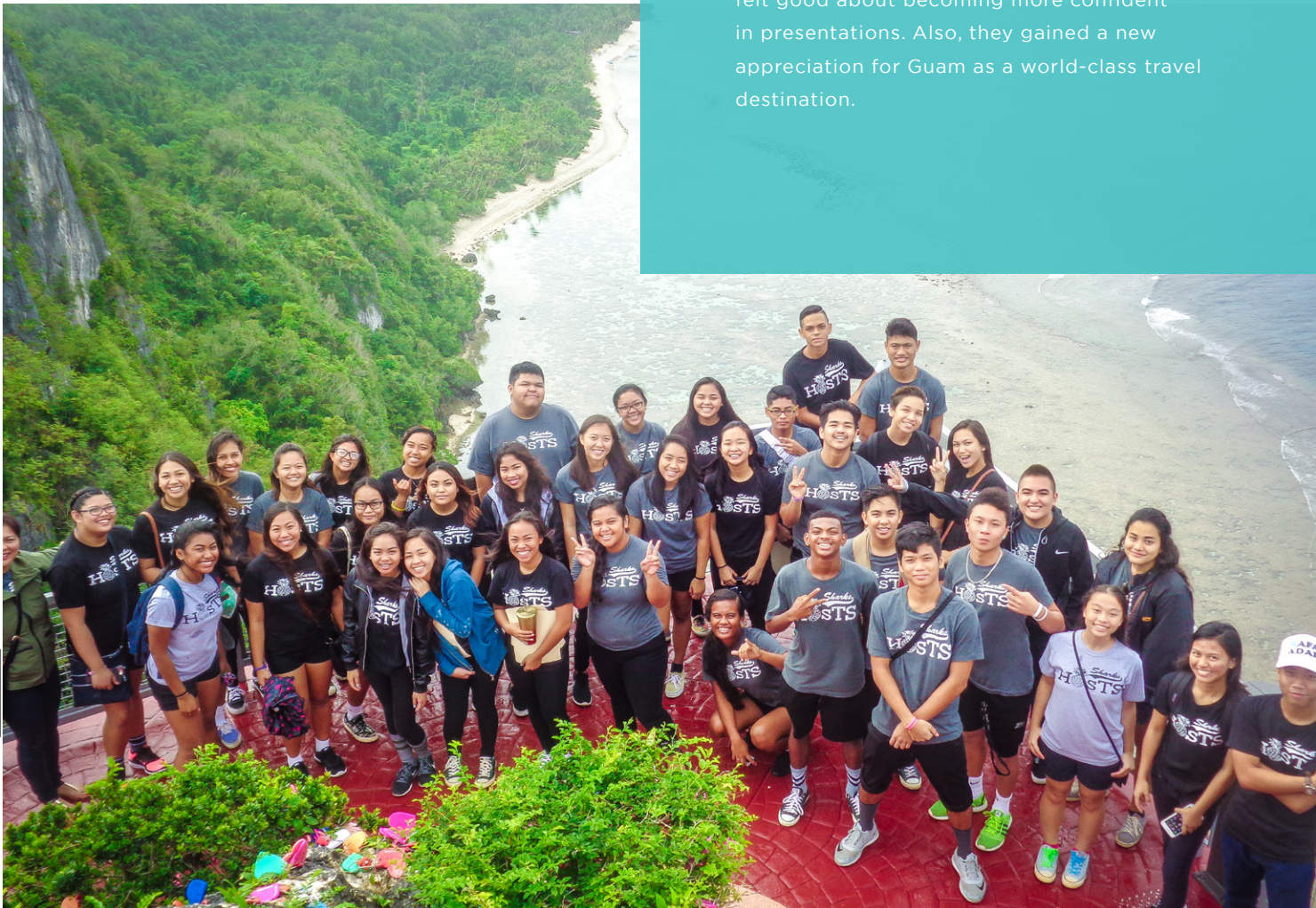
CACGP orientation

GCC's College Access Challenge Grant Program welcomed 36 students and their parents/guardians to the MPA on Jan. 20, to learn about how CACGP can help them be better prepared to go to college, and how to afford college. What a great program!

SECONDARY NEWS & EVENTS

SSHS "Be a Tourist"

On Jan. 7, 32 SSHS LMP sophomores went on a "Be A Tourist" field trip where they saw historic and scenic sites on Guam through the eyes of a tourist. Students were assigned to present at each of the nine sites visited, so that they could also experience the role of tour guides. Afterward, the students wrote a reflection on their day-long experience; many of them felt good about becoming more confident in presentations. Also, they gained a new appreciation for Guam as a world-class travel destination.



Faculty and administrators from PPEC member institutions in Micronesia are better equipped to be more competitive in obtaining grant money from the National Science Foundation, thanks to a PPEC-sponsored grant-writing workshop conducted Jan. 21 by John Cruikshank. Cruikshank holds the dual title of NSF Senior Policy Advisor for the Division of Research on Learning, and NSF Asian-American Pacific Islands Officer.

"I'm here to help people strengthen their proposals, so that they stand a higher chance of getting funded by NSF," he said.

Cruikshank conducted the workshop at GCC for 15 officials from GCC, Northern Marianas College, American Samoa, and the College of Micronesia, to "help increase PPEC institutions' success rate in obtaining NSF competitive research and education awards for capacity building, and to broaden participation by the underserved community of Pacific islanders."

Cruikshank stressed collaboration and partnerships when seeking NSF grants.



