

# CHACHALANI

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS • PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • UPCOMING EVENTS

## Summer programs guide students to college!

GCC's summer programs inspired and challenged middle and high school students, in an effort to get them to think about college majors down the road. Juniors Jenna Young and Breanna Tamashiro now know how to "grow" tilapia, okra, and eggplant aquaponically. The two are among 23 high school students that on June 21 explained to community members and the media the three types of aquaponic systems they researched, designed, and built as part of this summer's GCC Sustainable Technologies and Environmental Education Program (STEEP). Their three-week program began May 31.

"It's a great program - I learned a lot," said Tamashiro, a 16-year-old incoming junior at John F. Kennedy High School. "I know how to do most of these systems now. I want to try the NFT at home," she said.

Tamashiro is referring to the nutrient film technique (NFT) solar-powered aquaponic system, also called a "tower" aquaponic system, wherein a solar-powered pump brings the water to the highest point and gravity works the water down through the pipes, which contain plants, and then down into a pond containing guppies. The waste generated by the guppies serves as essential nutrients for the plants.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**GCC GOV GUAM  
LABOR DAY PICNIC**  
September 4

**FALL FESTIVAL**  
September 22

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**GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE**








*Kulehon Kumunidát Guáhan*


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# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## GCC grad participates in International Scholar Laureate China trip

Nicole Ulloa Heath graduated from GCC in May with an Associate degree in Supervision & Management, and so much more. As a member of the S.M.I.L.E. student organization and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, she was invited to represent Guam as a participant in the International Scholar Laureate Program's Business and Entrepreneurship Delegation held in China May 24 - June 6. She wants other GCC students to know about this wonderful opportunity. "ISLP is a tuition-based study abroad

program that is held in different countries such as China, Australia, New Zealand, and South America. They nominate scholars from all over the world to participate in their program through their affiliation with recognized honor societies."

The ISLP has four different delegations: Business & Entrepreneurship; Diplomacy & International Relations; Medicine; and Engineering.

"We spent two weeks traveling from Beijing to Hangzhou to Shanghai, and participated in a cultural extension held in Hong Kong. We spent our time not only sightseeing and experiencing the Chinese culture, but we also had to complete a case study in which we were tasked to come up with a new product to introduce into the Chinese market through our observations as we traveled. We then presented it to our peers as if we were presenting it to

investors, and they chose whose product was more feasible. We also had the chance to listen to various speakers throughout the trip who talked about their experiences doing business in China, which were really educational and inspirational.

This was by far the best experience I've had and it was really rewarding to be able to apply everything that I have learned into two weeks at the ISLP. This program has really given me a sense of purpose with my major and has inspired me to continue my education that much more. I hope that more students from Guam will be able to represent our island through this program."

To find out more about this amazing program, log onto the International Scholar Laureate Program web site: [scholarlaureate.org](http://scholarlaureate.org).



# POSTSECONDARY NEWS & EVENTS

## Building E - LEED Gold!

GCC proudly celebrated the U.S. Green Building Council's designation of Building E as LEED gold on June 13 in the building's foyer. Esther Kia'aina, Asst. Secretary for Insular Areas of the Department of the Interior, was on hand for the occasion, as DOI has helped with loans for several new structures on the GCC campus.

Dr. Mary Okada, GCC President, told the gathering of GCC employees and guests that, "LEED gold status is increasingly difficult to obtain. Since our LRC was designated LEED gold, the USGBC has updated LEED standards, so we are very proud of this accomplishment."

The former single-story Butler Building 200 was reopened as Building E in December 2014. It is the second building on the campus to be designated LEED gold, and the third LEED building at GCC. The USGBC certified the GCC Learning Resource Center as LEED gold in 2011, and the renovated Foundation Building was designated LEED silver in April 2014.

LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is a program created by USGBC to recognize outstanding efforts in the design, construction and operation of high-performance, environmentally friendly buildings. USGBC has four levels of LEED certification: certified, silver, gold, and platinum.

