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Guam Community College conferred 573 degrees, certificates, and/or diplomas upon 525 graduates at the University of Guam Calvo Field House on May 12. It is, for the second consecutive year, the largest graduating class and the largest number of credentials conferred in the College's 40-year history. It was also the first year that tickets were required for the ceremony.

GCC's Most Distinguished Graduate for 2017 was Anthony Victor Borja Reyes, who graduated with dual Associate of Science degrees in Civil Engineering Technology and Pre-Architectural Drafting, having earned a 4.0 in each major. This year's Distinguished Graduate, Robin Daniel B. Alex, earned an Associate of Science in Computer Networking. The 2017 commencement speaker was Command Sergeant Major Agnes Quintanilla Diaz, the first woman to rise to the coveted CSM rank in the Guam Army National Guard. During the ceremony, GCC awarded Erika Sotto Cruz, Deputy Superintendent of Educational Support & Community Learning at the Guam Department of Education, with its 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award. She graduated from the former GCC Voc-Tech High School in 1985.

"It is a proud year for us at GCC," said Dr. Mary Okada, GCC president. "Conferring credentials on the largest number of graduates to date is a great way to celebrate GCC's 40th year of providing quality workforce development education for Guam and the region."



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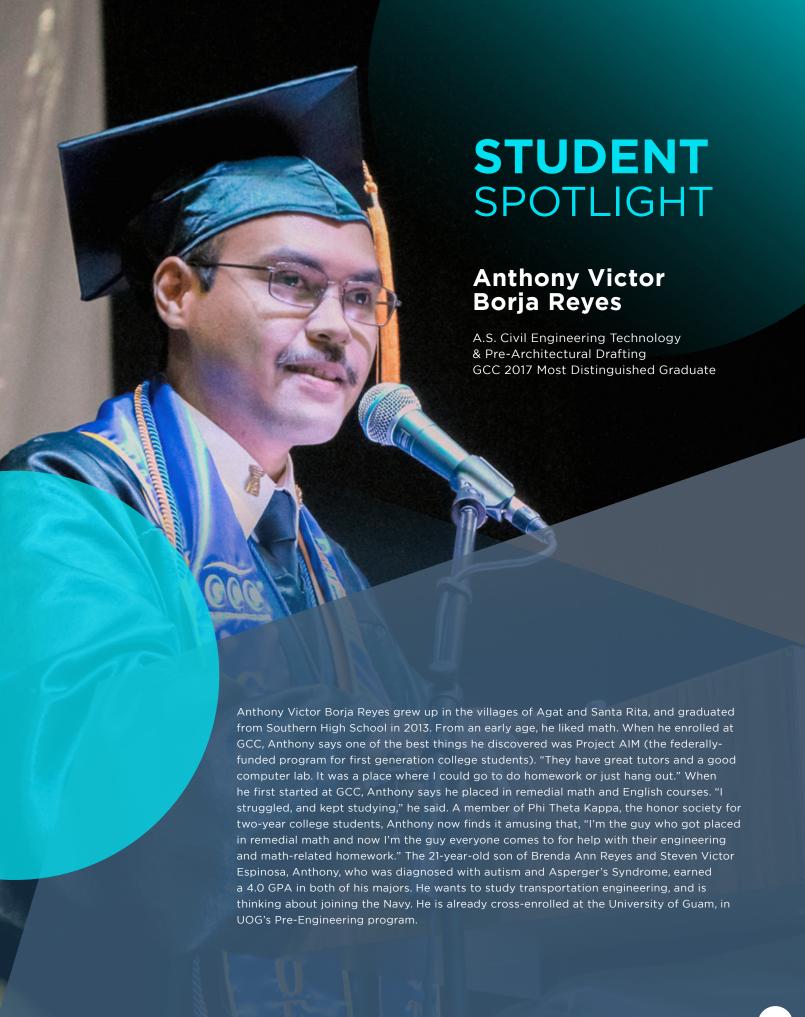
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Guam Community College is a leader in career and technical workforce development, providing the highest quality student-centered education and job training for Micronesia.



# POSTSECONDARY NEWS

## **May Highlights**

### Congratulations to Norma Jean Flores

the GCC Accounting student awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Association of Government Accountants, Guam Chapter, May 17 at GCC. Si Yu'os Ma'ase, AGA, for your support of our students! From right: Edwin Limtuatco, GCC Controller/AGA member, Maripaz Perez, AGA Scholarship Committee member; Pamela Aguigui, AGA Scholarship Committee chair; Norma Jean Flores scholarship recipient; Yuka Hechanova, AGA Guam Ch. President; and Carmen Santos, GCC Finance & Admin VP/AGA member.

