

# CHACHALANI



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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.

## Accreditation reaffirmed for six years!

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, informed GCC President Mary Okada on July 4 that the College's accreditation status has been reaffirmed for the maximum allowable period - until the next scheduled visit in spring 2018. GCC was one of only three colleges to be given reaffirmation of accreditation during the Commission's July vote on 45 colleges!

"This is a very proud day for all of us at GCC – our students, faculty, and employees – and for Guam's workforce," Okada said during a GCC media conference held July 6 in the LRC.

AVP and Accreditation Liaison Officer Dr.

Ray Somera noted, "GCC students can continue to have confidence in our institution's ability to provide them with the quality education and training they will need to succeed."

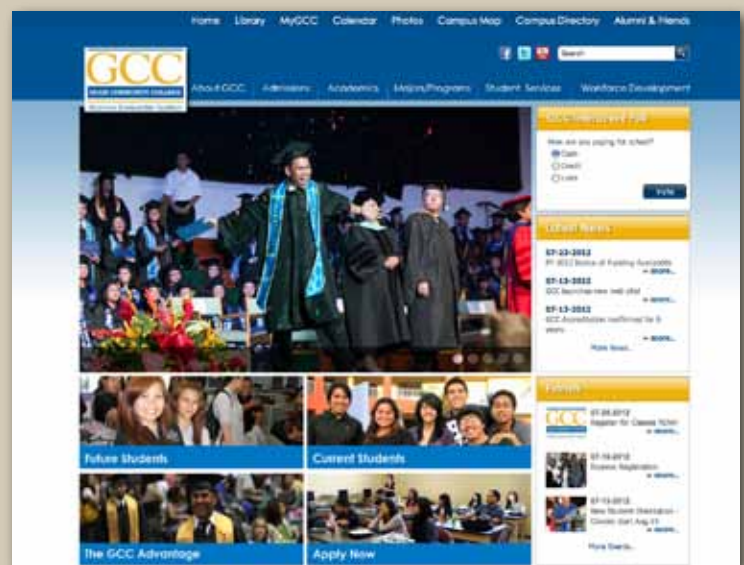
"The Commission's report and the self-study report demonstrated the value of GCC's participatory governance process," said Dr. Clare Camacho, Faculty Senate president.

"Every student deserves to learn from an institution that is credible, reliable, and accountable for what they teach," said Ariane Nepomuceno, GCC Board of Trustees Student Trustee.

The full ACCJC report is available on our new web site under About GCC, Public Reports.



**Congratulations!** Practical Nursing faculty members, from left, Dorothy Lou Manglona, Angela Bordallo, and Jennifer Artero, earned their Masters in Nursing from the University of Phoenix on June 2.



On July 16 we gained a new look at [www.guamcc.edu](http://www.guamcc.edu), and we're easier to navigate!

Check out our *new look* at [www.guamcc.edu](http://www.guamcc.edu)!

## From the President...

On July 19th, Dr. Ray and I were Jayne's guests on A Higher Degree. One of the questions she asked was, "Which of the commendations from the ACCJC visiting team are you most proud of?" For me, the answer was easy: I am most proud of the first commendation, "for a genuine sense of family spirit on campus, which is evident in its commitment to student access and student success." Our accreditation would not have been reaffirmed for the next six years were it not for every single one of the over 200 people who are employed at GCC. All of you, from the faculty, the staff who support them, to the maintenance people who make sure things work, to the administrators who oversee programs, finances, human relations, public relations, academics, planning – every one of you had a role in this success, and I am proud to work with each of you. Congratulations on a JOB WELL DONE!!! And as if our reaffirmation of accreditation wasn't enough, check out all of the happenings in June and July at the College. (Summer is supposed to be a slow time, but as most of you know, there is no such



President Mary Okada announces the news of the ACCJC's reaffirmation of accreditation for GCC through spring 2018 at a media conference in the LRC on July 6.

thing at GCC.) And finally, congratulations to our nursing masters degree earners: Jenn Artero, Angela Bordallo, and Dee Manglona!



## President & VP appear on A Higher Degree

President Okada and Academic VP Somera were guests of GCC assistant director of Communications & Promotions Jayne Flores on "A Higher Degree" on Sunday, July 22. The topic? Our reaffirmation of accreditation, of course!



