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Mission Statement:

The mission of Guam Community College is to be a leader in career and technical workforce development by providing the highest quality education and job training in Micronesia.

Academic Year 2012-2013: A Time to Shine!

That was the theme of this year's Convocation, as GCC welcomed back its awesome faculty on August 13, in the wake of the College's reaffirmation of accreditation for six years back in July. In addition to introductions of the Faculty Senate, Staff Senate and COPSA officers, and words from the Faculty Union, BOT and FBOG chairs, Dr. Ray Somera, and of course President Okada, the CCA handed out the 6th annual Assessment Awards. After all the speeches and good food, the 199 GCC employees in attendance enjoyed the sounds of Manna (featuring GCC's own Carol Guerrero and Kim Bautista)! (More photos and information on pg. 4.)



New Student Orientation

447 students attended the two sessions of New Student Orientation at GCC on August 14, where they were introduced to the COPSA officers, GCC administrators, and given tips on how to be successful this semester!

Express Registration

Over 250 students registered for classes from 1 P.M. Monday, August 6 through 5 P.M. Thursday, August 9 in the MPA. Students could also meet with program department chairs and academic counselors, pay for classes, and get their student IDs during that time.



From the President Dr. Mary A.Y. Okada

Hafa adai and welcome back to GCC, everyone! The start of a new Academic Year is always exciting at GCC, especially after hearing that our accreditation has been reaffirmed for six more years! We've already been busy this month with Convocation, nearly record registration again (only 10 students shy of last year's record!), New Student Orientation, New Employee Orientation, trainings being conducted, events happening, federal officials visiting - it is never dull here at GCC. It is wonderful to see the students back on campus, and it is especially gratifying to see them using our beautiful Student Center. One of the things the administration has started to do this semester is to revisit our Institutional Strategic Master Plan, which currently takes us to the year 2014. We've far surpassed the plan's enrollment projection, so we are revisiting it to see what needs to be adjusted program-wise and with regard to facilities as well. We're far from finished, so as you continue to enjoy the new buildings get ready for renovations to start on the opposite side of campus toward the end of the semester.



Happy Birthday Madam President!

President Okada examines a cake decoration during an office celebration of her birthday on August 16th.

At GCC, we already know that our students, faculty, and employees are the best – now we just need all of our facilities to match that degree of excellence!

USDOE officials impressed with GCC's progress



Mark Robinson, US Dept. of Education (USDOE) Senior Risk and Systems Consultant, and Christine Jackson, USDOE Senior Risk Consultant, check out the US Dept. of Energy ARRA-funded photovoltaic panels on the roof of the GCC Foundation Building on August 15, with GCC Safety Officer Greg Manglona, Orion contract manager Lito Sinamban, and Dr. Okada. Robinson and Jackson also toured the new Student Center and the LRC.

From the ALO's desk Dr. Ray Somera



Dr. Ray Somera shares a laugh with faculty and GCC employees during his Convocation address on August 13 in the MPA. Following are excerpts from his address.

inspiration from one of the many congratulatory notes I received soon after our exit meeting with the team: "Employees have for the very first time felt a part of the process and feel the little bit that they do in their day to day work makes a big difference in the overall success of GCC." This is what our team chair Dr. Chapdelaine meant when, in one of the open forums, he described what we do as "transformational."

With the accreditation preparations now behind us, the road ahead of us in the coming academic year is no longer a long and winding road but a paved, concrete walkway that now allows us to maintain balance and stability in leading our students toward their career destinations. In guiding them along the way, we have developed tools like the Dual Credit Articulated Programs of Study or DCAPS, the Dual Enrollment Accelerated Learning or DEAL, the new ACALOG or e-catalog, and our GCC web site with a newer, friendlier look. In everything we do at the college, students come first since, as we all know, they are the lifeblood of our institution.

Truly, 2012 is our time to shine!

Of the 45 institutions that ACCJC reviewed during its June 2012 meeting, GCC was in a special league of only 3 institutions that received very favorable marks from the Commission.

Our reaccreditation was the result of a commitment to our institutional goals and to our students, and a single-minded sense of purpose which united us all. We earned our accreditation not by pure chance but through a thoughtful process of building incremental evidence through six years of careful and systematic preparation. It was precisely this collective effort and understanding that promoted a collaborative spirit among us and guided our successful journey towards reaccreditation. I draw

Faculty Senate News

Hafa Adai and Welcome back!

