

# CHACHALANI

GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## Fall Semester 2017 Begins!



2,270 students descended upon the GCC campus on August 16 and 17, the first two days of class for fall semester 2017. This is the first semester that students have registered under GCC's new Chalani365 year-round registration system that began on March 30. In addition to the 2,270 students taking classes this semester, 511 students have already registered for classes for spring semester 2018. ALL students should take advantage of this opportunity to register for courses early so that you can get the courses you want and not have to repeat the registration process every semester.

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## SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, September 21:  
**GCC Fall Festival**  
Student Center Courtyard

Saturday, September 30:  
**40th Anniversary GCC Par  
Excellence Golf Tournament**  
Leo Palace

Monday October 23:  
**College Assembly**  
Multipurpose Auditorium

Friday, November 10:  
**40th Anniversary Gala**  
Dusit Thani

Saturday November 11:  
**Annual GCC/FHB John K. Lee Jr.  
5K Run/Walk**  
(by Supervision & Management students)

March 6-9, 2018:  
**ACCJC Team visit to GCC**

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



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## Welcome new COPSA Officers!

Congratulations and welcome to our new Council on Postsecondary Student Affairs officers and our new Student Member of the GCC Board of Trustees for the 2017-2018 academic year:

**Kieth Ashley Nonato** - President  
**Peter Vaughan** - Vice President  
**Anntashamonique Fejeran** - Secretary  
**May Ann Aloit** - Treasurer  
**Joyrena Nachuo** - Parliamentarian  
**Joshua Perez** - Public Relations Officer  
**Luke Fernandez** - Student Member, GCC Board of Trustees

# Convocation welcomes faculty back to campus

GCC faculty members returned to campus on Aug. 14 for the annual Convocation, held in the MPA. In addition to welcoming remarks from President Okada and the Convocation address by Dr. Ray Somera, GCC AVP, this year's Convocation theme, "Reimagining GCC: Prospects for Greater Student Success," highlighted achievable steps to help students succeed. Amada Manzana, Business & VisCom Dept. chair, and Chris Dennis, Automotive Dept. chair, gave valuable presentations on how their respective departments had made transformational changes that resulted in increased student enrollment and progress in their programs.





FROM THE  
**President**

**DR. MARY A.Y. OKADA**

Hafa Adai and Welcome to GCC! We've had a busy, successful summer session, and our fall semester 2017 is now in full swing. We welcomed back our faculty on Aug. 14, and students on Aug. 16-17. Our enrollment dipped just a bit (2,270 as compared to Fall 2016's 2,428 - a 158-student difference), but our curriculum is as strong ever and we are looking forward to helping all 2,270 students successful in their academic endeavors. We hope to see some of our summer Sustainable Technologies & Environmental Education Program (STEEP) students at GCC after they graduate from high school, to continue the scientific and environmental studies they learned about at STEEP camp. GCC's campus was also swarming with law enforcement students this summer, as GCC hosted an historic, first-ever Marine Terrestrial Conservation Enforcement Academy on campus to enable law enforcement professionals from around the region to study methods of enforcing conservation of precious marine and land resources. At the same time, GCC was finishing up its 15th Criminal Justice Academy and conducting the 8th Police Officer Training Cycle from the Guam Police Department, and the 17th Basic Corrections Officer Cycle from the Department of Corrections. The very active GCC Veterans Club hosted its second mini-forum for veterans around the island on June 30 in the MPA. Finally, kudos to our GCC employees for assembling a sparkling (literally, the logo sparkled!) Liberation Day Parade float in just two weeks - what an effort, people! Fall semester promises to be even busier, as we prepare our students for academic success, and prepare our institution for our upcoming accreditation visit in March 2018. Biba GCC!

# POSTSECONDARY NEWS

## Over 250 attend New Student Orientation

GCC held its New Student Orientation for fall semester on July 19, hosting 252 new students onto campus and informing them of the programs and facilities available to help students be successful in their academic endeavors. Presentations from Admissions & Registration, Financial Aid, Assessment & Counseling, the Center for Student Involvement, Academic Advisement, Project AIM, the LRC, Student Support Services, Accommodative Services, and campus tours and by the new Council on Postsecondary Student Affairs (COPSA) leaders provided students with a wealth of information about GCC. Kudos to all offices and departments for helping to welcome our new students to campus!