Building E LEED features include photovoltaic (solar) panels, a rainwater catchment system, natural lighting and views, pervious (porous) paving, a recycling collection area, solar hot water heaters for showers, occupancy sensor lighting controls, carbon dioxide sensor ventilation controls, low-flow water fixtures, materials containing recycled content (flooring, aluminum components, insulation, wall framing / sheathing, and countertops), high-SRI roof coating, and building insulation. The two-story, 22,600 square foot structure houses GCC's Education and Pre-Architectural Drafting programs, and the English Department.



# POSTSECONDARY NEWS & EVENTS

## GCC's Office of Accommodative Services joins grant to address campus safety

The GCC OAS participated with several regional colleges in a cooperative grant application entitled "Pacific Partners Project" that addresses women's health on college campuses. The grant was awarded in mid-July. The primary focus of the project is campus safety, including preventing sexual assault. OAS will work to bring training and resources to our campus with regard to awareness of sexual assault and how to prevent it, so look for these trainings this coming semester! Great job, OAS!

## UOG ETS students visit GCC campus

The UOG Educational Talent Search (ETS) student participants toured the GCC campus on June 23. Approximately 25 student participants and five staff chaperones visited our campus. Thank you Project AIM team for conducting the tour, and to all of the GCC offices that welcomed our visitors.

## GWC presents check to scholarship winners

Si Yu'os Ma'ase to the Guam Women's Club for awarding scholarships to two students who just happen to be childhood friends: Caithlyn Alger and Roybert Bautista, both Education majors. Danilo Bilong, Program Specialist, Development & Alumni Relations; Lorraine Okada, GCC Foundation Board Chair; Nancy Weare, GWC Education chairperson; Alger and Bautista; Odessa Palacios, GWC President; Karen Carpenter, GWC VP; and Dr. Okada were on hand for the check presentation on July 14.



**Students! Apply for scholarships at:**  
<http://www.guamcc.edu/Runtime/scholarships.aspx>

## STEEP Program (Continued from page 1)

The students also designed a raft aquaponic system and a media bed fill and drain system. The raft, or deep water aquaponic system, “contains a 250-gallon main tank which will be stocked with tilapia. The fish produce waste, and an underwater pump pumps water out of the tank and into three growing beds. Water is then recycled from the beds back into the tilapia tank,” explained Francisco “Kiko” Palacios, STEEP coordinator and GCC Sustainability Coordinator. He says the students also had to learn how to put together and install the photovoltaic system that run the aquaponics.

“All of these systems use 90% less water,” noted Dr. A.J. Sunga, GCC science professor and STEEP instructor. “And in 200 days, we will have large tilapias here.”



## AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY CAMP

On July 13, CACGP’s Automotive Technology Camp students hit the road (or at least the parking lot near the GCC Auto Shop) with their remote-controlled cars. The students worked on these cars throughout the summer program, learning about how a car engine and other automotive technology works.



## CACGP SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM

On June 22, 30 middle and 30 high school students presented to family, friends and fellow students what they had learned over the course of the GCC College Access Challenge Grant Program’s last Summer Bridge program. Students presented how they solved real-world math issues, showed films they created, and explained other projects completed in subjects such as health science, English, interpersonal development, electronics, and Chamorro/Guam history over the three-week bridge program.

Award-winning local filmmaker Kel Muna instructed the filmmaking class, and his two groups wrote, directed, filmed, and edited two short films: “Child’s Play,” and “What FESTPAC was like.”

“In film, nowadays kids can learn the technical stuff online,” said Muna. What he enjoyed was guiding the students and seeing them “actually learning how to deliberate amongst themselves, making decisions based on consensus, and voting” on their project – just as in real life, he noted.

“Studies are showing that children that do not have access to summer programs fall behind in learning, and that learning gap widens each year that the child goes without a summer program,” said Dr. Mary Okada, GCC president. “We are trying to address that gap so that by the time the students graduate from high school, they are ready for college-level courses,” she said.

