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FIRST PROGRAM ARTICULATION BETWEEN GCC AND UOG

Effective immediately, students who earn their AA in Liberal Studies at GCC will have fulfilled their UOG General Education requirements at GCC and can now transfer their entire degree over to UOG to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences. These students will enter UOG with a junior class standing to complete course and baccalaureate requirements. Prior

to this agreement, articulation between the two institutions has been on a course-by-course basis.

"We are pleased that our Liberal Studies program, which aims to provide students with the means to engage in critical insight, reasoning, mature judgment and independent thinking, is now a bridge for them to pursue further postsecondary education over

at UOG. This type of articulation between two fully accredited institutions is a major milestone for our students and our island workforce," said Dr. Ray Somera, GCC's Academic Affairs VP.

Somera noted that several other program-to-program articulation agreements are also being discussed with UOG.

Details of the GCC AA Liberal Studies to UOG BA IAS degree are available now on the GCC website under Majors/Programs – Liberal Studies, at <http://www.guamcc.edu/Runtime/aaLiberalStudies.aspx>, and will be available in the Academic Year 2013-2014 catalogs of both institutions.



GCC WOMEN AWARDED BWOY SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to students Ha'ane-Joy San Nicolas, Floregine delaCruz and Ageline Sahagun, who each were awarded Businesswoman of the Year scholarship money this semester by First Hawaiian Bank and Guam Business magazine. They are shown here with, far left, Lynn Manalo of First Hawaiian Bank, Maureen Maratita, publisher of Glimpses/Guam Business, and President Okada.

**FROM THE
PRESIDENT**



MEET THE PRESIDENT

Students brought up having the Student Lounge, computer lab and the LRC be open longer, campus parking issues, the possibility of having classes on Friday, campus safety, and many other issues during their two sessions with President Okada on Oct. 1 and 2. For her part, President Okada discussed with them GCC's reaffirmation of accreditation, the new Foundation Building and the next wave of construction projects on campus, the College's financial status, and sustainability. All in all a productive two sessions in which the students and the president of the college got to know each other a little better – always a good thing!



A belated Happy Halloween to all of you, and a Happy Thanksgiving! It's hard to believe, but fall semester 2012 is winding down. We certainly got a lot of work done, though, from our first articulation agreement with UOG with our Liberal Studies program (congratulations to Dr. Gina Tudela, Dr. Ray and those who have worked so hard to bring this to fruition), to some very successful service learning activities, to a golf tournament on a beautiful Saturday early this month. Welcome on board (literally!) to our new student trustee, James Pangelinan, and congratulations to our Businesswoman of the Year Scholarship winners Ha'ane-Joy San Nicolas, Floregine delaCruz and Ageline Sahagun. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting with several hundred students during Meet the President this month, as they gave me some new ideas and thoughts about changes that need to take place on campus. We also had our very productive Joint Leadership meeting with faculty regarding budget and planning issues. All of these meetings and this collaboration serves to make us a more cohesive, more responsive institution that really focuses on educational and workforce needs in our community. Keep up the great work, everyone. And thanks to all who dressed up for our annual Halloween parade! Biba GCC!

**NEW BOT
STUDENT TRUSTEE**

Congratulations to James Pangelinan for his swearing in by Board Chair Deborah Belanger on October 10th as the new Student Trustee on the GCC Board of Trustees. GCC students elected James, a sophomore in the Liberal Studies program, to serve as Student Trustee during GCC's Fall Festival in September.



FROM THE ALO'S DESK



Dr. Ray Somera, President Okada, and Erica Lacro, Chancellor of Honolulu Community College

DR. RAY SOMERA VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

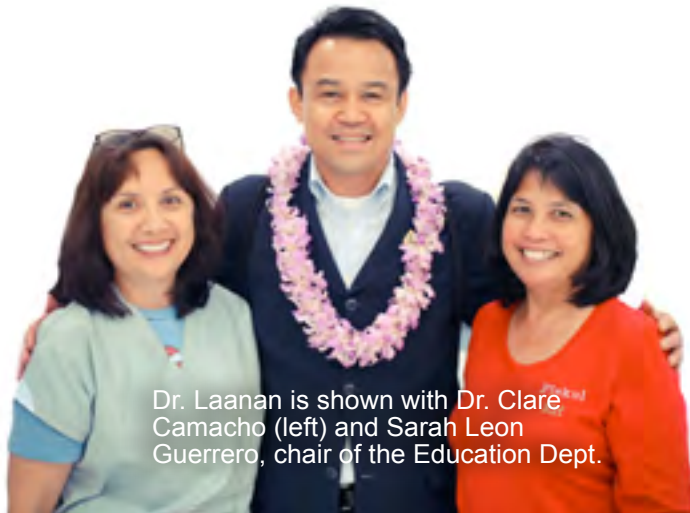
Many of you know that President Okada and I led an accreditation team for a community college in Honolulu this month. She was the team chair and I was her assistant. Our visiting team comprised of two (2) CEOs, four (4) vice presidents/vice chancellors, two (2) faculty, one (1) dean, one (1) board member, and one (1) librarian for a total of 11 peer evaluators from Guam and California community colleges under ACCJC. It was, to say the least, a very valuable and eye-opening experience. I share with you the following observations from which we, as an institution that has been continuously accredited since 1979, can learn and benefit.

