

May 2012 Issue

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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.

## GCC graduates 348 students!

Photos by Michael Santos



### Including record number of apprentices!

GCC conferred 399 degrees, certificates, and/or diplomas upon 348 students at the UOG Field House on May, including a record number of 72 graduates from the GCC Apprenticeship program. The 2012 valedictorian is Carl D. Giese, Jr., who graduated with an AS in Computer Networking. The Salutatorian is Lea Pizarro Sanchez, who graduated with her AA in Education. President Okada says this year's graduation cohort, including the record number of apprenticeship completers, signals the important partnership between GCC and the island's business community. "We all collaborate – the students, our faculty, staff and administrators, and island business owners – to produce a qualified workforce," she said. Commencement Speaker John Cruickshank, a senior program analyst with the National Science Foundation (NSF), and the Micronesia and South Pacific outreach coordinator for NSF's Asian-American and Pacific Islander Initiative, told the graduates to make learning a lifelong practice.

Check out the GCC e-Catalog at [www.guamcc.edu](http://www.guamcc.edu)!

## From the President...



Another record graduation at GCC – 348 students, including 73 apprentices! I know that all of us are very proud of all of our graduates, and I am proud of the teamwork it took to get these students to this important moment in their lives. Also, congratulations to our newly elected Staff Senate officers: President - Elizabeth Duenas; VP – Johanna Camacho; Secretary/Treasurer – Ava Garcia; Representatives at Large – Donnie Lizama, Latisha Leon Guerrero, Vivian Guerrero, Ana Mari Atoigue, Tamara Hiura, and Cathy Anderson. Dr. Ray and I know that the Staff Senate will play an important role in GCC’s governance process. In addition, this month we hosted conferences, tested EMTs, swore in a new student BOT member, and hosted our 35th Anniversary Gala on Cinco de Mayo at the Hyatt. It was wonderful to see so many faculty and staff at that event, because over the past 35 years, all of you have helped solidify GCC’s role as a leader in career and technical workforce development on our island and in the region. As we reach the halfway mark of our 35th year, I can proudly say that GCC is better and stronger than ever as a higher education institution. Have a great summer everyone! Biba GCC!



### Cruickshank meets with faculty

Commencement speaker John Cruickshank, a senior analyst with the National Science Foundation, took time on May 17 to meet with GCC science and math faculty about instructional grant possibilities with NSF.



### New student trustee

On May 3, Ariane Nepomuceno, the newly elected student member, was officially sworn in to serve on the Board of Trustees for one year by Deborah Belanger, GCC acting board chairperson. The student member on the BOT is a full voting member representing student concerns and interests. Ariane is majoring in Criminal Justice and served last year as COPSA president.

## Congratulations to new Staff Senate!



Presenting the newly-elected Staff Senate Executive Council of GCC: President - Elizabeth Duenas; Vice President – Johanna Camacho; Secretary/Treasurer – Ava Garcia, and Representatives at Large – Donnie Lizama, Latisha Leon Guerrero, Vivian Guerrero, Ana Mari Atoigue, Tamara Hiura, and Cathy Anderson. KUDOS to the organizing staff members who worked hard to develop the Staff Senate Constitution and By-Laws: Ken Bautista, Elizabeth Duenas, Carol Guerrero, Joanne Blas, Marilyn Concepcion, Ava Garcia, Tamara Hiura, Latisha Leon Guerrero, Tara Pascua, Cheryl San Nicolas, Apolline San Nicolas and Bobbie Blas.

**STAFF SENATE:** Seated l to r: Ava Garcia, Johanna Camacho, Liz Duenas. Standing: Tamara Hiura, Latisha Leon Guerrero, Vivian Guerrero, Don Lizama, Ana Mari Atoigue, and Cathy Anderson.

## 2012 - 2013 COPSA Officers & Advisors

The 2012-2013 Council On Postsecondary Student Affairs (COPSA) Officers & Advisors were officially sworn into office on May 16. Seated L-R: Dr. Ray Somera, AVP; Dr. Mary Okada, President; Dr. Virginia Tudela, TSS Dean, and Dr. Michael Chan, TSS Associate Dean. Standing L-R: Don Lizama, CSI Program Coordinator; Sally Sablan COPSA Advisor; Ariane Nepomuceno, BOT Student Member; Christine Walter, COPSA Secretary; Kassie Bolus, COPSA Treasurer; Steven Alvarez, COPSA President; Shina Marmar, COPSA VP; Troy Lizama, COPSA Advisor; Jennifer Esteves, COPSA Parliamentarian; Elizabeth Duenas, COPSA Advisor; and Bobbie Leon Guerrero, CSI Program Specialist.



## GCC PTK Chapter earns Five Star status!



GCC's Beta Beta Xi Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society for two-year colleges inducted 27 new members on May 4, earning the chapter a Pinnacle Award for increasing its membership 10 percent above the prior year. Those 27 new members have also enabled the chapter to fulfill its requirements to be named a Five Star Chapter. The Five Star Chapter Development Plan serves as a blueprint for developing a strong chapter, improving student engagement on campus, and recognizing progress in attaining chapter goals. Congratulation to PTK members and their advisor, Pilar Pangelinan!