This is the final year of the CACGP grant. Okada noted that GCC is pursuing other federal and local funding sources to be able to continue these programs.



## KIDS IN COLLEGE KAMP (KICK)

July 15, students in the CACGP Kids in College Kamp and Automotive Technology summer programs gathered in the MPA for their closing ceremonies. The students prepared short presentations of what they learned in their respective classes for their peers and families. The KICK program focused on strengthening students’ math and English skills, as well as introducing them to various GCC programs such as culinary arts, electronics, and visual communications.

## Summer Work Experience Program

Sometimes administrators - although they know the programs they oversee are valuable - may not realize just how much these programs contribute until they actually see the benefits in action. Such was the case for GDOE Federal Programs' Frank Leon Guerrero and Maria Blas, who together with GCC Associate Dean Pilar Williams and Student Support Services Administrator Huan Hosei, visited GDOE students enrolled in the GCC Summer Work Experience program as interns at AK, Underwater World, and Outrigger Resort on July 6. According to Williams, "It was really gratifying to see how well these high school students are learning to perform in the workplace. This program is really beneficial for both the students and the employers."

The Summer Work Experience Program is a by-product of the GCC Career and Technical Education Programs available in GDOE high schools. Junior and senior students in these programs that have earned a "B" or better and "worked" for 180 hours (non-paid) at a related business can graduate from the program with college credit in a corresponding GCC postsecondary program.

On July 14, the GCC Summer Work Experience Program was featured via an interview of students, graduates, employers, and one instructor on KUAM. The interviewer was Cyndal Abad, an incoming senior in the GCC CTE Marketing program at Okkodo High School. Cyndal interned as a news reporter at KUAM for 180 hours this summer, and by all accounts, did an awesome job. Look for her on CNN in the future!

*Photo caption: GCC Summer Work Experience Program featured on KUAM*

*L-R: Rozelle Pagat (SSHS Carpentry); Danyel Plummer (JFK LMP); Riezzalyn Viray (SSHS Prostart); Neo Pangilinan (OHS Marketing); Kathy Chargualaf (SWEP Coordinator/Marketing Instructor); Mark Atoigue (GWHS Autobody); Rhea Lizama (SSHS Automotive Service Technology); Cyndal Abad (OHS Marketing); Chris Dennis (SWEP Coordinator/DC Automotive Service Technology); Eric Chong (SWEP Coordinator/LMP Instructor); and Ricky Tyquiengco (SWEP Coordinator/DC Electronics)*



## Summer work experience at Outrigger Hotel

GDOE officials, Associate Dean Pilar Williams, and SSS administrator Huan Hosei talk to Work Experience summer interns at the Outrigger Hotel on July 6, 2016.

## AHEC Summer Academy

Nearly 40 high school students interested in pursuing a career in the medical or health profession explored those professions during the GCC Area Health Education Center (AHEC) 2016 Summer Academy July 11 - 15 in the AALG Allied Health Center. Students learned about careers in the medical and health field during the week-long academy, AND built up their math, science and English skills. Guest speakers included doctors, nurses, medical assistants, physical therapists, and EMTs.





# From the President

Dr. Mary A.Y. Okada

We always think that summer will be a “down” time – a chance to get things done while there aren’t as many students on campus, maybe revamp some things, etc. It’s never that way at GCC – fortunately. We were busier than ever with the final year of our College Access Challenge Grant Program – offering Summer Bridge, Kids in College Kamp, an Automotive Technology camp, and an amazing STEEP Aquaponics course. All of these programs are designed to inspire middle and high school students to study hard and maybe get an idea of what they want to pursue in college. We think these