- We cannot underestimate the importance of an Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) as being central to the management of the accreditation process. It is therefore critical to put in place an ALO succession planning process for purposes of continuity and stability of the process.
- First team impressions last, and it becomes very difficult to shatter those first impressions. The Self Evaluation Report should be well written and vetted by a campus process that requires participation by all constituents; evidence should be hyperlinked, checked and validated carefully. If a report lacks these characteristics, it leaves a lasting impression of the college being unprepared.
- No amount of preparation can replace the very important faculty support of the accreditation process. If there is no collective understanding of assessment apparent among faculty, evidence presented will always be regarded with suspicion.
- There must be widespread understanding of what the report and the visit mean to the whole institution. Without this campus knowledge, the team will always feel that not everyone on campus is on the same page regarding certain processes and expectations of the team and the Commission.
- An accreditation team is a very complex dynamic. Members develop their own impressions, perceptions, and subsequent conclusions about the level of compliance or non-compliance of a college. This was very apparent at the team deliberations when it was time to make a recommendation about the result of our comprehensive site visit. This provided me with critical insights about the continuous process of accreditation visit preparation that should occur on any campus – including our own!

JOINT LEADERSHIP SESSION



On October 5, GCC faculty and administrators met to discuss financial and academic issues in a productive manner that leads to the improvement of our product for our students and for the community!



Dr. Laanan is shown with Dr. Clare Camacho (left) and Sarah Leon Guerrero, chair of the Education Dept.

EDUCATION CON-BOO-CATION!

Not all was scary on Oct. 31. GCC's Education Dept. invited 109 students to its annual Education Convocation in the MPA. Dr. Frank Laanan, Dean of UOG's School of Education, was the inspirational guest speaker. The convocation is designed to inform students about the field of education and opportunities they will gain with an associate degree, certificate, or transfer over to UOG for a baccalaureate degree.

UPCOMING AT GCC

- NOV. 16 GCC THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON
- NOV. 17 RACE FOR SCHOLARSHIP 5K RUN/WALK ON CAMPUS
(HOSTED BY GCC SM STUDENTS)
- NOV. 30 GCC FOUNDATION WINE-TASTING
- DEC. 6 GCC EMPLOYEES' CHRISTMAS PARTY 6:00 PM WESTIN
- DEC. 13 PRACTICAL NURSING PINNING CEREMONY
- DEC. 28 GCC CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY/NEW YEAR'S LUNCHEON

COPSA, Assessment & Counseling, the Center for Student Involvement, and Project AIM all teamed up to offer postsecondary and adult high school students the annual "Building a Stronger Workforce" conference on October 12 at the Marriott. Over 100 students attended and learned about planning ahead, maintaining good credit, how to write a standout resume and give a great presentation, and more!

BUILDING A STRONGER WORKFORCE



CACGP EVENTS

The College Access program held its fall semester orientation for CACGP students and parents on Oct. 10 in the MPA. The orientation informs them of the educational services and benefits available under the program, and eligibility requirements.

Then on October 17, CACGP invited everyone back to the MPA for a free financial aid workshop designed to help students prepare for and be able to afford college, and to show students how they can earn college credits while still in high school.

SERVICE LEARNING BONE MARROW DRIVE DRAWS HUNDREDS!

As part of the service learning component of their SM220 class, students sponsored a "Cure for Kaila" bone marrow drive for Kaila Garrido on October 20 at the Agana Shopping Center. Kaila is a 16-year-old GW student who has severe aplastic anemia, and needs a bone marrow transplant to survive. GCC students got several hundred people to register to be possible donors.

HALLOWEEK SHORT STORY CONTEST WINNERS!

On October 30, the winners of GCC's annual Halloween Short Story contest received some awesome prizes for their creative stories. First prize, a Kindle HD, donated by Guam Orthopaedic Associates, went to Timo Carlos for his story, "Rebecca." Second place went to Raylani Meno for her story, "Becoming a Dragon," and third place went to Felix Calica for his story "Yellow Feather." Prizes for second and third place included gift certificates from Pika's Cafe, Proa Restaurant, National Office Supply, and GCC's Cosmetology Department. From left: Raylani Meno and Timo Carlos. Behind them: judges and organizers Tico Tenorio, Cathy Leon Guerrero, Simone Bollinger, and Tressa Dela Cruz. Special thanks to our sponsors and to the students who demonstrated such awesome creative writing skills and made this year's contest such a great success!



GCC IS THE BEST CHOICE

A young Chamorro woman who had been out of school for some time and is now a first-semester freshman in Prof. John Armstrong's Sociology class wrote a very poignant response to this midterm exam question:

Using the feminist theory, explain why most GCC students are women.