## Scholarship Award

Congratulations to Katrina Mae Tahimik, Tourism & Hospitality student, for being awarded another American Hotel & Lodging Educational Foundation (AHLEF) scholarship – the CHART scholarship, worth \$3000. It is Tahimik's second AHLEF scholarship. Students – it pays to APPLY for scholarships!



# GCC hosts first-ever Marine Terrestrial Law Enforcement Academy

GCC hosted an historic, first-ever Marine Terrestrial Conservation Enforcement Academy on campus this summer to enable 18 law enforcement professionals from around the region to study methods of enforcing conservation of precious marine and land resources. The academy covered protection of wildlife, marine life, and efforts to halt human trafficking in the region, according to cadre Lt. Mark Aguon, Officer-in-Charge, Law Enforcement Section, Guam Department of Agriculture.

Aguon noted that the different island members of this first academy are also members of a non-profit organization – the Pacific Islands Managed & Protected Areas Communities, or PIMPAC. “Instead of just casting individual ‘lines’ of protection, we have a fishnet-type mentality to protecting the whole region,” Aguon said of the concept of PIMPAC.

Aguon said the academy is also highlighting Guam’s “ridge to reef” concept. “What happens on the ridge, such as burning, poaching, and deforestation, affects the reef. No reef, no fish,” he warned.

Funding for the academy came from a grant from the Micronesia Conservation Trust. Individual island communities also pitched in, according to Aguon.



# 30 cadets complete GCC's 15<sup>th</sup> CJ Academy

Thirty young people are a major step closer to joining the ranks of Guam's law enforcement community after completing GCC's 15th Criminal Justice Academy on Aug. 11.

Sixteen of the Academy cadets can apply for their Certificate of Criminal Justice, according to Pete Roberto, CJSS Dept chair. Of the remaining 14 cadets, Roberto says eight are anticipated to complete their certificate work by the end of this semester, and the remaining six in Spring 2018.

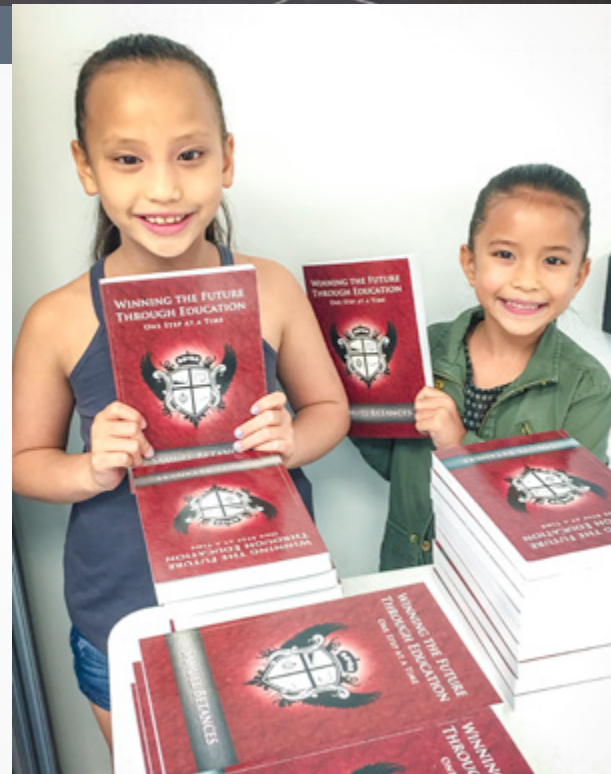
"This academy stands out in that it contains the largest percentage of female cadets to date," noted Roberto. "Of the 30 cadets, 11, or 36% are female." Roberto commended Jonessa G. H. Terlaje for an outstanding job as the first female Class Commander of a CJ Academy.

Four of the CJ Academy cadets were selected by the Department of Agriculture's Law Enforcement Division to participate the inaugural Marine & Terrestrial Conservation Enforcement Regional Academy immediately following the approximately 60-day CJ Academy, according to Roberto. The Marine & Terrestrial Academy and the 15th CJ Academy are two of four law enforcement academies that ran concurrently on the GCC campus this summer. GCC also conducted the 8th Police Officer Training Cycle from the Guam Police Department, the 17th Basic Corrections Officer Cycle from the Department of Corrections.