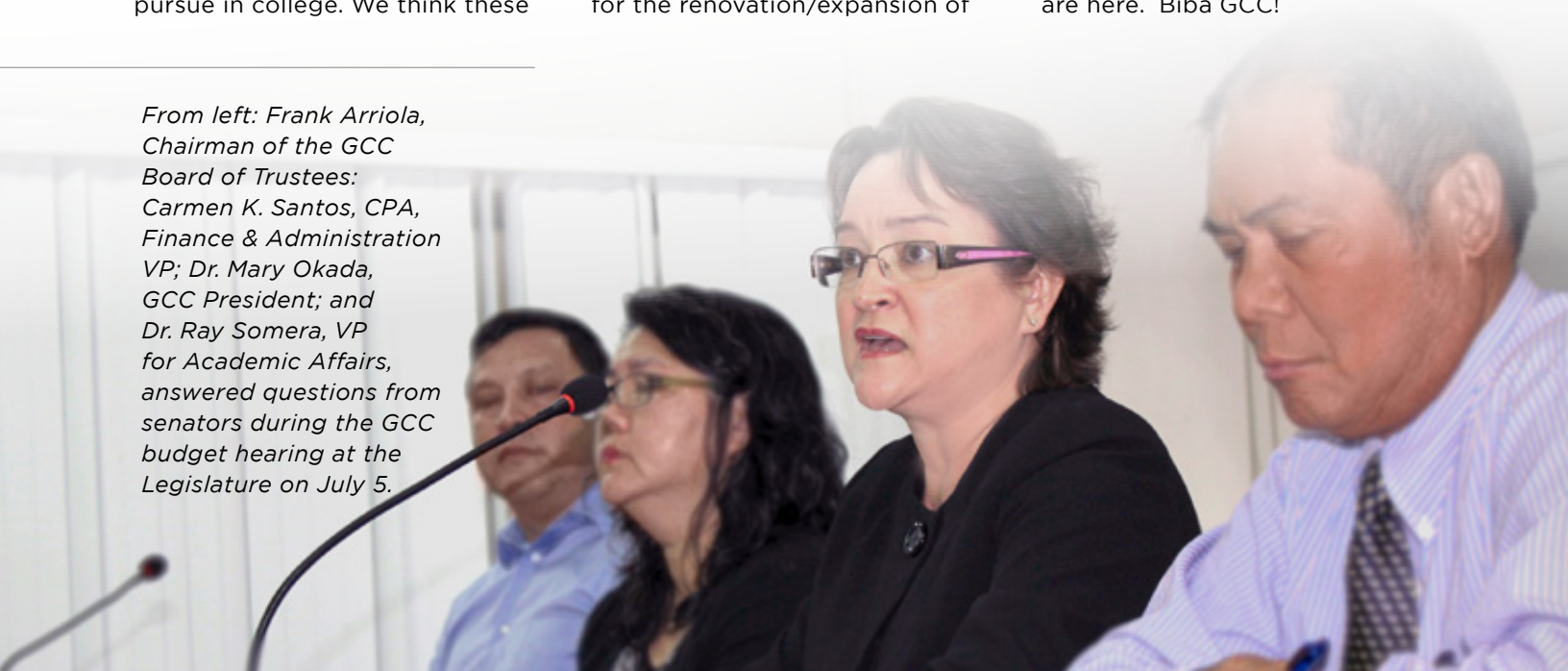
programs do just that, judging by the response we get from the students when they present what they’ve learned. That’s why we are looking into ways to continue this valuable program with other funding sources – so stay tuned.

Another summer highlight was the announcement by the U.S. Green Building Council that our Building E has been designated as LEED gold. That makes three LEED buildings on campus so far (Building E and the LRC are gold, and the Foundation Building is LEED silver) – and we’re not done yet. We will break ground for the renovation/expansion of

Building 100 in September, and it will be a LEED structure, too.

Also, look for more conversations about our transformation to an institution based on 100% student success. Nearly 40 GCC employees took part in a two-week Transformation Leadership Academy conducted by Drs. Laura Souder and Sam Betances in June. The feedback has been very positive, and these employees are coming up with some great ideas on how we as a team can better serve our students and help them attain their educational goals. After all, our students are why we are here. Biba GCC!