## GCC Foundation 35th Anniversary Gala



The GCC Foundation 35th Anniversary Gala took place on Cinco de Mayo (May 5) at the Hyatt Regency Guam. Over 250 guests celebrated GCC's accomplishments that evening. The event benefitted the Foundation, which provides student scholarships and financial support for GCC capital improvement projects!

GCC Foundation scholarship recipients Justin Alano, Geraldine Manansala, James Pangelinan, Meldie Joy Cabales, Ann Mariel Flores, Guoying Murday, Floregine Dela Cruz, Alexis Degracia, Juleiana Raras, and EJ Kevin Sto. Domingo each received a \$1,000 scholarship at the GCC Foundation 35th Anniversary Gala.



Class of '77 presents their gift of a GCC mace!



GCC's got flamenco dancers!

Distinguished alum Jeffrey Ibanez (left) was one of over 250 in attendance, here registering with Patty Terlaje, and DAR staffer Danny Bilong (below) was the man in the sombrero to see for raffle tickets!

## Bersamin is 2012 Distinguished Alum!

A highlight at the Gala was the announcement of Dr. Kimberly S. Bersamin, GHURA personnel services administrator, as the recipient of GCC's 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award. Congratulations to Dr. Bersamin! (See nominees on page 9.)



## Adult Education Conference



GCC's Adult Education Office teamed up with Northern Marianas College to host a free conference, "Effectively Teaching Adult Learners," on May 3-5, in order to provide education professionals – teachers, counselors, and administrators – with methods to successfully teach adult students. The conference also offered one (1) Continuing Education credit.

Dr. Clare Camacho presents at the Effectively Teaching Adult Learners Conference on May 4.

## College & Career Readiness Summit

Fifth graders through high school students learned about careers in the automotive, health sciences, hospitality, marketing, visual communications, and technology industries, and about going to college to pursue those careers, during a three-day College and Career Readiness Summit hosted by GCC May 10 – 12 in conjunction with its grant-funded College Access Challenge Grant Program, the University of Guam, and the Guam Department of Education. The summit focused on different career clusters that students may be interested in, and on how the GCC CTE programs in the public high schools provide a pathway to GCC postsecondary associate degree and certificate programs, and University of Guam baccalaureate degrees in those fields.



## Loveridge named EMS advocate



Rosemary Loveridge, chair of GCC's Allied Health Department and EMT program director, was named Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advocate of the Year by the Emergency Medical Services Commission of the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services. Acting Guam Fire Department Chief John Wusstig, Sen. Dennis Rodriguez, chair of the Legislative Committee on Health and Human Services, Lucia Perez, EMS Commission chair, and Marlene Carbullido, EMS Office acting administrator, presented Loveridge with her award on May 23 at the Agana Shopping Center during EMS Week. Loveridge was instrumental in organizing the training and skills testing of over 100 local and federal firefighters at GCC in April and May in order for them to become nationally certified EMTs.

## Students host Republican Senatorial Forum

Students in GCC's Supervision & Management Program hosted those Republicans who have declared their candidacy for the 2012 senatorial election for a forum with GCC students and faculty on May 1. The forum was part of a class project; a Democrat forum was held on April 30. Candidates were given the opportunity to explain their platforms and then answer questions fielded by GCC students and faculty.



### Noteworthy:

#### **SM215 International Management Business Simulation Game**

Students took part in an international exercise in which their performance was measured against over 14,000 student-simulated companies worldwide, including some from UOG. As a management team, they were responsible for maintaining and operating a shoe manufacturing company. They made sales forecasts, managed marketing budgets in North America, Europe, Asia and Latin America, managed plant capacity and made production decisions that impacted revenues, and managed human resources while trying to maintain a corporate image that reflected their social responsibilities. As a class, they scored in the upper 30th percentile in Financial Management, Operations Management and Marketing Management. According to instructor Fred Tupaz, this BSG program is used mainly by students in their final year of college or in many graduate degree business programs. "To have them place as well as they did is definitely an accomplishment," Tupaz said.

#### **MIS staff certifications**

Jeff Fabro completed training for certification on Microsoft Windows 7 Operating System Configuration May 21-25 and passed his certification test on June 1st. Jeff can now provide the college with the technical expertise to create and deploy master system images, configure hardware & software, configure networking, backup, and restore system information. Also, Joel Ridgell also passed his CISCO certification in May. Congratulations to Jeff & Joel!

**Practical Nursing students** were invited to tour the USNS Mercy, a hospital ship, on May 23rd.

**GCC's Allied Health Department** held an Academic Challenge Bowl for the GW, JFK, Southern, and Simon Sanchez High School students on May 15. (Okkodo does not have Allied Health yet.)

#### **Ecowarriors activities (missed in April!):**

GCC's Ecowarriors were busy last month, at the Pork in the Park at Adelup Governor's complex on April 21, and during the Savor Guam/GCC Culinary Students competition at The Beach at Gun Beach on April 22.