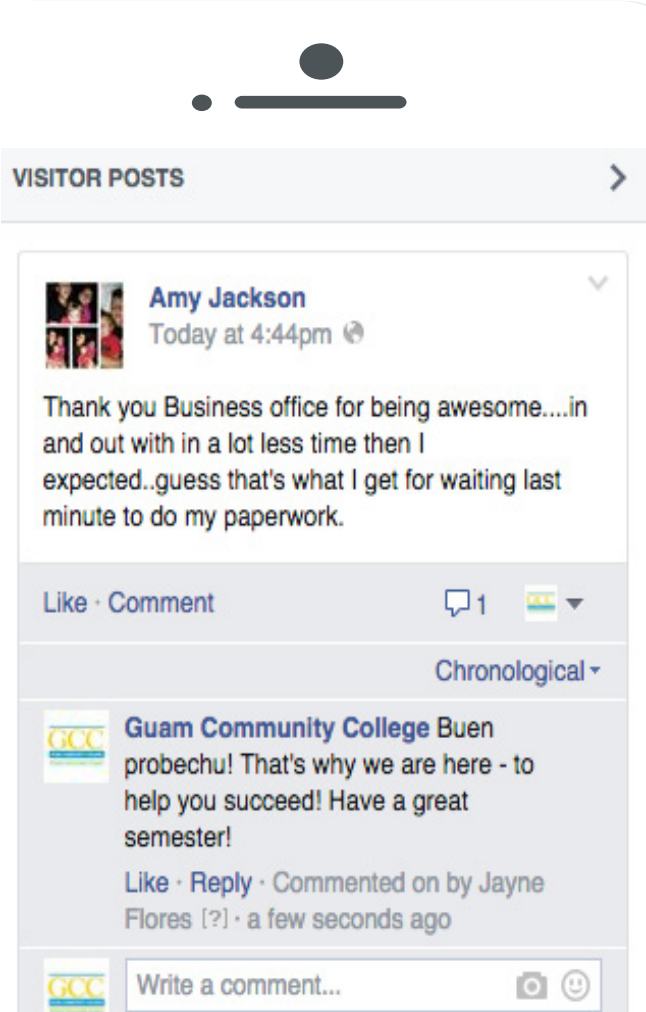


HR Administrator Joann Muna held a **New Employee Orientation** on January 8th for new employees that have joined the GCC family.

See list of New Employees
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Employee Highlights

Way to go Business Office for the awesome customer service review from a student on our FB page on January 14th. This is why we do what we do!





Sinangan Siha

Chamorro Phrases

January - Ineru/Tumaiguini (Tumaiguini "Thus, In this way, Like This")

Ma tutuhon i nuebu na sâkkan gi Ineru.

We begin a new year in January.

Måttu siha tâtti gi i tano'-ñiha Guahan.

They returned back to their homeland Guam.

Ma silelebra i Mes Chamorro gi Måtso.

We celebrate Chamorro month in March.

Kao kompli' años-mu gi Ineru?

Is your birthday in January?

February - Fibreru/Maimo'

Åhe' ti bai bokka na'talo' åni pâ'go.

No, I'm not eating lunch today.

Mata'chong siha gi i liko' tâsi ya ma attan i minachom atdao.

They sat down by the bay and watched the sunset.

Ha'ånen Manguinaiya gi dia katotse (14) gi Fibreru.

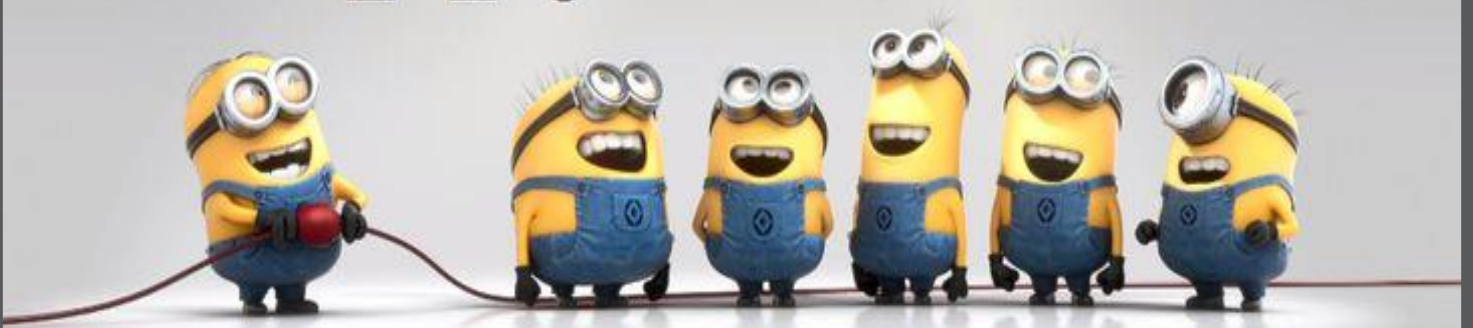
Valentine's Day is February 14.

I ichan ha na' fanka'lak i tinanom siha.

The rain made the plants so healthy and colorful.



Happy New Year



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

Kompli'ãños Kulehon Kumunidåt Guahån Empliao Siha

Ineru/Tumaiguini 2016

Guam Community College Employees

January 2016 Birthdays

ADRIAN ATALIG
JEROME BLAS
DOLORES CAYABYAB
JOSE CEJOCO
JONAH CONCEPCION
JESSE CRUZ
VIVIAN CRUZ
BONNIE DATUIN
JOHN DIAZ
JOEL EGANA
VIVIAN GUERRERO
HUAN HOSEI
JOHN JOCSON
CATHY LEON GUERRERO

SARAH LEON GUERRERO
BARBARA MAFNAS
CHUCK MENO
TODD OLSON
MARYLEE PALOMARES
ESTHER RIOS
DEAN RIVERA
TONY ROBERTO
CARMEN SANTOS
IRENE SANTOS
RAY SOMERA
LEONARD TENORIO
REBECCA TOVES
FRANCES UNTALAN



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