As all of you know by now, over the summer our College received its accreditation for another six years. Congratulations to all of you for a fantastic job! This semester, the Faculty Senate has two new members: President Elect Robin Roberson and Senator Norman Aguilar. The new member to the PDRC is Clare Camacho. Thank you to all who threw their hat into the ring. The Faculty Senate acknowledges the challenges the Faculty and the College face this academic year. It is my sincere hope that together, we will overcome these challenges with the renewed strength earned from our accreditation.

Thank you,
Jose U. Munoz
Faculty Senate President

Faculty Senate Officers:

President: **Jose Munoz**
Past Pres.: **Dr. Marsha Postrozny**
President-Elect: **Robin Roberson**
Senators: **Vera DeOro**
Norman Aguilar

Convocation 2012!



Clockwise from top: GCC's outstanding faculty and employees, Dr. Ray telling everyone to give themselves a pat on the back, Manna, featuring Carol Guerrero and Kim Bautista, and of course, the food!



Assessment Winners!

From left, Debbie Belanger, BOT chairperson; Lolita Reyes, asst. director, DAR, for Best Administrative Unit Effort Award; Jayne Flores, asst. director, OCP for Office Best Assessment Model Award; Kim Bautista, administrative aide, Accomm. Services for Best Student Services Effort Award; Doris Perez, asst. director, P&D for Commitment to Assessment Award; and Robin Roberson, VisCom Dept. chair; for Most Improved Assessment Effort Award, and Dr. Okada.

Cabales awarded PREL scholarship



Congratulations to Meldie Joy Cabales, a GCC Early Childhood Education major and one of five winners of the 2012-2013 Pacific Teacher Scholarship, awarded annually by the non-profit corporation Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) to accomplished students who are enrolled in a teacher preparation program at an accredited college or university and who are residents of the U.S.-affiliated Pacific islands. "It's going to help me a lot. I'm a working student, paying for school, so it will be a big help financially," said Cabales, 18, who graduated from George Washington High School in 2011. Cabales plans to use her \$1,000 scholarship to help pay for her tuition this fall.

Fun & Learning training

Children's caregivers had a wonderful time at the Education Department's Fun and Learning training on August 4 in the MPA. Participants engaged in physical activities that support learning and growth mainly in the physical development of young children, using songs, music, parachutes, fluff balls, ribbons, scarves, and bean bags!



GCC faculty attend COSEE workshop

GCC Science faculty Dr. Jay Sunga, John Jocson, and Joni Kerr were among 10 instructors from community colleges throughout the Pacific Islands that visited the Kewalo Marine Laboratory August 6-8 to learn about genetic linkages in the Pacific Ocean from scientists at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Stanford University and the Center for Ocean Solutions in Monterey, California. The workshop was part of a program of the National Science Foundation Centers for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence.



SSHS teachers intern at Hyatt



On August 16, nine academic and Career and Technical Education (CTE) teachers from the Simon Sanchez High School Tourism Academy worked at the Hyatt Regency Guam for a day. They took part in a one-day summer internship to provide them with maximum exposure to front- and back-of-the-house operations, gaining a thorough understanding of the hotel's current operational priorities, challenges, and strategies. "In turn, this will allow us to gain valuable knowledge that we can use in the classroom to instruct students with current information," said Marivic (Vicky) Schrage, SSHS Lead Academy Teacher.



Inspiration by Baca!

"He really speaks for us. He grew up in the same culture of respect." That's what student Raphael Taiwerbwe thought of Jimmy Santiago Baca, the internationally acclaimed writer who spoke to over 200 students in the MPA on August 30. Baca was on Guam courtesy of the Guam Humanities Council "Between Fences" exhibition. His memoir, *A Place to Stand*, recounts his discovery of the power of language while serving time in a maximum-security prison. Kudos to instructor Vera DeOro for coordinating Baca's GCC visit!



Workforce training

125 young adults enrolled in AHRD's Young Adults Employment & Training program attended a week-long Workforce Readiness Training from 8 AM – 5 PM August 20-24 in the GCC MPA. GCC's Continuing Education & Workforce Development Office conducted the training, which helped out of school and unemployed 18-22 year olds learn employability skills and success habits for the workplace. On the first day, Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio encouraged the group to embrace this training as an opportunity.



