

# CHACHALANI



GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE PDF NEWSLETTER

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## ACCREDITATION VISIT!

From March 19-22, an 11-member Comprehensive Evaluation Visit Team from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges visited the GCC campus. For three busy days, team members met with students, faculty, staff and administrators. They had two Open Forums in the MPA, during which students, faculty, staff, and some administrators spoke about their experiences at GCC, and answered some frank questions from Team members. The team also met with various College committees and visited classrooms. Twice they were served delicious gourmet meals prepared by GCC Culinary Arts students, and they also

experienced a very colorful, vibrant Spring Festival on the evening of March 21. Although the College will not receive word until early July as to whether accreditation has been reaffirmed, one thing is certain: all the preparations made over the past two and a half years have paid off. When it comes to documenting why we do what we do at GCC, everyone is aware of, and knows about the accreditation process and its importance to our students, those who work at GCC, and the community in general. As many heard Dr. Chip Chapdelaine say during his Chair Report to the College on Thursday, March 22, "There is a genuine sense of family

spirit on this campus," and that this College "promotes continuous quality improvements." Biba GCC!

For more photos of the Accreditation Team Visit, see page 13!



# From the President

I don't know about all of you, but I got even less sleep between March 19 and 22. When our 11-member Comprehensive Evaluation Visit Team from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges gave its exit summary report in the MPA, hearing unofficial word of our 10 commendations and only four recommendations made me very, very proud to be at the helm of this progressive and proactive institution. Although we won't receive official word as to whether reaffirmation of accreditation has been granted us until July, it was obvious to the team that we have worked, and still work, very hard to document that we actually do what we say we are doing. The fact that all of you have all embraced this process as vital to our institution shows that you understand the importance of our mission here at GCC.

In addition to congratulating all of you on a very successful accreditation visit, I also want to give kudos to our students, faculty and staff for your service learning efforts that have landed us on the National Honor Roll for the third year in a row; to student Jacob Fathal for his New Century Scholar award; to our Okkodo LMP team for their second place in the national competition; and to our Finance & Administration Division for GCC's 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive clean audit. Running this College is a team effort, and together, we all make a great team! Biba GCC!



## 3rd year in a row: National Community Service Honor Roll!

Students' community service efforts have landed GCC a spot on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the third consecutive year. Projects highlights in this year's application included recycling efforts conducted by GCC's Ecowarriors that resulted in nearly 300 pounds of aluminum and plastics being kept out of Guam's landfill after the Liberation Day Parade; the Japan CLUB and Criminal Justice Department raising nearly \$1,000 for victims of the Japan earthquake/tsunami disaster; and Visual Communications students creating posters, brochures and web testimonial videos for the Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Guam program.

## Headline: 11th clean audit!

Congratulations to GCC's Finance & Administration Division for earning their 11th unqualified or clean opinion on GCC's financial statements from independent auditors Deloitte & Touche, LLP. Dr. Okada called the opinion "a team effort - from faculty to administrators and support staff. They are all to be commended for their dedication and contributions to this status." Kudos to Finance VP Carmen Kwek Santos and her dedicated staff!

# FROM THE ALO'S DESK

R. Ray D. Somera, Ph.D.

*"A picture is worth a thousand words,"* so the saying goes, and if the pictures are any indication, our Accreditation visit went very, very well, thankstoallofyou. The formal release of the commendations and recommendations we heard unofficially from Team Chair Dr. Chip Chapdelaine during his exit summary report will have to wait until the official report from the team is finalized. The Commission procedure is that the report goes first to the president who will correct errors of fact, if any. ACCJC will meet to discuss all team recommendations in mid-June. The report will be *publicly released* between July 1 and 4. Then and only then will we get the official word whether we will receive reaffirmation of accreditation. We are very hopeful, however, after that productive visit!