Project AIM recognized 18 graduating participants in a ceremony on May 5 at the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa.





# **POSTSECONDARY** NEWS

## **April was Earth Month**

GCC's Earth Month activities included:

- · Clean Our House Day April 8 on campus. Volunteers cleaned the campus and sorted and transported plastic recyclable materials to the recycling facility.
- · Education Department's Ride-a-bus-a-thon on Earth Day, April 29. GRTA noted that GCC helped encourage over 200 public transportation riders to take the bus that day. Education plans to make this an annual event!
- · GCC volunteers cleaned up an area of Mangilao around GCC the morning of April 29 - Earth Day/Islandwide Beautification Day.
- · GCC Ecowarriors also participated in the Fanihi Count on May 19 at Andersen Air Force Base.

## **April Highlights**



### **Parade of Shoes!**

The GCC Foundation this year teamed up with Guam AutoSpot to host the 40th Anniversary edition of the annual President's Parade of Shoes on April 21 at the Tumon Sands Plaza Atrium. The best parade Sustainable Shoe category, where the competitor's shoes must be made entirely of recyclable materials. an AutoSpot employee category, which the AutoSpot employees completely ROCKED! Si Yu'os Ma'ase to Guam AutoSpot and to all who attended and to those who helped make the event a smashing success!

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## **CULINARY BUFFETS**

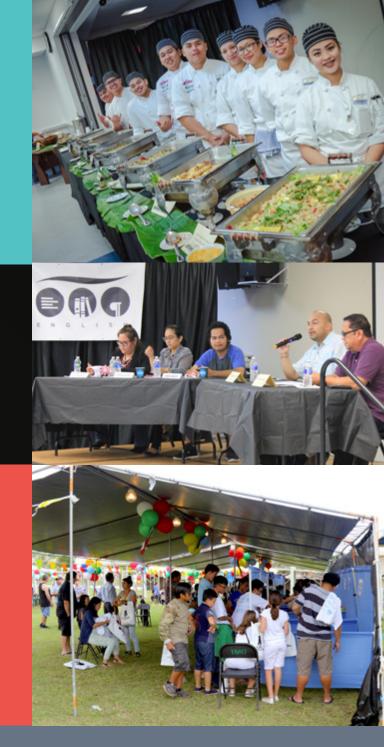
The MPA was the most popular lunch place on campus during Wednesdays in April, as the Culinary Arts students taking Chef Paul Kerner's Pacific and Asian Cuisine course again put on their sumptuous lunch buffets. This year included dinner take-out buffets as well. The \$10 buffets consisted of mouth-watering dishes created by these very talented students, under the guidance of Chef Paul Kerner and Chef Bertrand Haurillon.



Human Services, students hosted three forums for students outlining the statehood, free association, and independence options in "Social Justice, Guam's Quest for Decolonization, on April. 19, 24, & 26 in the MPA. Thanks to the CJSS and English Depts. for their help with the forums.



GCC Supervision & Management students hosted their 3rd annual Zero K at the Student Center on April 29. This year's theme, "Pinwheels for Prevention," focused on awareness of child abuse. The students' goal was to raise funds and awareness in the community for the Foster Families Association, the non-profit organization established in 2001 that provides support for foster parents, and advocates for the safety and well-being of foster children on the island.