RAPIDS training

Terry Guerrero, GCC Apprenticeship admin assistant, shows Dr. Kim Bersamin of GHURA how to access the “Registered Apprentice Partnership in Data Systems,” the federal government’s way of tracking apprentices in GCC’s Apprenticeship program, back in June. NOTE: Dr. Bersamin is also GCC’s 2012 Distinguished Alumnus!

Way to beat gas prices!

Phyllis Yurko, GCC CTE LMP instructor, picked up her scooter from Honda that she won during the GCC gala in May. Way to cut down on your gas bill, Phyllis!!



Notables:

The GCC Ecowarriors helped the Guam Environmental Education Committee win the U.S. EPA Environmental Achievement award for Educational Leadership this August. GCC has been represented in the EEC by the Ecowarrior interns, service learning students, staff and science faculty since 2010. GCC’s participation includes snorkeling events, Masso Watershed tree planting and hikes, limestone and mangrove forest hikes, Earth Month 2012 and three years of Liberation Day/ Carnival recycling.

Speaking of Masso, GCC’s Ecowarriors volunteered at the Masso Reservoir stream bank stabilization project on August 11, learning how to collect Pago cuttings and construct ‘FASCINES’ (stabilization techniques).

CSI program specialist and COPSA advisor Bobbie Leon Guerrero stepped up to the plate to give 25 students and five staff from the College Access Challenge Grant Program up at Northern Marianas College a great tour of GCC on August 9. “The students were very eager to visit the school and have shared great interest in enrolling at GCC,” according to NMC CACGP counselor Joan Torres. Thanks Bobbie!!

Run, Hide, Fight: Shooter on Campus
GCC employees were all required to attend Shooter on Campus training provided by Superior Court Marshal Vince Naputi in August. His mantra: Action beats reaction. Let’s hope we never have to use it.



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Human Resources Employee Update

From August 13, 2011
to August 13, 2012



Mary A.Y. Okada, Ed.D.
President



James Odoca
Instructor
Tourism



Brian C. Muna
Instructor/Counselor
Career & Dev Guidance



James Montague
Instructor
Electronics



Joachim (Peter) Roberto
Instructor
Social Science



Gene Dydasco
Instructor
Education



Wendell Roden
Instructor
Mathematics



Christie Marie Ginson
Instructor
Mathematics



Nita Jeannette Cepeda
Instructor
Visual Communications



Sarah Versackas, RN
Instructor
Allied Health



Tressa Dela Cruz
Instructor
English



Paul Healy
Assistant Instructor
Visual Communications

Faculty Promotions FY2013

Deadline to apply for "Certificate of Eligibility" for Advancement-in-Rank and Sabbatical Leave for Fiscal Year 2013 is October 1, 2012. Contact Human Resources for more information.



Patricia Terlaje
Associate Professor
Assessment & Counseling



Rebecca Toves
Associate Professor
English

Troy Lizama
Associate Professor
Assessment & Counseling



John Jocson
Assistant Professor



Katsuyoshi Uchima
Instructor
Allied Health

Christopher D. Poliquit
Instructor



Welcome New Administrators & Staff



Danilo Bilong
Program Specialist
Development & Alumni
Relations



Chelsa Muna-Brecht
Program Specialist
CE & Workforce
Development



James Fathal
Program Coordinator II
Project Aim



Amanda Castro
Office Aide
Adult Education



Joey Roberto
Maintenance Worker
Facilities



Benny Quenga
Maintenance Supervisor
Facilities



Bertha Guerrero
Administrative Secretary II
Office of the President



Gaudencia (Sue) Joseph
Program Coordinator II
CACGP



Christopher San Nicolas
Program Coordinator I
CACGP



Tanya-Marie Santos
Administrative Assistant
CACGP



Tiana Quichocho
Office Aide
CACGP

Administrator Promotions



Virginia (Gina) Tudela, Ph.D.
Dean
Technology and
Student Services



Michael Chan, Ed.D.
Associate Dean
Technology and
Student Services



Barry Mead
Adjunct Associate Dean
Trades and Professional
Services



Dorothy-Lou (Dee) Manglona, RN
Nursing and
Allied Health Administrator

Ric rides off into the sunset...