For the longest time, women were suppressed by men. They were never able to go to school, get jobs, etc. Their primary function in life was to be at home and take care of the children and the men. So now that women's rights have evolved, we're able to go to school, get a higher education, make careers for ourselves, and strive for equality. The reason why most GCC students are women is because GCC offers a great opportunity to make up for all the wrongs in the past, and at a cheaper price compared to UOG (because women fare less than men). GCC offers programs that are work-based, like the nursing program. I know for a fact that most of the nursing students here are female. Women here want to start their careers already, and GCC is the best choice.

CASTRO, BARNES TAKE TOP HONORS AT PAR EXCELLENCE

The rains parted on Saturday October 6 down at the Onward Talofoto Golf Club to help the team of Mike Castro and Jake Barnes win the GCC Foundation Par Excellence Golf Tournament. The annual tournament raises funds for scholarships for students and CIP projects for the college. From left: Lorraine Okada, GCC Foundation Board Chair, Mike Castro, Jake Barnes, and President Okada.



The winners are show in the photo below with, left, Lorraine Okada, GCC Foundation Board Chair, Mike Castro, Jake Barnes, and President Okada.

GCC FOUNDATION PAR EXCELLENCE GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS

- 1ST PLACE: : Mike Castro and Jake Duenas, gross 64; net 68.8
- 2ND PLACE: : Lina Rojas and Redge Camacho, gross 70; net 70
- 3RD PLACE: : John Quinata and Cobe Barnes, gross 69; net 70.2
- LOWEST GROSS TEAM: : Hank Mesa and Joe Uncangco, gross 65.
- HIGHEST GROSS TEAM: : Joe Pablo and Jeffery Garcia; gross 100.
- CLOSEST TO THE PIN: : Cobe Barnes and John Quinata





WESTERN VISAYAS SCHOLARSHIP DONATION

On October 30, Lino Escalona, founding president of the Western Visayas College of Science and Technology Alumni Association on Guam; Micki Lonsdale, GCC Financial Aid Officer; Lolita Reyes, GCC Asst. Director, Development & Alumni Relations; Fe Napalan, Western Visayas board member; and Al Siaoang, Western Visayas centennial president, gathered at GCC for Western Visayas' annual contribution to the GCC Foundation. Escalona, Napalan and Siaoang donated a check for \$600 to the Foundation for student scholarships. 2012 marks the 20th year for the Western Visayas Alumni Association on Guam.

TAKECARE DONATES ANOTHER \$100K

GCC's Allied Health program received another \$100,000 donation from TakeCare Asia on September 28. This is the fourth consecutive year that TakeCare officials have presented GCC with this sizable donation, which supports the College's Practical Nursing and Medical Assisting programs through scholarships and the purchase of equipment and materials.



DUSIT THANI TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR GCC STUDENTS

On October 2, President Okada and GCC Tourism Department chair Norman Aguilar were invited to the Outrigger Guam Resort to witness the signing of an agreement between Tanota Partners and the famous Thai hotel chain Dusit Thani. Dusit has expressed interest in helping to train GCC tourism students at its new hotel. L to r: Norman Aguilar, GCC President Okada, Mr. Chanin Donovanik of Dusit Thani, and Donna Baker of Tanota Partners. On a related note, Mr. Aguilar gave a presentation at the Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association meeting on October 18, highlighting the GCC Tourism and Culinary Arts programs, in honor of upcoming Restaurant Month.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

GCC employees dressed for the occasion on Halloween and paraded around the parking lot before having a pot luck breakfast in the rotunda. We were visited by witches, a gift-wrapped present, a gypsy, a schoolgirl, a group of not-so-very-talented singing nuns and a priest, and many more. Congratulations to all who dressed up! Biba GCC!!!!



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Malago' i Kulehon Kumunidat Guahan mandiseha
gi i empleao
siha un Minagof yan Biba Kompliaños para
Oktobri 2012!

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

October 2012

Sandy Balbin
Emma Bataclan
Eric Chong
Donna Cruz
Evangeline Cruz
Mark Eclavea
Christie Ginson
Tamara Hiura
Joanne Ige

Jo Nita Kerr
Steve Lam
Amada Manzana
Edgar Masnayon
Christine Matson
Genevieve Mesa
Marlene Mesa
Rose Marie Nanpei
Lyndon Pajarillo

Patricia Palacios
Vincent Paulus
Robin Roberson
Karen Sablan
Frank Salas
Dana Santiago
Benjamin Sison
Kenneth Terlaje
Albert Toves

Biba yan Minagof Ha'änen Baregu!

Sinangan Siha para Octobri/Fanggualo'

October Chamorro Phrases



Kao siña umali'e' hit pã'go?

How can I see you today?

Amãnu nai gaige i ma'gãs-mu?

Where is your boss?

Adahi na ti un na'fañaonao siha.

Be sure to include them.

Kao siña un ágang siha?

Can you call them?

Kao siña un hakudi i mangékefanungo' siha?

Can you help the students?

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