## GCC's Fathal New Century Scholar; Earns UT internship



Jacob Fathal, a GCC sophomore, is one of 50 community college students from the United States and Canada to be named 2012 New Century Scholars, and he is headed to Texas this summer for a 10-week internship. The \$2,000 scholar award, sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation, Phi Theta Kappa, and American Association of Community Colleges, recognizes students' grades, leadership, activities and how they extend their intellectual talents beyond the classroom. A member of Phi Theta Kappa and a GCC Ecowarrior, Fathal represented GCC at the second annual Islands of Opportunity Alliance – Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Partnerships conference at the University of Hawaii at Hilo in August

2009. He graduates in May with an Associate of Science degree in Computer Science, and will enter the Pre-Engineering program at UOG. Fathal has also been accepted into the University of Texas at Austin's Environmental Science Institute Research Experience for Undergraduates this summer. For 10 weeks, he will be work on research involving soil carbon flux. The program provides students with a \$5,000 stipend and room and board.

## Okkodo LMP team 2nd in nation



“We found out that it was easier getting the championship than to defend it,”

- words of wisdom from Okkodo High School LMP team captain Raquel Maminta, on her team’s placing 2nd at the 9th annual American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute National Lodging Management Program (LMP) Competition in Orlando, Florida at the end of March. Although they did not repeat as national champions, Maminta and teammates Iris Lapid, Ranalyn Sison and Amee Fejeran placed first in the Hospitality Project, second in the Hotel Operations events, and fourth in the Knowledge Bowl, putting them in second place overall in the competition, only 10 points behind the team from Monroe Career & Technical Institute in Pennsylvania.

L to r: Iris Lapid, Raquel Maminta, Evon Wong (GCC CTE instructor at Okkodo), Ranalyn Sison, and Amee Fejeran, proudly display their medals in Orlando, Florida

### GCC performs at Head Start Fitness Fair

By Dr. Marsha Postrozny

Early childhood education majors planned and implemented activities for children ages two to 12 at the annual Head Start Fitness Fair on March 17 at the Dededo Sports Complex. CD260 Social & Emotional Development students performed shadow puppet shows and CD280 Program Development & Family Partners promoted the learning of body parts with activities and hand painting. It was a great opportunity for students to apply skills learned in class and interact directly with children and their families. Over 200 children participated!



### GCC at Special Olympics

GCC was out in full force on March 17 at the Guam Special Olympics track and field event at Okkodo High School! Students in American Sign Language courses (Instructors: Sarah Leon Guerrero, Michael Castro and Naomi Webster) signed the Star Spangle Banner and Fanogue Chamorro for the opening ceremonies and interpreted for deaf students from P.C. Lujan. Students in ED231 – Intro to Exceptional Children (Clare Camacho) assisted with volunteer registration. And students in PY125 (Pedro Leon Guerrero) assisted the special athletes at P.C. Lujan Elementary Schools and the GACHONG group. Way to go GCC!

### AAUW Scholarship

On March 31, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) presented a \$500 scholarship to GCC student Alexis DeGarcia. Last year’s AAUW scholarship recipient, Ariane Nepomuceno, was on hand to congratulate her classmate.



### Businesswoman of the Year Scholarship

GCC student Ha’ane Joy C. San Nicolas was awarded a First Hawaiian Bank Guam Business Magazine Businesswoman of the Year scholarship at a special awards presentation held at the First Hawaiian Bank Maite Branch on March 16.



## Math Kangaroo tours

Students from M.U. Lujan Elementary School check out the "SimMan" in GCC's Practical Nursing program during a campus tour after competing in the Math Kangaroo held at GCC on March 16. The Math & Science Department sponsored the Math Olympiad again this year. Special thanks to the COPSA officers for helping with the student tours afterward!



## JAPANESE PANEL THEATER



Students from Doreen Blas' Japanese language classes as well as Education, Early Childhood Ed, American Sign Language, and Theater students enjoyed the awesome presentation by the Japanese Panel Theater on March 5 in the MPA.

## Noteworthy...

Students leading students conference  
COPSA held its annual leadership conference on March 2 at the Guam Marriott Resort, presenting workforce workshops to over 200 students on career decisions, getting hired, communication in the workplace, teamwork, managing money, and more.