## CEWD Early Childhood Ed Winning Formula Institute

CEWD started its first Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Training, "Early Childhood Education (ECE) Winning Formula Institute," on Aug. 5 in the MPA. The training was conducted by the dynamic duo of Dr. Laura Souder and Dr. Sam Betances, with 41 directors of Guam Child Care/Day Care Centers and two in-home providers participating. The training is now mandatory under PL 31-73 (Guam's Plan for Professional Development of Early Childhood Care Professionals). Two former childcare students, Isabella and Madison Guerrero, showcased the "Winning the Future Through Education" book by Dr. Betances and assisted their dad, Phil Guerrero from CEWD, with passing out the books to participants.





# G-Share - A library sharing program with UOG

GCC students now have access to the University of Guam's RFK Library resources, and UOG students vice versa, thanks to G-Share, an MOU for reciprocal borrowing privileges between the two higher education institutions. GCC students and employees can now borrow books at the UOG RFK Library, and UOG students and employees have reciprocal borrowing privileges at GCC. G-Share extends to participants accessing online research databases while visiting either library. Please check GCC for the book first, if GCC doesn't have it, then go to the UOG. The GCC Librarian can help you search for the book in the UOG online catalog. Students and employees may sign up for the program by taking a current semester valid ID to the UOG RFK Library. Borrowers must renew their participation each semester. The G-Share program provides increased learning resources and opportunities for both institutions!

## GCC Liberation Day float sparkles!

GCC employees pulled off an amazing feat this past July, constructing a sparkling Liberation Day float that highlighted our new GCC logo, and taking a mere two weeks to do so! Many, many thanks to Gil Yanger, Construction Trades Dept. chair, for lending his expertise to the effort, and to Pete Roberto, CJSS Dept. chair, for his assistance. To all who worked on the float, rode on the float, or marched alongside the float in the July 21st parade, a special kudos - especially the CJ academy cadets!



### GCC on air July 17

It was all things GCC during the Morning Re-Phill on K57 radio July 17, as Jayne Flores, GCC Asst. Director of Communications & Promotions, filled in for host Phill Leon Guerrero that day. Special thanks to Anthony Reyes, GCC 2017 Most Distinguished Graduate, for appearing on the show, and to John Zilian, Pre-Architectural Drafting instructor, for calling in from the mainland; and to Tina Quinata, GCC Registrar; Dr. Mike Chan, TSS Dean, and Gary Hartz, Associate Dean; Dr. Julie Ulloa-Heath, Reach for College program; Rowena Perez, Asst. Director, CEWD, and Phil Guerrero, CEWD program specialist; and to Bonnie Datuin, DAR program specialist, and Greg Manglona, Environmental Health & Safety Administrator/Golf Tournament Director, for being guests on the show and for helping to promote GCC.

### ASL students produce video

Students in the ASL130 summer session produced this video interpretation of “Sen Guaiya Hao Guahan by Inetnon Gefpa’go” for your viewing pleasure:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7sl\\_LA1Gst8&sns=em](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7sl_LA1Gst8&sns=em)

**Summer session ran June 2 – July 14, with 444 students taking classes on campus.**

### GCC and UH collaborate to reduce STEM barriers

Eighteen participants from Hawaii, American Samoa, Yap, Pohnpei, Kosrae, the Marshall Islands, Palau, Rota, Saipan, and Guam gathered at the Holiday Resort & Spa for two days in July to develop approaches to increase participation of Pacific islanders in science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM, fields. Joni Quenga Kerr, GCC associate professor of science, and Dr. Michael Hadfield, Professor of Biology Emeritus, University of Hawaii at Manoa, were awarded a collaborative grant from the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) to fund a two-day workshop entitled, “Reducing Cultural Barriers to STEM for Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.” The workshop took place July 17-18.

“Pacific Islanders, including Native Hawaiians, are one of four ethnic groups recognized by the U.S. National Science Foundation as badly underrepresented in members trained professionally in science and math,” said Hadfield. “Yet, with the very earth and ocean changing around them, the peoples of the Pacific Islands are at the forefront of climate change and thus urgently in need of people from their own cultures trained to recognize and determine ways to cope with climate-change effects,” he added.

A similar workshop held in Honolulu, Hawaii in June 2016, revealed that cultural influences often affected students’ willingness to enter and progress in completing STEM college degrees.

“We continued the discussion to understand cultural aspects that hinder students seeking STEM degrees, and looked at ways to develop practical, applicable, and most of all acceptable ways that encourage community support for these students,” said Kerr.