## ROLAND QUITUGUA

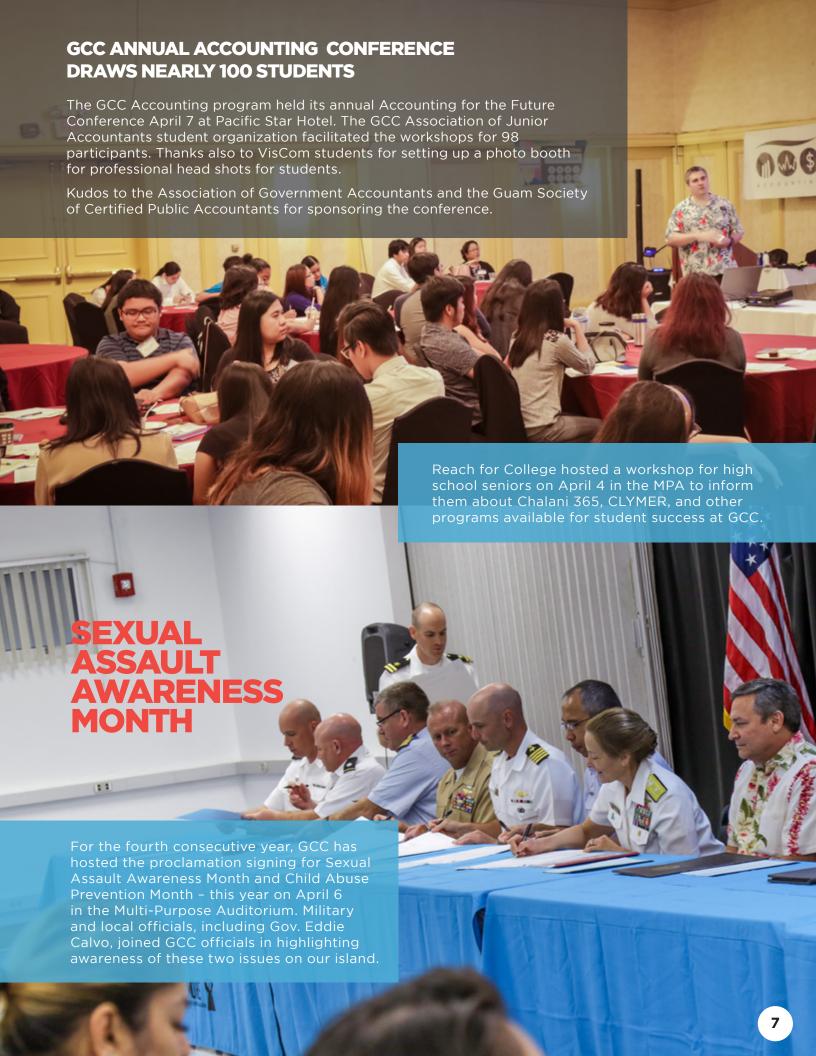
from the Guam Department of Agriculture updated Dan Owen's Pacific Cultures class on the rhino beetle and a possible new threat to coconut and palm trees in Micronesia, the Red Palm weevil, on April 17.

### **PROJECT AIM**

hosted the UOG- TRIO-ETS (Educational Talent Search) Program on April 12. Approximately 50 students and two staff members toured the GCC campus.

On April 21, College of Micronesia /Yap campus-TRIO Upward Bound student participants visited our campus as well.







# POSTSECONDARY NEWS

## **March Highlights**

Chalani 365, GCC's new year-round registration, officially launched on March 31. This innovative year-round registration program is designed to improve students' opportunities to stay in school and graduate in a timely manner. Chalani 365 enables students to register at one time for an entire academic year: summer-fall-spring, fall-spring-summer, or spring-summer-fall. This method eliminates the hassle of having to register for classes every semester, and guarantees students a spot for required courses. To learn more about Chalani 365, check with your advisor, call 735-5531, or log onto www.guamcc.edu.

# **CLYMER**

Another new program, CLYMER (Classroom Learning Yields Math & English Readiness) allows students with good grades in upper level high school math and English courses to register directly for MA and EN110 courses, and NOT take a placement test in order to register for those classes at GCC.



### **SPRING FEST**

GCC's annual Spring Festival attracted over 500 students, faculty, staff, administrators and guests to the Student Center courtyard on March 30.

### **POSTSECONDARY NEWS**

# **STUDENT MEET**& GREET

Kudos to the Math & Science Department and the Career & College Success math faculty for hosting a Meet & Greet for students March 29 all day in LRC Room 112 for academic advisement and to help students register through our new Chalani 365 year round registration.



# TOURISM & HOSPITALITY

The Tourism & Hospitality Dept. held its 1st Annual Job Fair and Career Exploration on March 28 in the MPA, providing students with opportunity to seek summer jobs, career opportunities, and to network with potential employers.

Reilly Ridgell, former GCC TPS Dean and the author of the text used in GCC's Pacific Cultures course, "Pacific Nations & Territories," was the guest lecturer on March 22. Thanks to Mr. Ridgell for sharing his insights and to student Kevin Reilly for arranging the visit!