## GCC CCR earns 3rd place

The Association of Government Accountants gave GCC third place for this year's Citizen-Centric Report (GPA and UOG were first and second, respectively). Pilar Pangelinan's accounting students helped prepare the report! Check it out on our new web site under Public Reports!

## New Board chair



Congratulations to new BOT chairwoman Deborah Belanger, who presided over her first official meeting as chair on July 20. We know she will do a great job, as did her predecessor, Gina Ramos, who held the position for nearly five years.

## From the ALO's desk...Dr. Ray Somera

“Each of us has a job to do. I have no doubt in my mind that with your collective support and engagement, we will be triumphant in the end, and our accreditation will be reaffirmed.” This was how I ended my 2011 convocation address, and boy, was I prophetic.

Having recently gained our re-accreditation, this reaffirms our commitment to student success and retention, for as we all know, students are the lifeblood of any institution. Because it requires a lot of preparatory work, the effort toward affirmation of accreditation is truly making a commitment to all the students we serve. Reaffirmation of our accreditation means our students can avail of federal funding that will help them fulfill their educational aspirations. Accreditation also means that students have the assurance that their credits will transfer to any accredited school in the nation. Employers are also more likely to have the confidence to hire graduates of accredited institutions; without accreditation, we cannot build a reputation of academic quality and excellence on which employers can rely.

When we say “We are re-accredited,” we are saying we have a seal of approval from our regional accrediting body. It is



Standard chairs Becky Aguon, Dee Manglona, Carol Galvez-Reid and Clare Camacho stand proudly with Dr. Ray Somera after the Accreditation visit in March.

a stamp of good quality. With the good news from the Commission, we bask in this recognition and stand proud to be standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the best community colleges in our Western Pacific region!



## Rizal books donated to GCC

Carmen Santos, VP of Finance & Administration, accepted a donation to GCC of a facsimile of the original manuscript of the famous novels, “Noli Me Tangere” and “El Filibusterismo” from the Philippine Consulate General, in cooperation with the Laguna Association of Guam, in commemoration of the 151st Birth Anniversary of the books’ author, Dr. Jose Rizal, on June 19 in Tamuning.



## Chair leadership academy

Gary Hartz, Rick Tyquiengco, and Chris Dennis are three of several dozen GCC employees who participated in the Chair leadership academy in June.

## Education Dept. keeps busy with summer workshops

### June 2: Week of the Young Child.

Funded through a contract with DPHSS, daycare center staff, in-home providers, and foster families were provided training in celebration of the Week of the Young Child. This training focused on activities related to positive mental and physical health for the people who take care of our island's children.

### June 30: Working with Parents & Families.

Caregivers from island daycare centers learned strategies and activities to effectively work with parents and families in their centers. Topics included: writing incident reports, communication tips, working with families of diverse cultures, take-home projects that build bridges with families, and managing and responding to challenges.

**July 14: Start Smart training.** Caregivers from island daycare centers, in-home providers, and foster families learned strategies and activities to build the literacy skills of the children under their care.

### July 20: Project Approach training.

This training focused on the philosophy of Reggio Emilia (world renowned ECE approach) to promote developmentally appropriate practices.



## Sticky Learners

Author Sandra Mittelsteadt conducted a workshop on "Sticky Learning" on campus June 26 -29, thanks to a Perkins Grant obtained by CTE instructor Vicky Schrage. Twenty-nine GCC and GDOE participants attended the seminar on integrating academics and CTE education, to help teachers design an integrated academic and CTE curriculum unit and individual lesson plan that not only meet standards, but also is viable, relevant, rigorous, hands-on, and engaging.

# Summer programs

## Citi-sponsored PSEAI

Orientation for the 31 students in the \$30,000 Citi-funded Post Secondary Education Accessibility Initiative took place on June 8, and the six-week session included English and Math instructors and coursework, textbooks, tutors, financial aid counseling, college coping skills workshops, managing money workshops conducted by Citi employee volunteers, placement tests and career interest inventories. A breakfast on July 27, attended by Citi officials who officially presented the huge donation, celebrated the program's end.