MA students performed health screening on participants of the Payless Kick the Fat 5K run on March 17 in Hagatna.

GCC's Japan CLUB (Customs, Language, Understanding, Beliefs) demonstrated how to wrap items with the traditional Japanese cloth, "furoshiki," during the 14th Annual Japanese Arts & Crafts Fair on March 10 at the Hotel Nikko.

Members of GCC's Board of Trustees and Foundation Board of Governors met on March 10th at GCC for the Development & Alumni Relations Office's annual Fundraising Retreat Workshop, presented by fundraising queen Lolita Reyes!

On March 28, the College Access Challenge Grant Program held a college admissions workshop for high school juniors and seniors and their parents/guardians in the MPA, to help them with college readiness, selecting a college, the admissions process, and valuable tips to make the admissions process go smoothly. CACGP also held a "CHOICES" workshop for high school juniors and seniors on March 31 at the Student Center.

GCC helped sponsor the Pacific Islanders in Communications' "DEEP WATERS: A Pacific Film Showcase," on March 30 in our MPA. Two feature documentary films were showcased: "Under a Jarvis Moon" by filmmakers Noelle Kahanu & Heather Giugni, and "The Insular Empire: America in the Mariana Islands" by filmmaker Vanessa Warheit.

# Spring Festival/COPSA Elections

Including our Accreditation team, the GCC Spring Festival sponsored by COPSA drew over 600 people to the new Student Center on March 21, for dancing, entertainment, and booths highlighting the different regional cultures represented by students.

"It was much better than our usual setup in the courtyard. I felt like we were at home, like we actually have a place to hold our events," said Ariane Nepomuceno, current COPSA president. Steven Alvarez was elected the new COPSA president, and Nepomuceno was chosen as the student representative to the Board of Trustees during the annual COPSA election held during the festival. A record 556 students cast ballots - up nearly 34 percent from last spring's election turnout.



# Biba Tinian!

By: Tressa Dela Cruz, Instructor, English Department

On March 16, with the support of Dr. Gina, Dr. Lisa, and Jayne Flores, I embarked on a short journey to Tinian as a guest speaker for the 2012 Tinian Jr. Sr. High School Career Week. My presentation, the first of its kind in Tinian, would introduce associate degrees, certificate programs, and important information about GCC to prospective students. After braving the winds in a three-seater plane, I found my way to the school cafeteria where I was greeted by Julian Hofschneider, Principal; Eric San Nicolas, Vice Principal; and Bill Cing, Academic Counselor. Cing, explained, "Because there is no vocational education on Tinian, I am requiring the entire school to attend your presentation." Program posters, flyers, brochures, and giveaways were put on display while my excitement grew knowing I would soon face entire school in their breezy cafeteria. I presented to 167 of the school's 250 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Their enthusiasm filled the cafeteria upon seeing pictures of original as well as our new buildings, and they seemed to embrace the idea of career and technical education after learning about GCC's offerings. Biba GCC!



## Chuuk Upward Bound visit

On March 14, 26 students from the College of Micronesia High School visited GCC, touring the campus and learning about programs such as Project AIM, a federally funded program that helps first-generation college students to succeed, financial aid, and GCC's admission process.



## More RAPIDS

(Registered Apprenticeship Partnership in Data Systems) training by Terry Guerrero to the Judiciary of Guam, one of our employer-partners in the apprenticeship program, on March 23. Terry is at the top, Luz Carlos on the left, and Barbara Aguon on the right.



## SSHS PROSTART TEAM HEADS TO NATIONALS

For the second year in a row, the ProStart team from Simon Sanchez High School will represent Guam at the ProStart national competition in Baltimore, Maryland, in April. Sanchez edged out second-place finisher John F. Kennedy High School in the competition on March 23 in the MPA. Team members are (l to r): Regine Olarte, Jasmine Nadres (captain), Leyann Lusung, Marivic Capati, and alternate Macdaniel Dimla.