# MATH KANGAROO / MATH CARNIVAL

GCC's Math Department has hosted International Math Kangaroo day on Guam since 2009. On March 17, the Math Dept. hosted over 300 students from public and private schools for the Math Kangaroo, and afterward, the Education Department hosted a very popular Math Carnival at the Student Center. Way to team up, Math & Education!!!

The Education & Math Departments thank the following courses, organizations, and departments for helping children from grades 1-12 have a fun day playing outdoor math games:

AC211, AAUW, ASL, GWHS AutoCAD & ECE, CCR, CD140, 221, & 285, COPSA, Counseling, SPARC, CS151, ED180 & 231, ESO, GCC Facilities and Maintenance Dept., Japan Club, MA095, 108, & 110, Math Club, PIO, PTK & Talent Club.

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# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS IN 2ND AMATYC STUDENT MATH LEAGUE AT GCC

**ROUND 2:** 

First place: Tom-Ichi Mobel, Liberal Studies

Second place: Joy Escalante, Early Childhood Education

Third place: Jeremiah Hecita, Education Fourth place: Delena Raymond, Education

Fifth place (tie): Steven Caasi, Computer Science, & Derek Cepeda, Education

The winners will be given certificates issued by the American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges (AMATYC). Thanks to Jose Lopez, Student Math League moderator, and to Christie Ginson and Trisha Blas Unten, Co-Moderators.

GCC's Japan CLUB hosted a booth to show how to wrap items with furoshiki (Japanese cloth) at the Japan Club of Guam's annual Arts & Crafts Fair on March 12 at the Hotel Nikko Guam Tasi Ballroom. Fifteen GCC Travel and Tourism majors passed the HS257 Principles of Tour Guiding and GVB Modules A & B exams in May. GCC and GVB have an MOU that recognizes GCC's HS257 course; successful completers of our Principles of Tour Guiding class can then apply for the official tour guide license from GVB, according to instructor Eric Chong. 2017 marks the 20th year of GCC's involvement with tour guide training.



# SECONDARY CTE PROGRAMS

# Okkodo takes 2nd at ProStart nationals!

Okkodo High School seniors Ella Mae Tinoso, Xela Marie Olivario, Hennessy Sanchez, and Jim Mangligot kept Guam on the high school all-star culinary map with their Ahi Tuna Pokè Spring Roll, Chateaubriand, and Guamanian Style Mango Doughnuts, taking 2nd place in the National ProStart Invitational in Charleston, South Carolina on April 30. Thanks to scholarships from the competition, team captain Ella Mae Tinoso will be attending The Art Institute in Las Vegas, Nevada, majoring in Culinary Arts. Jim Mangligot, Hennessy Sanchez, and Xela Marie Olivario will be attending Sullivan University in Louisville, Kentucky in the fall. Mangligot and Sanchez will be majoring in Culinary Arts and Olivario will pursue a major in Baking & Pastries. All four students have been with the Prostart program since their sophomore year.

Ella Mae Tinoso and Xela Olivario are currently employed with the Dusit Thani and Jim Mangligot is currently employed at the Hyatt.



4 SSHS LMP seniors received their Certified Hospitality & Tourism Management Professional (CHTMP) credentials from the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute (AHLEI) in May. From left: Ara Austria, Darlygn Zapanta, Saniel Cabrera, and Rebecca Amuan worked hard and passed the national Hospitality & Tourism Management Program years one and two exams and completed at least 100 hours in the hospitality industry.



On May 11, five Simon Sanchez tourism students volunteered at Pastries in Paradise fundraiser at the Guam Museum, helping with registration and welcoming guests.

At the Chachak Culinary Competition April 1 during the Second River Festival at Valley of the Latte Adventure Park, three GCC CTE ProStart teams stole the show, with the Okkodo ProStart team winning both the People's Choice and Judge's Choice Awards; SSHS taking second, and the JFK team taking third place.

Photo: the SSHS ProStart team, 2nd place People's Choice and Judge's Choice awards.





The Guam
Distributive
Education Clubs of
America (DECA) held
its Annual DECA/
CTE Leadership
Conference, "Own
Your Future," March
29 at the Pacific Star
Hotel. The conference
focused on business
and marketing
strategies, and on
how to dress for a
successful interview.





SSHS ProStart juniors & selected sophomores successfully demonstrated their skills by preparing and hosting a three-course Asian-inspired menu on May 8.

Yigo Mayor Rudy Matanane, GDOE Superintendent Jon Fernandez, Principal Masnayon, Asst. Principal Finona and fellow GCC teachers Eric Chong and Michelle Randle were the invited guests.