## Japan CLUB in Tokyo!

Japan CLUB members, faculty and family enjoyed seven days in bustling Tokyo from May 28 to June 2. The group of 15 visited popular historical and cultural sites including Tokyo Tower, Meiji Shrine, the Edo Tokyo Museum, and the Great Buddha in Kamakura. They also attended “That’s Zentertainment,” a live performance that involved all-audience participation, and made their own Cup Noodle and Chicken Ramen at the Cup Noodle Museum in Yokohama. It was an awesome week of touring, shopping, trying different foods, and speaking Japanese!

*Photo Caption: GCC’s Japan CLUB (Customs, Language, Understanding, Beliefs) poses in front of one of the Meiji Shrine gates in Tokyo on May 28.*



## AHEC summer happenings

Ten people took advantage of the Certified Nurse Assistant course offered at GCC through the Area Health Education Centers grant, and AHEC also ran a Phlebotomy course this summer at the AALG Allied Health Center. AHEC also held a two-week Summer Academy for 15 high school students at Southern High School this June. Lieutenant Jacques Santos, a GFD emergency medical technician, gave a presentation on being an EMT, and GCC’s Barbara Mafnas, RN, BSN, talked with the students about stress management and wellness.



## GCC hosts 2nd veterans’ mini-forum

The GCC Student Veterans Club’s second “No Veteran Left Behind” mini-forum brought nearly 200 island veterans to the MPA on June 30. The forum, hosted in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Benefits Administration, presented Guam veterans, family members, and survivors with a unique, often one-to-one experience designed to help them obtain direct access to the various aspects of Veteran Entitlements and Benefits. Several Benefits Counselors and a Benefits Adviser were present to assist Veterans and dependents with their questions and/or concerns about VA benefits and the claims process.

“Attendance at our first mini-forum was so good that we were encouraged to host a second event to help not only our veteran students, but all veterans on island, to become more aware of all the services available to them,” said Rodney Cruz Jr., outgoing president of the GCC Student Veterans Club.

Veteran students at GCC number nearly 250, representing over 10 percent of GCC’s entire postsecondary student population. The Student Veterans Club, with help from island veterans’ clubs, hosts several events throughout the year for veteran students and their families.



# High schoolers shine with STEEP summer camp projects

The 23 high school students in GCC's Sustainable Technologies & Environmental Education (STEER) summer camp impressed everyone that attended their showcase in the MPA on June 26 with furniture they built with recycled pallets, cell phone chargers assembled using solar panels, and sustainable container home models they designed and built themselves.

"Our goal has been to keep their wheels turning regarding the concepts of sustainability, and to have them exercise critical thinking and creativity skills in a fun and interesting way in order to keep them engaged," said Francisco "Kiko" Palacios, GCC Sustainability Coordinator.

Palacios said the students also learned about Environmental and Marine Biology, Invasive Species, Drone Technology, and Energy/Fossil Fuels during this increasingly popular summer camp opportunity for island high school students. The STEER runs during summer and winter breaks, and is designed to engage students in the topic of sustainability through hands-on, interactive and innovative teaching strategies. Learn more about the STEER a <http://www.guamcc.edu/Runtime/SustainabilityAtGCC.aspx>





## GCC Tradesmen shine!

Congratulations to the GCC employees who participated in the Department of Parks and Recreation GovGuam Coed Volleyball League! Once again, GCC captured awards in both divisions! Team GCC won 2nd place in the Tasi Division (Competitive division) and the GCC Tradesmen won the Sportsmanship award in the Tano Division (Recreational division)! Biba GCC!

Special thanks to all GCC team members:  
 Team GCC - Frank Arriola, Simone Bollinger, Vito Calvo, Michael Chan, Sharon Oliveros, Hannah Pangelinan, Anjelica Perez, Anthony Roberto, Sally Sablan, Darlynn Sablan, Jay Sunga, and Ricky Tyquiengco

GCC Tradesmen - Roderick Angay, Ana Mari Atoigue, John Diaz, Morris Eblacas, Eric Ji, Christina Leon Guerrero, Troy Lizama, Tasi Mafnas, Lyndon Pajarillo, Joey Roberto, Tishawna Smith, Catherine Solidum, and Frances Untalan



## Kudos!

To those students, faculty, staff, and administrators that volunteered for GCC's 2nd quarter Clean Our House Day on June 17 on campus. Volunteers picked up garbage, sorted it, and transported plastic recyclable material to a recycling facility.