*From left: Frank Arriola, Chairman of the GCC Board of Trustees; Carmen K. Santos, CPA, Finance & Administration VP; Dr. Mary Okada, GCC President; and Dr. Ray Somera, VP for Academic Affairs, answered questions from senators during the GCC budget hearing at the Legislature on July 5.*



## Smooth sailing for GCC at budget hearing

Given the fact that GCC is asking for \$20,394,725 from the Legislature for FY 2017 (an amount nearly two thousand dollars less than its FY 2016 budget request), it is no surprise that GCC’s budget hearing in front of the Legislature’s Committee on Appropriations, chaired by Vice Speaker B.J. Cruz, was smooth sailing for GCC officials. President Okada told Cruz, Speaker Won Pat and other members of the committee that the decreased amount is due to savings GCC has garnered from installing sustainable features around the campus. Sen. Nerissa Underwood complimented GCC on its CTE programs in the public high schools, which she noted, “have served public school students in a way they’ve not been served before.” Sen. Mary Torres called GCC “an excellent community steward.”

# From the ALO's Desk

Dr. Ray Somera

Vice President for Academic Affairs



From July 12-17, I attended the ACT Enrollment Planners Conference in the windy city of Chicago, where it was almost as hot as it is here! This conference dealt with student recruitment, retention, and completion, and I was able to network with fellow community college practitioners from various campuses across the country to learn about best practices in student retention and completion that we can apply at GCC.

More than three hundred (300) participants from various regions of the country attended the conference, with a good mix of attendees from 4-year and 2-year institutions. The common theme in all the sessions I attended mirrored the “Students First, Mission Always” philosophy that GCC has adopted, in that all sessions were focused on how to make the college experience a most pleasant experience for all students who are enrolled at the college. Likewise, student success strategies illustrated in most conference sessions (e.g., eliminating late registration, year-round or 365 registration, etc.) formed the core of most of the presentations.

We are on the right track when it comes to exploring other ways to determine placement of students in English and Math because a number of workshop sessions emphasized the critical value of non-cognitive measurements (such as high school GPA, teacher recommendations, service learning experience, among others) as an equally acceptable way to determine college readiness.

A case study shared by Western Kentucky Community College included the establishment of a Retention Council that met monthly to discuss data patterns and trends obtained through the college’s Institutional Research office. Two best practices shared by Western Kentucky were: (1) At-risk reporting and Support, through the acquisition and eventual implementation of an early alert software called Starfish; and (2) Academic Advising SLOs were articulated, and then monitored over the course of a year. Western Kentucky also adopted a so-called SHARED ADVISING model, which included both faculty and staff as academic advisors so that summer advising went unimpeded by the absence of faculty on campus. A training module on shared advising was developed for this purpose.

The other important lesson I gathered from the EPC conference concerns the upcoming changes to the FAFSA application process, which is called the Prior-Prior-Year or Early FAFSA. This is part of President Obama’s initiative to reach a wider group of eligibles for financial aid and thereby motivate and encourage students and their parents to value an early planning process when it comes to higher education enrollment. This is also known as the FAFSA Simplification process, and will have critical implications to the way we plan when it comes to providing financial aid information (and the timing of it) to prospective students.

It is encouraging to know, based on the above information, that we are on the right track with many of our initiatives here at GCC!



## Transformation Leadership Academy

Forty GCC employees, including staff, administrators, and one member of the faculty, participated in a two week Transformation Leadership Academy conducted by Drs. Laura Souder and Sam Betances in June. These employees are coming up with some great ideas on how Team GCC can better serve our students and help them attain their educational goals.

## From the GCC Employees Association

Thank you to all the employees who participated in the 50/50 Raffle fundraiser for June and July. The pool totaled \$940. Congratulations to Sheena Camacho, who won \$470 in the raffle.