SSHS ProStart and LMP seniors presented their capstone restaurant project on March 23. The following as panelists evaluated the students' work:

Mr. Tim Murphy, co-owner, Jamaican Grill; Mr. Robby Carbullido, general manager, Pika's Café; Chef Art Zantua, owner, Fresh Bread Bakery and Panadero Café; Chef Paul Kerner, GCC; Ms. Carla Masnayon, principal, SSHS; Dr. Sukola, assistant principal, SSHS; Ms. Sarah Damian, English teacher, SSHS; Ms. Michelle Randle, Marketing instructor, GCC; and Mrs. Vicky Schrage, Department Chair, GCC Tourism & Hospitality.

#### Three restaurant concepts were featured:

El Punto - Spanish cuisine Besseha - Mediterranean cuisine Big City Spice - Middle Eastern cuisine

The restaurant concept, design, and menu came from ProStart and the LMP team took care of marketing. This culminating activity is a result of months of collaborative efforts. Guest speakers who helped students prepare for this capstone project were Mr. Zach Martir, Hilton marketing and communications, Ms. Marie Guerrero, CEO and president, B&G Pacific, Inc., and Mr. Richard Hart, president, Apple Guam, Inc.

Photos linked here: Class of 2017 (http://gcchtmp.weebly.com/class-of-2017.html)

On March 15, 49 SSHS LMP students visited the Westin Resort Guam. Hotel managers gave talks about their careers, and students were given a tour of its front and heart of the house. The field trip concluded with a buffet lunch at Taste!

# **FACULTY** FOCUS

PATRICIA TERLAJE

Associate Professor,
Assessment & Counseling
Outgoing Faculty Senate President

Choosing a career among public academia service came rather easy for Patricia Terlaje. She is one of 12 children from World War II Japanese-Occupied Guam survivors, and witnessed firsthand the long-term effects of traumatic and/ or violent events that ended a person's life goals. Her parents' education was disrupted by the war, making her more determined to pursue higher learning degrees and becoming a driving force behind her students' educational endeavors. Patty graduated from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam High School in 1980, and then pursued her BA in Secondary Education/Language Arts and then her Masters in Counseling from the University of Guam. Before coming to GCC, she worked as an English Instructor and Language Arts Department Chairperson with the Guam Department of Education. Patty is certified as a Master Educator and Master Counselor under the Guam Commission for Educator Certification. In addition, she holds the following credentials: Qualified Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) Practitioner, Improved Career Decision-Making Facilitator Trainer, Global Career Development Facilitator Instructor, Strong Interest Inventory Practitioner, and Distance Credential Counselor.



Congratulations to Christine Matson, GCC Librarian, who was elected the Guam Library Association Vice <u>President of Membership on May</u> 31.

Thank you Kenneth Perez, GCC Technology instructor and secondary Marketing instructor, for representing GCC as a speaker on technology, the Internet, and social media safety at the 6th Annual Guam Conference on Aging at the Pacific Star Hotel on May 11.

### **ADJUNCT FACULTY PEDAGOGY TRAINING**

For the first time in GCC history, adjunct faculty engaged in a pilot Pedagogy Training during fall 2017 and spring 2018 semesters. Fifty-four adjunct faculty members signed up for the series of four training sessions. Each two-hour session held on Friday evenings provided an introduction to the most current pedagogical research and strategies that instructors are invited to utilize in their classrooms. The topics included Brain research and the implications for teaching; Education theories that included Bloom's Taxonomy and Adult Learning Theory; Learning Styles and Student-centered instruction, and SLOs and curriculum alignment. Look for more adjunct faculty training sessions this coming academic year, courtesy of Dr. Liz Diego, Associate Dean for Adjunct Faculty.



Congratulations to the Mes Chamorro Committee for a beautiful Chamorro luncheon/fiesta in Student Lounge on March 31! Also, un dankolo na Si Yu'os Ma'ase to the GCC Family for all their donations, either monetarily or with a dish, the administrators for their monetary donations, and especially to the GCC Mes Chamorro Committee members for all their hard work and coordination:

Philip Guerrero, chair, and Eli Damian, co-chair; Bertha Guerrero; Tasi Mafnas; Frank Camacho; Fermina Sablan; Vera DeOro; Juanita Sgambelluri; Roland Manglona; Rose Siguenza; & Dr. Julie Ulloa-Heath.