To the Project AIM folks, for taking 15 UOG-TRIO/ETS program participants and their two chaperones on a tour of the GCC campus on June 16, and for hosting 25 COM-Pohnpei Upward Bound student participants and their staff for another campus tour on July 26.

### Barbara Mafnas, RN, BSN,

**Medical Assisting  
 program director,**

was recognized by the Guam Legislature on Aug. 29 at the Sagua Managu Clinic for her outstanding efforts to promote and support breastfeeding and awareness of the benefits of breastfeeding for our community.

Congratulations to

### Steve Lam, Associate Professor

in GCC's Math & Science Dept., for being elected to the Professional Development Review Committee on Aug. 25.



## FACULTY FOCUS

## Employee News

Congratulations Dee Manglona! As mandated by the Guam Board and Nursing Examiners (GBNE) for the Practical Nursing program to maintain its status as an approved program, Dee has been officially appointed as the Nursing and Allied Health Administrator, effective August 15, 2017.

Roland Manglona, GCC Library Technician I, received an annual subscription to "Live Happy" magazine on behalf of the LRC from Debbie Duenas, a Nerium(R) Brand Partner.

The GCC Employees Association held two more popular yard sales on campus outside Buildings A, B, and C on June 24 and July 29.



New Employee Orientation was held on Aug. 11 in the LRC Training Room.  
New Adjunct Orientation was held on Aug. 19 in Room C-4.

## Cybertraining session at UOG

Several dozen GCC administrators attended an important session at UOG on Aug. 14 called "Avoiding Cybertraps on the University Campus: Policies, Precautions, and Solutions." The session highlighted potential cybertraps for both higher education faculty and students, detailing a number of the leading cybertraps about which faculty should be aware, the policies and procedures institutions should adopt to minimize the risks, and the precautions and solutions faculty members should implement to protect themselves and their careers.



## Retiring – they’re “outta here!”

GCC bid farewell to four employees, two of them long-serving employees, on Aug. 18 in the MPA. Retiring and leaving big shoes to fill were Terry Barnhart, program specialist for GCC’s Apprenticeship program; and Michael Setzer, Computer Science instructor (Terry and Michael are two of GCC’s longest-serving employees!); Sarah Leon Guerrero, former Education Dept. chair and Sign Language instructor; and John Quintanilla, Construction Trades instructor. We will miss all of you – but enjoy your retirement!!

*NOTE: Rowena Perez is NOT retiring. She was just standing in for Terry Barnhart, who was too busy with retirement activities to attend the legislative certificate ceremony!*





# June 2017 Employee Birthdays

Guam Community College

***Ken Bautista***

***Toni Cabrito***

***Johanna Camacho***

***Krizia Gozo***

***Bertha Guerrero***

***Terry Guerrero***

***Paul Kerner***

***Terry Kuper***

***Eleanor Lauilefue***

***Bobbie Leon Guerrero***

***Latisha Leon Guerrero***

***Tasi Mafnas***

***Marlena Montague***

***Danny Okada***

***Doris Perez***

***Rowena Perez***

***Dennis Santo Tomas***

***Eugene Santos***

***Marivic Schrage***

*Rina Aguilar*

*Franklin P. Arriola*

*Tonirose Concepcion*

*Harold Cruz*

*Karen Dumckus*

*Morris Eblacas*

*Deborah Ellen*

*Joleen Evangelista*

*Bertrand Hawillon*

*Eric Ji*

*Edwin Limtuaco*

*Jonathan Mantanona*

*Brian Muna*

*Jonathan Perez*

*Tina Quinata*

*Sally Sablan*

*Cheryl San Nicolas*

*Rose Marie Siguenza*

*Julie Ulloa-Heath*

# July 2017

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## August 2017 Employee Birthdays

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**Hernalin Analista**

**Chris Camacho**

**Carol Cruz**

**Gerry Dacanay**

**Ely Damian**

**Tressa Dela Cruz**

**Cil delos Santos**

**Gary Hartz**

**Priscilla Johns**

**Golder Josha**

**Rachel Lee**

**RoseMary Loveridge**

**Eva Marie Mui**

**Joann Muna**

**Bob Neff**

**Mary Okada**

**Kiko Palacios**

**Richard Reyes**

**Pete Roberto**

**Ron Santos**

**Tish Smith**