## Project AIM Summer Success

The TRiO, Project AIM Summer Success Program took place at GCC from June 18 through July 9 for nearly two dozen graduating high school seniors who wanted to prepare for the fall 2012 semester at Guam Community College. Here they are shown attending a financial seminar led by Brian Hahn, Citigroup Product Manager for Personal Loans and Insurance, who taught the students about checking accounts, debit and credit cards, and how the financial decisions they make can affect their credit rating and their livelihoods..

## New look for cosmetology

Cosmetology student Cassandra Cruz shows off the new cosmetology smocks. Check out our cosmetology students for reduced prices on beauty services!



## College Access Summer Bridge program

The College Access Challenge Grant Program hosted two sessions of Summer Bridge programs, allowing 120 students total to partake of college-gearing CACGP activities. Other CACGP events this summer included:  
 July 14 - Free Senior Luncheon for high school graduates and parents  
 July 18 - Free Choices workshop for seniors and graduates  
 July 25 - Free grant aid orientation

## Students visit from Taiwan



Six students majoring in English at Taiwan's National Pingtung University of Science and Technology toured GCC on June 11. President Okada hosted a lunch for the delegation, and the Chamorro chant group Fanlalai'an performed for the students, who then toured the campus and discussed career and technical education opportunities with GCC students.

## Congressional intern



Education major James Pangelinan had the opportunity to intern for Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo's office this summer, which included spending a week in her DC office.

## Accounting conferences



GCC Accounting major Floregine Dela Cruz attended the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute and the 2012 Accounting Scholars Development Program at the University of Denver from June 24 -28. Dela Cruz applied to the conference at the encouragement of GCC accounting associate professor Pilar Pangelinan. "I think Floregine's acceptance to this prestigious program is indicative not only of her own academic progress, but of the caliber of the GCC Accounting program, that we can stand toe to toe with other programs from around the country," Pangelinan said.

## Summer employment!



The Summer Employment Opportunity Program (SEOP) created by GCC, the Chamber of Commerce, Guam Contractor's Association, and AHRD offered summer employment for 26 high school students and/or graduates, this year targeting high academic achievers. Davian Scherer, 17, graduated from Okkodo High School and is planning to major in Marketing at GCC. "I know more about opening a business and how hard it is, and the different sides of banking," said Scherer, who worked at the Bank of Hawaii.



## Procurement expert

What procurement officers do affects people. That was one of the messages Dr. Danielle Conway had for students in GCC's Procurement Course on July 24. Conway, director of the Hawaii Procurement Institute, visited Guam to conduct a three-day procurement conference sponsored by Bank of Hawaii and being hosted by the Guam Chamber of Commerce and the Guam Procurement Advisory Council. GCC's course in Fundamentals and Principles of Procurement is ongoing July 23 - August 10.



## Farmer chef conference

GCC's Culinary program was one of the sponsors of a conference on July 23-25 in the MPA designed to bring together agriculture and tourism industries, and to promote greater use of local fruits and vegetables in the tourism industry. The conference also focused on Master Gardener programs and promoting the growth of fruits and vegetables in island villages, and was attended by farmers and chefs from around the region.

## Hummer almost ready



GCC's Automotive Department used its brand-new paint booth for the first time in June to paint a Hummer for the Guam Fire Department. When the vehicle gets all of its equipment installed, it will run out of the Sinajana Fire Station. Way to go Chris Dennis & Erwin Tudela!

## iPadology



On July 13th, GCC and GDOE employees attended a session on how to use iPads in the classroom, conducted by Linda C. Baza, a teacher at Reynolds Elementary School in Oceanside, California.

## Southern Marketing students clean bus stop



On June 2, Yvonne Tam's Southern High GCC CTE Marketing students cleaned up this bus stop in Mangilao. Way to go Yvonne and students!

## GCC helps out at AGA 5K



GCC employees, led by DAR assistant director Lolita Reyes, helped out at the AGA 5K Run/Walk on July 14. The AGA contributes two \$1,500 scholarships each year to GCC students. Of note here is Dr. Michael Chan, who took time out to hydrate a furry participant!