# **STAFF**SPOTLIGHT

MES CHAMORRO
COMMITTEE



And thank you to the Mes Chamorro Committee for donating the unused balance of donations in the amount of \$210 to the "Relay for Life" fundraiser on behalf of GCC.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase to all who participated in the GCC Relay for Life on May 26 at the GW Field. Special kudos to GCC's Relay for Life coordinators, Eli Damian, Bertha Guerrero, Rina Aguilar, Tasi Mafnas, Frances Sablan, Tamara Hiura, and Genny Mesa. GCC raised \$3,241.64 for the Relay for Life, the Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation, and Guam Cancer Care.

### FROM THE

# President

DR. MARY A.Y. OKADA

## Hafa Adai,

As you can tell, it's been a busy spring semester here at GCC. From our fully attended student conference. "The Edge," to our Math Carnival, Spring Festival, Accounting Conference, to the announcement of our new Chalani 365 yearround registration and our CLYMER program that waives entrance exams to those with good grades in math & English, we have been focused on student success. That focus came to fruition on May 12, when we graduated the largest number of students ever in the 40-year history of Guam Community College. We are extremely proud of all of our graduates, and of the faculty, staff, and administrators that have worked so hard to help our students succeed. Thank you also to everyone who supported and attended our two 40th anniversary events held this spring - our awesome Parade of Shoes at the Duty Free Atrium, and our amazing Wine Tasting at our very own LRC (special thanks to the Culinary Arts students and chefs for their beautiful array of appetizers!). Also, kudos to our Finance & Administration team for their continued diligence that resulting in our 16th clean audit in April. That we are such good stewards of the public funds entrusted to us is another reason why GCC is so highly regarded in the community. The summer session will be a busy one, too, with classes and our Sustainable Technologies & Environmental Education Program (STEEP) in full swing. A final note: keep your eye out for GCC's sustainable float in this year's Liberation Day parade. It's our 40th anniversary, and we are going all out! Biba GCC and Biba Guam!



### FROM THE

# ALO'S Desk

DR. RAY SOMERA
Accreditation Liaison Officer
Office of Vice President for Academic Affairs



## Hafa Adai,

Please read this update on our impending Accreditation visit by ACCJC, now scheduled for Tuesday - Friday, March 6-9, 2018, and on several conferences/workshops that Dr. Mary, Marlena Montague, Asst. Director, AIER, and I attended during spring semester:

#### GCC Institutional Self Evaluation Report Draft III.

From January to March, Accreditation Standard Committees I, II, III and IV edited and revised the first draft of their respective parts of the ISER. The Accreditation Steering Committee received, reviewed and merged the four Standard drafts into the second draft of GCC's Institutional Self Evaluation Report (ISER). In April, ISER Draft II was posted online for campus-wide review and feedback. The Accreditation Steering Committee incorporated feedback from the campus community into GCC's ISER Draft III, which was available for review in May. Comments and suggestions made by the campus community to Draft III will be used to develop a fourth draft that will again be vetted before final submission to the Accrediting Commission for Junior and Community Colleges in October 2017.

#### ACCJC Evaluation Team Visit.

Marlena Montague, Assistant Director of the Office of Assessment, Institutional Effectiveness and Research (AIER), and I served on separate ACCJC evaluation team visits to two member institutions in Irvine, California for validation of their Institutional Self Evaluation Report. The insightful experience we gained from the visit provided the following information in preparation for GCC's visit in March 2018: (1) provide the campus consistent, "big picture" information of the accreditation visit; (2) refresh the campus on the Data-Driven Dedicated Planning Model to reiterate our evidence-based culture; (3) re-publish and update all institutional plans and other documents; (4) host an open forum for students and employees to voice their opinions during the visit; (5) provide graphic evidence on results of various assessment processes; (6) divide TracDat reports by the four phases of the assessment cycle (plan, data collection, results, and use of assessment results); and (7) include "Accreditation Update" in the monthly Board meeting agenda so that board members become engaged in accreditation processes.

### ACCJC Partners in Excellence Inaugural Conference.

Gary Hartz, Associate Dean of Technology and Student Services, and AIER's Marlena Montague presented at the Partners in Excellence Inaugural Conference in Irvine, California. Their presentation was entitled, "Enter the 'T Zone!': Transforming Guam Community College for 100% Student-Centered Success." The presentation illustrated how GCC is pulling together for institutional success via the Transformation Initiative. At the same conference, President Okada and I teamed up with Cuesta Community College President Gilbert Stork and Vice President of Academic Affairs Deborah Wulff to deliver an invited presentation entitled, "Making Accreditation President-Proof: The CEO and ALO as Accreditation Co-Champions."