GCC Automotive instructor Ric Mendiola officially retired after 36 years of service on August 24. His sending-off luncheon at Fiesta Resort was well-attended by GCC personnel, including Automotive Dept. Chair Chris Dennis and Dean Reilly Ridgell, and his beautiful family, including wife Terri (shown with Ric here) and his son and daughter. We'll miss you, Ric!



**Saturday
October 6**
11:00 a.m. Show time
12:00 p.m. Shotgun
Onward Talofofo
Golf Club

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PAR EXCELLENCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Save the Date!



Proceeds to benefit the
Guam Community College
Foundation

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Collage of photos showing participants on a golf course and winners receiving trophies.

Important Dates

- Oct 5. - Joint Leadership and ISMP Review Meetings
- Oct. 6 - GCC Foundation Par Excellence Golf Tournament
- Oct. 31 - GCC Employees' Halloween gathering in Rotunda
- Nov. 5 - Ribbon Cutting, Foundation Building
- Nov. 23 - Staff/Administrator Development Day
- Dec. 6 - GCC Adults Christmas Party
- Dec. 28 - GCC Children's Christmas Party

2012 DPR GOVGUAM COED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

TASI DIVISION

Harry S. Truman
 GCC DPW GMHA
 Judiciary Team Kotte
 Team GMH Guam Power
 Luis P. Untalan
 Inarajan Middle School

TANO DIVISION

Attorney General Outlaws
 Team CLTES DOE Suetta
 DPHSS GCC Tradesman
 DPR Defenders Customs
 Rev & Tax Guam Solid Waste
 GEPA Volley Llamas

ALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AT THE GUAM SPORTS COMPLEX GYM

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| Mon, Sept. 10 | DPR Defenders Customs GMHA | - | DPHSS DOE Suetta Luis P. Untalan | 6:30pm 7:30pm 8:30pm |
| Wed, Sept. 12 | Judiciary Guam Power GCC Tradesman | - | DPW Harry S. Truman Team CLTES | 6:30pm 7:30pm 8:30pm |
| Fri, Sept. 14 | AG Outlaw Guam Solid Waste Team GMH | - | Rev & Tax GEPA Volley Llamas GCC | 6:30pm 7:30pm 8:30pm |
| Wed, Sept. 19 | Customs Team CLTES Team Kotte | - | GCC Tradesman DOE Suetta Inarajan MS | 6:30pm 7:30pm 8:30pm |
| Fri, Sept. 21 | Rev & Tax DPHSS GCC | - | GEPA Volley Llamas Guam Solid Waste Luis P. Untalan | 6:30pm 7:30pm 8:30pm |
| Sat, Sept. 22 | DPR Defenders Inarajan MS DPW Team GMH GMHA | - | AG Outlaw Guam Power Team Kotte Judiciary Harry S. Truman | 1pm 2pm 3pm 4pm 5pm |
| Wed, Sept. 26 | GEPA Volley Llamas DOE Suetta DPW | - | DPHSS AG Outlaw GCC | 6:30pm 7:30pm 8:30pm |



Sinangan Siha para Agosto/Tenhos August Chamorro Phrases

Kao siña un ágang yu'?

Can you call me?

Kao machocho'cho' hao pá'go?

Are you working today?

Geffáface'cho' gui'.

He/She is very hard-working.

Kao guaha un nánangga'?

Are you waiting for someone?

Fatá'chong fan.

Have a seat please.



Malago' ma diseha i Kulehon Kumunidãt Guahãn gi i empleao siha Minagof Kompl'i'ãños! Agostu/Tenhos 2012

*Guam Community College would like to wish the following Employees a Happy Birthday!
August 2012*

Tracy Amborn
Hemanlin Analista
Terry Barnhart
Christopher Camacho
Patrick Clymer
Carol Cruz
Gerard Dacanay
Eleanor Damian
Tressa Dela Cruz
Maria Cecilia delos Santos
Helen Gamble
Ronald Hartz
Priscilla Johns
Gaudencia Joseph

Hee Suk Lee
Rosemary Loveridge
Lila Lujan
Loressa Melegrito
Joann Muna
Chelsa Muna-Brecht
Barnard Neff
Mary Okada
Karllin Orioste
Lolita Reyes
Joel Ridgell
Joachim Roberto
Christopher San Nicolas
Ronald Santos