### Noteworthy:

GCC Ecowarriors volunteered once again at this year's Liberation Carnival, which started early this year at Tiyan. Fridays were designated GCC nights. Joni Kerr and her Ecowarriors sorted through and helped transport recyclables, and they also volunteered at the Liberation Day Parade, earning GCC another free spot at next year's parade. Kudos Ecowarriors, for helping our island to be sustainable!

GCC's AHEC grant sponsored a mass CPR intro training at the College on June 2, and a three-day Palliative Care conference from June 13-15 at the Westin Resort.

GCC and UOG held a two-week National Science Foundation training on photovoltaic and wind electric systems from June 4-15 at the GCC Technology Center.

GCC's Education Department held a free training on Classroom Instruction That Works on June 15-16 in the Allied Health Center Lecture Hall for all K-12 educators.

A total of 117 GCC employees, including 5 security guards, attended the excellent Shooter-on-campus trainings on June 21 & 22. If you have not attended this training, call HR at 735-5538.



## A "roast" for the retiring Dr. Frank Tung!



After 21 years and eight months on the job at GCC, Tourism professor Dr. Frank Tung retired on July 27th. He started at GCC on November 5, 1990, and as was evident from the "roast" he received at Nikko's Magellan Restaurant, he made a huge impact on the lives of not only students, but on GCC employees and on the businesses that hired his students/graduates as well. Happy Retirement, Frank! We'll miss you!!





**Saturday  
September 29**  
7:00 a.m. Show time  
8:00 a.m. Shotgun  
**LeoPalace  
Golf Resort**

For information call  
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### PAR EXCELLENCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Save the Date!**



Proceeds to benefit the  
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Foundation

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## Important Dates

- Aug. 6-9 - Express Registration
- Aug. 10 - Faculty return
- Aug. 13 - Convocation
- Aug. 15 - Fall semester begins
- Sept. 29 - Par Excellence Golf Tournament



## Sinangan Siha para Huño

Junꝝ Chamorro Phrases

Hãfa tátatmanu hao na ogga'an?

How are you this morning?

Hãfa bidáda-mu pã'gogo ha'?

What are you doing now?

Hãfa siña hinakudi-hu nu hãgu?

What can I help you with?

Kao siña un chuli'i yu' nu i tinige' siha?

Can you bring me the documents?

Kao ya-mu i ma'gas-mu?

Do you like your boss?

Ginen i Ofisinan Go'ti yan Adahi i Fino'ta Chamorro yan i  
Ofisinan Guinahan Cho'cho' Taotao