## THANKING THE PERSON BEHIND THE SCENES!

Barry Mead, Adjunct Associate Dean, gives Joanne Blas, his former admin assistant for the Tourism & Hospitality Department, a hug after thanking her when ProStart students presented him with a plaque honoring his dedication to the ProStart program. "She's the reason I was able to do what I did," Mead said.



## GW PROSTART CLASS FEEDS GW WASC TEAM

The GWHS ProStart II and ProStart III classes prepared and served a four-course lunch menu for the GWHS visiting WASC team. The menu included a delicious Roast Pork Tenderloin with Robert Sauce, served with a Baked Potato, Broccoli, and Carrot Freesias, and for dessert, Haupia and Chocolate Pudding filled in an edible Chocolate Bowl! Outstanding!



**CATHY ANDERSON AND ELLIE DAMIAN SERVE TRADITIONAL CHAMORRO EMPANADA ON FRIDAY MARCH 9TH TO CELEBRATE MES CHAMORRO!**



**CJSS CELEBRATES CHAMORRO MONTH JOSE MUNOZ SOCIOLOGY CLASS WON THE TABLE DECORATING CONTEST AT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE & SOCIAL SCIENCE CHAMORRO MONTH CELEBRATION ON MARCH 28 WITH THEIR COLORFUL FLOWERS AND FRUIT-DECORATED TABLE!**



### SLO VIDEO CONTEST WINNERS!

DR. RAY SOMERA'S SAGA AWARDS FUNDED A STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES VIDEO CONTEST IN WHICH STUDENTS HAD TO PRODUCE A 1-MINUTE VIDEO EXPLAINING THE IMPORTANCE OF SLOS. STUDENTS (L TO R) NICOLAS DIAZ, E.J. STO. DOMINGO, AND MICAH CARLOS, ALL SOPHOMORES IN LIBERAL STUDIES, WON FIRST PLACE, AND ANGELA CABRERA, A VISCOM STUDENT, TOOK HOME SECOND. THE STUDENTS EACH TOOK HOME \$150 FOR THEIR EFFORTS. BOBBIE LEON GUERRERO, PROGRAM SPECIALIST FOR THE CENTER FOR STUDENT INVOLVEMENT, IS AT FAR RIGHT.



## FINO' SIHA PARA MÂTZO/ UMATÂLAF Chamorro Words for March

Cho'guan - Industrious, hardworking.  
**Cho'guan** na *fafache'cho' si Ryan*. Ryan is a hardworking employee.

Pâ'gogoha' – right now.  
*Kao siña mattu hao mâgi gi ofisina-hu **pâ'gogoha'** sa' hunisisita i ayudu-mu?* Can you come to my office right now because I need your help?

Aliligao -looking, seeking  
*Ha **aliligao** i lepblo-ña*. He/She is looking for his/her book.

Chita - printed patterns on yardage/materials.  
*Gefpa'go na **chita** siha gi i frañela-ña ni' ha usa pa'go*. The printed patterns on the shirt he/she wore today is beautiful.

Poksai - to raise  
*Ha **poksai** mâolek i famagu'on-ña*. He/She raised his/her children well.

Pakaka' - Be quiet  
***Pakaka'** sa' mamaigo' i neni*. Be quiet because the baby is sleeping.

Sâhgayiyon - habitable, liveable  
*Mana'gasgas i **sâhgâyan** para u mana' sâhgayiyon*. The place was cleaned so that it will be habitable.

Sumensâga - to stay at someone's place  
***Sumensâga** si Ryan gi i gima' i tihâ-ña annai gaige kumuleho*. Ryan stayed at his aunt's house when he was in college.

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

Malago' i

## Kulehon Kumunidât Guahån

Mandiseha gi i empleao siha un Minagof na  
Kompli'ãños para Mâtso/Umatâlaf 2012!