#### Making Student Learning Assessment Useful and Used.

Marlena and I then attended a PPEC-organized workshop facilitated by Linda Suskie in Honolulu, Hawaii. Suskie facilitated a discussion on 10 specific ideas on making student learning assessment useful and used. The idea that most resonated for us for GCC is that Student Learning Objective (SLO) assessment is useful and used when "you have a culture of collaborating to knit the pieces together." This idea was exemplified by the sharing of results (from the data collected during the break-out session of the 2016 Fall College Assembly) at the March 20, 2017 Spring College Assembly, which were then used to propose action plans for improvement purposes.

Let's all keep our eyes on the accreditation ball, so to speak: March 6-9, 2018. Biba GCC!

## **SPORTS**

The GCC Men's Basketball Club Team bested the UOG men's team 84-70 March 3 in the UOG Calvo Field House.

GCC **Sports and Recreation Club (SPARC)** hosted a MixxedFit activity for students on April 7.

Kudos to our GCC athletes who participated in the Department of Parks and Recreation **GovGuam Coed Volleyball League's** competitive division, Team Tasi, and the recreational division, the Tradesmen!



### **EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS**

# 16th clean audit for GCC!

Kudos to Dr. Mary Okada, Carmen Santos, VP of Finance & Administration, and her team for earning GCC's 16th consecutive clean audit on April 3. The Guam Office of Public Accountability commended GCC for being the only government agency to qualify as a low-risk auditee for the 16th consecutive fiscal year.

"We realize that 16 years of clean audits may seem mundane to many people," said Dr. Okada, "but we'll take this kind of monotony any day, as we hope will our students and the taxpayers and donors that support GCC." GCC held its annual Spring College Assembly on March 20. Highlights included an update on the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER), a transformation break-out session on resolving barriers to 100% student success, and informing everyone of the data and planning involved in preparing for our accreditation visit by ACCJC in March 2018.





Congratulations to Kiko Palacios, GCC Sustainability Coordinator, for being awarded the 2017 KUAM Think Green Honor on March 23! This honor is awarded to an individual who, through their efforts, has aimed to help protect, sustain and foster respect and care of our environment. Way to go Kiko!

# April 2017

**Guam Community College Employees April 2017 Birthdays** 

**IMELDA ARCE** 

JOSEPHINE ARCEO

**JOEGINES CALBANG** 

JOHN CAMACHO

**GREGORIO MANGLONA** 

PATRICIA NERY

**JOEY ROBERTO** 

WENDELL RODEN

MICHAEL SETZER, II

**ZHAOPEI TENG** 

KATSUYOSHI UCHIMA

JUANITA TENORIO

# May 2017 Birthdays

**Guam Community College Employees** 

Norman Aguilar

**Evangeline Aguon** 

**Jennifer Artero** 

**Danilo Bilong** 

Antonia Chamberlain

Katherine Chargualaf

**Marilyn Concepcion** 

**Benedict De Leon** 

**Troy Lizama** 

Kennylyn Miranda

**Marsha Postrozny** 

**John Payne** 

**Benedict Rachielug** 

**Kirsten Rosario** 

**Anthony Jay Sunga** 

### Tungo' i Fino' Mañaina-ta yan Na'setbe Kada Diha

KNOW THE LANGUAGE OF OUR ELDERS AND USE IT EVERY DAY



## Kompli'años Empliao Kulehon Kumunidat Guahan Siha

Måtso/Umatålaf 2017

Guam Community College Employees March 2017 Birthdays

ANA MARI ATOIGUE
DOREEN BLAS
SIMONE BOLLINGER
FRANK CAMACHO
ESTHER CASTRO
MICHAEL CHAN
JAYNE FLORES

PAUL HEALY
DARWIN JOKER
PAT LAM
DONNIE LIZAMA
ESTHER MUNA
ROMA OKADA
SHARON OLIVEROS

MELISSA PALOMO TARA PASCUA ROSIE QUITUGUA CATHY SOLIDUM CARL TAKANO PATTY TERLAJE ERWIN TUDELA GINA TUDELA