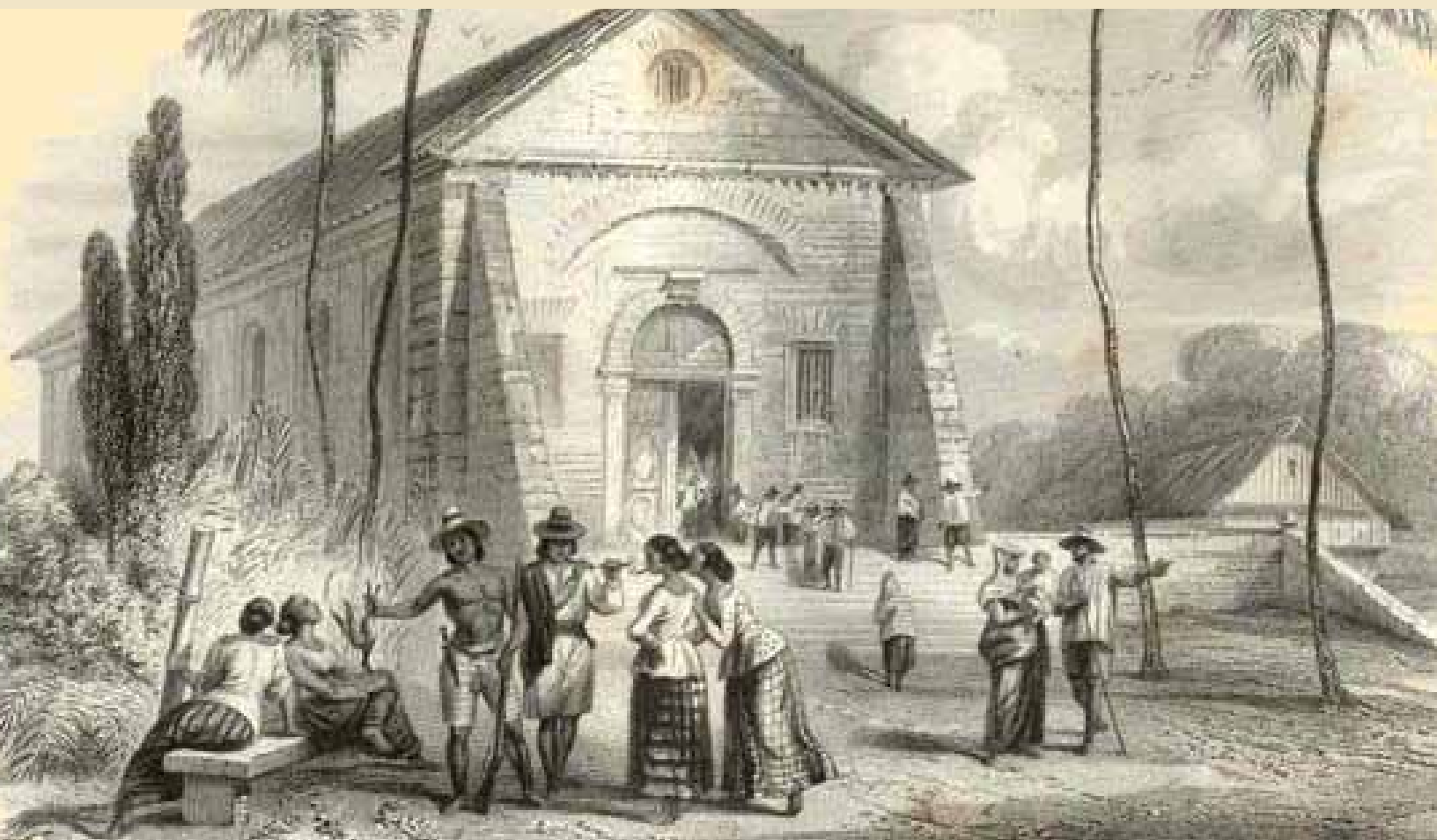


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Kulgehon Kumunidat Guahan  
gi i empleao siha Minagof Kompliaños!  
Huño/Manañaf 2012!

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

Kenneth C. Bautista  
Antonita F. Cabrito  
Johanna L. Camacho  
Joselyn C. Cruz  
Elizabeth J. Duenas  
Bertha Guerrero  
Teresita C. Guerrero  
Paul N. Kerner

Terry Kuper  
Barbara B.B. Leon Guerrero  
Latisha A.N. Leon Guerrero  
Marlena O. Montague  
Daniel Okada  
Doris C. Perez  
Rowena Ellen Perez  
Marivic C. Schrage



# Sinangan Siha para Hulio/Semu

July Chamorro Phrases

**Håfa tátatmanu i ha'ani-mu?**

How is your day going?

**Amånu nai gaige i sahgua' i che'cho'-mu?**

Where is your office?

**Kao siña un hakudi yu'?**

Can you help me?

**Kao siña un tuge' i na'ån-mu gi i tinige' siha?**

Can you sign the documents?

**Kao un na'fonhåyan i che'cho'-mu?**

Have you finished your work?

Ginen i Ofisinan Go'ti yan Adahi i Fino'ta Chamorro yan i  
Ofisinan Guinahan Cho'cho' Taotao



Malago' ma discha i  
 Kulehon Kumunidat Guahan  
 gi i empleao siha Minagof Kompliaños!  
 Hulio/Semu 2012

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

Marina Aguilar  
 Joseph Benavente  
 Ana Cruz  
 Harold Cruz  
 Karen Dumchus

Joleen Evangelista  
 Jefferson Fabro  
 Edwin Limtuatco  
 Larni Joy Manalo  
 Reilly Ridgell

Sally Sablan  
 Cheryl San Nicolas  
 Rose Marie Siguenza  
 Phyllis Yurko

Minagof Ha'anen Libirasion!