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

Tania Arceo	Jayne Flores	Tiana Quichocho
John Armstrong	Paul Healy	Rosita Quitugua
Ana Mari Atoigue	Darwin Joker	Joaquin Rosario
Lisa Baza-Cruz	William Korenko	Anthony San Nicolas
Doreen Blas	Pik Man Lam	Catherine Solidum
Simone Bollinger	Donnie Lizama	Patricia Terlaje
Francisco Camacho	Esther Muna	Erwin Tudela
Michael Chan	Melissa Palomo	Virginia Tudela
	Tara Rose Pasqua	

Minagof Mes Chamoru!

Gosa yan Guaiya i Guinahan i Taotao-ta, i Chamoru-ta!

"Love and Appreciate Our Livelihood ... We the Chamoru People!"

**Hafa Adai!**  
**On behalf of the College, the President would like to  
 welcome the following new employees:**



**Elizabeth Aquino**  
 Administrative Assistant  
 Education  
 January 3, 2012



**Chelsa Muna-Brecht**  
 Program Specialist  
 CE & Workforce Dev.  
 Work Keys  
 January 3, 2012



**Barbara Ann Rosario**  
 Instructor  
 Social Science  
 January 12, 2012



**James Odoca**  
 Instructor  
 Tourism  
 January 23, 2012



**Tressa Dela Cruz**  
 Instructor  
 English  
 January 30, 2012



**Danilo Bilong**  
 Program Specialist  
 AHEC  
 February 20, 2012



**Benny Quenga**  
 Maintenance Supervisor  
 Facilities  
 March 19, 2012



**Bertha Guerrero**  
 Administrative Secretary II  
 Office of the President  
 March 19, 2012

**Tanya-Marie Santos**  
 Administrative Assistant  
 College Access Challenge  
 Grant  
 January 30, 2012

**Paul Healy**  
 Assistant Instructor  
 Visual Communications  
 January 30, 2012

**Former Employees:**

+Jose C. Quitugua  
 Facility Maintenance Supervisor  
 Facilities

Mary Ann Mendiola  
 Data Control Clerk I  
 Development & Alumni Relations

Tracy Amborn  
 Program Specialist  
 AHEC

+Paul Parvin  
 Instructor  
 Visual Communications

Margaret Imaizumi Sablan  
 Instructor  
 Career & Development Guidance

**Upcoming at GCC**

**April 27** – GCC CTE High School Electronic Skills Challenge - MPA

**May 5** – GCC Foundation 35th Anniversary GALA, 6:00 PM, Hyatt Regency Guam. (see Lolita for tickets – 5611!)

**May 18** – Graduation! 6:00 PM, UOG Field House

**June 1** – Summer Term starts





## Exercise classes!

More GCC employees are taking advantage of the Calvo's Selectcare exercise classes offered on campus, like these ladies in the Student Center training room on March 23. Check with HR if you want to join – 735-5538!

## Softball I Team wins Sportsmanship trophy

Sponsored by L&K Communications, the GCC Softball team, the GCC Tradesmen, won best sportsmanship in the Department of Parks & Recreation Softball League.

Team members included (everyone played): Rick Tyquiengco (coach), Daniel Okada (assistant coach), John Limtiaco (Manager), Edgar M. (asst. coach), Apol San Nicolas (coordinator), Terry Kuper, AnaMari Atoigue, Vince Paulus. & Frances Untalan (Admission), Jerome & Bobbie Blas, Joey Roberto, Joaquin Rosario (Maintenance), Simone B., Huan Hosei, Theda Rios, John Diaz, Naomi Webster, Troy Lizama, Rosie Quitugua, Zhaopei Teng and Joanne Ige. Biggest fans: Lorraine Hussey and Elizabeth Duenas! Note: Although they only won one (1) game (by forfeit!), this was GCC's first time to have a team play in any softball league or tournament. Biba GCC!!!



## Deaths in the GCC family

We lost two employees in March. The most shocking was when GW VisCom instructor Paul Parvin collapsed and died in class on Friday, March 23.

Also, Joe Quitugua, GCC Facility Maintenance Coordinator, passed away on March 14, after being ill for several months.

Our condolences go out to both of their families...Joe's on Guam, and Paul's in Michigan.