## Secondary CTE happenings



### JFK's Delfin first student to earn WorkKeys Gold!

Ella May Delfin has plans to be a pharmacist, and judging from the score she received on the WorkKeys test she took in May, she'll be a successful one. Delfin, a senior at John F. Kennedy High School, is the first high school student on Guam to score a gold in the WorkKeys Job Analysis, Assessment and Training test offered through GCC. (Test levels are bronze, silver, gold and platinum.) "Before I took the test I was a bit nervous about how hard the test might be. Then when I actually started the test, it turned out to be pretty easy. The reason I took it is because I wanted to see what level I would score," Delfin said.

### GW team's dream home pays!

The GW CTE AutoCAD class taught by instructor John Zilian designed a first-place winning "Green Dream Home" for the Center for Island Sustainability contest in April, and this month, the six-man design team of Eric Delfin, Kent Espinosa, Daryle Lee, Bremity Lakjohn, Jonathan Rios, and Edward Perez collected \$3,000 in prize money to split between the team and their instructor. "I'm really proud of how we worked together as a team," said Delfin, senior and team captain.



### GCC JFK Tourism Academ Job Shadowing

The JFK Tourism Academy's 19 LMP and 21 ProStart Intermediate students participated in a job-shadowing program on April 19-20 and May 9, allowing them to observe the integration of various hotel and food & beverage divisions in order to provide quality service to hotel guests. This also enabled students to explore a wide range of career objectives plus gain general knowledge in hotel operational procedures. Participating hotels included: **Hyatt Regency Guam, Guam Plaza Hotel, Hotel Nikko Guam, Pacific Islands Club, Marriott Resort and Spa, Guam Hilton Resort and Spa and Fiesta Resort Guam.**



### 54th GCC/GVB Tour Guide training

37 participants attended the 54th GVB/GCC Tour Guide Training from May 9 – 19 at GCC. This was the largest class since the training began back in 1997, according to instructor Eric Chong.



### Computers donated to GW

GCC donated 69 sets of computers – CPUs, monitors, keyboards and mice – to George Washington High School on May 10. The computers were situated in computer labs in D Building that are now being refurbished and used as classrooms since the opening of the new Student Center with its new computer lab in December.

### Important Dates

- July 13 - Last day of Summer Session
- July 16 - New [guamcc.edu](http://guamcc.edu) web site launch!
- July 21 - Liberation Day!
- Aug. 13 - Convocation
- Aug. 15 - Fall semester begins

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**Rulhon Kumunidat Guahan**  
 gi i empleao siha Minagof Kompliaños!  
 Mayu/Makmamao 2012!

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

Norman Aguilar  
 Evangeline Aguon  
 Jennifer Artero  
 Antonia Chamberlain  
 Katherine Chargualaf

Marilyn Concepcion  
 Benedict de Leon  
 Elaine Fejerang  
 Troy Lizama  
 John Payne

Marsha Postrozny  
 Josephine Rojas  
 Anthony Sunga  
 Renato Valenzuela  
 Evon Wong





**2012 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI  
"WALK OF FAME"**

*Congratulations Kimberly Bersamin, our 2012 Distinguished Alumni!*



Stacey McDonald Flores  
A.S. Criminal Justice  
1985



Dr. Kimberly Kowalski Bersamin  
Computer Science  
1985



Ed Ila  
Electronics  
1980

*Congratulations to our 2012  
Nominees*



Julie Concepcion Cruz  
Computer Science  
1994



Frank Dumanal  
Automotive  
1977



Lorie Aguon  
Clerical Studies  
1991

**Photo Not Available**  
Bernadette Unpingco  
Graphic Arts  
1985

## Måyu (Lumuhu) Fino' Siha

Chamorro Words for May

**Chiko** - to kiss.

Ha chiko i mañaina-ña antes di u dingo Guahan. She/He kissed his/her parents before he/she left Guam. Ha chiko i neni. She/He kissed the baby.

**Tano'an** - homeland

Mattu gui' tatti gi i tano'an-ña Guahan. She/He came back to her/his homeland Guam.

**Katsa** - dressed up (as in really dressed up).

Ha katsa gui gi i ha'änen umasâguan i hagâ-ña. She dressed up for her daughter's wedding day.

**Kahâya** -at peace, at ease

Man kahâya i manggâfa anai mattu tatti safu i guinaiyan-ñiha ginen ume'guihan taddong tâsi. The family felt at peace when their loved one came back safe from deep sea fishing.

**Kayao** - calm

Yanggen kayao i manglo' ayu na ta fanhanao guatu gi i gima'-ta. When the wind subsides, we will then go to our home.

**Manman** - amazed, surprised, astonished.

Manmanman i mañaina-ña nu i minalate'-ña. Her parents were amazed at her brilliance.

**Matâla'** - open, open minded

Libiâno ma kuentuse sa' matâla' gui'. She is easy to talk to because she is open-minded.

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