### NEW GCCEA MEMBERS

- Pik Man Lam
- Christine Quinata
- Alexis Deidre Chargualaf
- Debbie Duenas



We wish the best to **Robin Roberson**, GCC's Business and Visual Communications Department chair, who quietly retired on June 21st. Robin's support for our students and his departmental leadership will be missed. Happy Retirement, Robin!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

GCC Labor Day Picnic at Ypao Beach Park  
Sunday, September 4

GCCEA Christmas Party at The Westin  
Saturday, December 10

# Remembering Patrick

Patrick Clymer, who served as the GCC Registrar for over 10 years, passed away suddenly on July 25. Patrick would have turned 50 years old two weeks later, on August 7. The GCC family is still reeling from the shock of his death. Our thoughts and prayers are with Patrick's children, Dylan and Cassidy Clymer; his family; and his friend, co-worker and the mother of his children, Imelda Arce.

"You never know how much someone does for you until they are no longer here," said Marilyn Concepcion, GCC's Records & Registration Supervisor. "He was such a nice man," she added.

**Godspeed, Patrick. You are missed.**



# SUSTAINABILITY CORNER

## Ecowarriors assist with Fanihi count

GCC's Ecowarriors attended a training session, and then rose before the sun on the morning of June 3 to participate in the annual Fanihi count at Anderson AFB. They were positioned either inside or outside the base, in the jungle, or by the side of a road, scouring the sky for bats and writing down any that they sighted, the time, and from what direction the bats were flying. Si Yu'os Ma'ase, Ecowarriors!

## GCC assists with GTEC workshops

The Guam Energy Office, GCC, and the Guam Building Code Council teamed up to host a free Guam Tropical Energy Code Homeowners Workshop Series designed to help homeowners and island businesses beat the heat with cost-saving energy efficient measures. Over 140 participants attended the free workshops on July 22 and 23 at the Westin Resort Guam, learning about photovoltaics (PVs), types of PV systems, weatherproofing, insulation and energy-saving techniques, how to conduct an energy audit of your home, and government incentives and tax credits. The workshops were funded through a grant obtained by the Guam Energy Office from the U.S. Department of the Interior to facilitate the development of a tropical energy code for Guam.



## Reduce pollution & waste with REUSABLE water bottles and campus water filling stations!

If you haven't already, you need to stop buying water packaged in plastic bottles, and start using reusable bottles and fill them at one of the water bottle filling stations on campus. GCC has filling stations located in the study room in Building E and in the student lounge in the Student Center. Plastic water bottles, which are regularly disposed of 5 to 10 minutes after purchase, are more of an inconvenience than a convenience. Recycling them requires manpower, energy and other resources. Plastic bottles that don't make it to a recycling facility ultimately end up in the landfill, taking up much needed space. Not to mention the potential health hazards plastic bottles may pose to human health.

By utilizing a reusable bottle, you can easily eliminate hundreds of plastic bottles entering the landfill each year. You also minimize the amount of plastic bottles Guam has to ship off-island for recycling. Lastly, you can minimize potential health hazards that may result from consistently drinking out of plastic water bottles.

Who knew one small change could make such a (huge) positive impact on the environment and human health? Let's make GCC more sustainable by beginning (or continuing) to utilize reusable water bottles on a regular basis!

**Kiko Palacios**  
*GCC Sustainability Coordinator*



## **Senminagof Komplí' años para i Empliao Kulehon Kumunidät Guahån Siha Para Mes Huño/Manånaf 2016!**

*Happy Birthday to the following Guam Community College Employees for the month of June 2016*

**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 MAFANAGU-MU YAN BIBA TIEMPON SOMNAK!**



MINAGOF MAFANAGU-MU YAN BIBA HA'ĀNEN LIBIRASION!

## Senmagof Kompli' años para i Empliao Kulehon Kumunidat Guahan Siha para i Hulio/Semu na mes 2016!

*Happy Birthday to the following Guam Community College Employees for the month of July 2016*

**Rina Aguilar**  
**Joe Benavente**  
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**Harold Cruz**  
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