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GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE PDF NEWSLETTER

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CAMPUS HAPPENINGS • PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • UPCOMING

**FALL ENROLLMENT  
NEAR RECORD!**



Enrollment for fall semester 2012 at GCC is at 2,546 students – only 10 fewer (less than a one percent decrease) than Fall 2011's all-time high of 2,556 students. The fall 2012 enrollment number includes 906 new freshmen, or 36 percent of the total student population. This steady enrollment figure is the culmination of five years of unprecedented growth in student population for the college: Since 2007, GCC's enrollment has increased by a total of 41 percent!

"We are proud that our students continue to show faith in GCC's ability to provide them with the education and skills they need to be competitive in today's increasingly technological workforce," said Dr. Mary Okada, GCC President. "We feel that with the addition of our new and updated facilities and programs, and our successful reaffirmation of accreditation this summer, we are providing them with an institution they can be proud to attend." Students are also maintaining a steady course load, taking an average number of 3.32 courses this semester, which is virtually the same number (3.31) that they took in Fall 2011.

Hundreds of students were joined by faculty, staff, administrators, and guests during the GCC annual Fall Festival, held in front of the Student Center on Sept. 20. GCC's 19 student organizations hosted food booths and more, and 720 students cast ballots for the Board of Trustees student representative. Congratulations to new BOT Student Trustee James Pangelinan!



**FALL  
FESTIVAL**



# FROM THE PRESIDENT

September was a very busy month for us, probably because our enrollment is still hovering around record levels! Congratulations to all on a wonderful Labor Day Picnic gathering and a great Fall Festival. I love to see our new Student Center abuzz with activity, and our 19 student organizations hosted a great event for hundreds of students, faculty, staff, administrators and guests on Sept. 20. It is wonderful to see our students involved in service learning activities such as the Coastal Cleanup, conducting inventory for the Girl Scouts, our ProStart students preparing meals for visiting military, and our faculty conducting workshops like the Time to Sign training. Also check out the impressive numbers from our high school program's Summer Work Experience, and how impressed USDA Hawaii State Director Chris Kanazawa was with our new Foundation Building and the rest of our campus upgrades. We're not done yet, and it is all for the benefit of our students, our faculty, and the community. All of your activities and contributions are proof indeed that GCC delivers!

## USDA TOUR OF FOUNDATION BUILDING

"This project supports President Obama's initiatives for job creation, sustainability, and education," said USDA Hawaii State Director Chris Kanazawa after his tour of the renovated Foundation Building with President Okada and USDA Area II Guam Director Joe Diego on Sept. 12. "Plus, it's a beautiful building," Kanazawa said.

USDA loaned GCC \$3.5 million for the renovations. The Foundation Building originally opened in 1991 and housed the College library and classrooms. A new LEED-certified Learning Resource Center replaced the old library in December 2011, and the newly renovated Foundation Building, which is also slated for LEED certification, opens Nov. 5.

## GCC RECEIVES NRA GRANT

In an effort to make the GCC Firing Range environmentally safe, the College applied for and in September received \$5,000 in range grant funding from the NRA to support the cost of lead reclamation and mitigation. This cost will cover the lead testing, abatement and mitigation of lead needed to protect range users, staff and the public. The entire project cost is estimated to cost \$10,000, and the U.S. EPA has agreed to provide matching funding to the NRA grant to support the project.



## FROM THE ALO'S DESK...

### DR. RAY SOMERA VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

During the ACCJC public hearing on the Accreditation Standards last September 24 at the Honolulu Community College campus, President Okada, Dr. Gina Tudela, Dr. Clare Camacho, and I represented the College. It was the last of a series of public hearings by the Commission in an attempt to get public input about the 10-year old Standards with which we are now dealing. The revised standards are expected to be released sometime in AY 2013. The feedback we got was that this hearing was the most substantive and most informative of all three hearings held.

Following are excerpts from Pres. Okada's testimony before the Commission, prepared for her by the Standard chairs and myself:

With regard to suggested changes to the accreditation standards and process, GCC recommends that the concept of serving learning or civic engagement be added to existing standards. Institutions should play a role in inculcating civic citizenship and social consciousness in the young students they serve so that they can later play a role in building their communities as productive citizens. Also, the accreditation process should seek more representation of faculty from Pacific Colleges on evaluation teams. When a faculty member participates as a member of an accreditation team, the member's College reaps great benefits with regard to its own preparation for accreditation, as many Colleges utilize faculty members as key personnel in the self-evaluation and writing of the report.

When visiting team members receive a concern during a site visit, they should investigate the accuracy or validity of the concern prior to including it in the final report. The CEO must be thoroughly briefed about this concern so that, if necessary and appropriate, the CEO can point the team to certain evidence that needs to be explored further.

Consider incentivizing colleges that successfully address all the recommendations by the midyear report by giving the college an additional two (2) or four (4) more years, if they validate the college's success at midpoint. Total years of reaffirmation would therefore become 8 or 10 years, instead of the usual 6.



## STUDENT ORGS INDUCTION CEREMONY

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GCC's 19 student organizations held their induction ceremony on Sept. 7 in the MPA and participated in leadership training conducted by the Council on Post Secondary Student Affairs (COPSA). Congratulations to all the new Student Org members!





# MORE FROM FALL FESTIVAL!



# ENJOYING THE LABOR DAY PICNIC

GCC employees got together for the annual GovGuam Labor Day Picnic at Ypao Beach on Sept. 2. Congratulations to the table-setting crew of Liz Aquino, Clare Camacho, Ana Cruz, Ely Damian, Liz Duenas, Mina Sablan, Apol San Nicolas, and Rose Siguenza, who assembled a stunning table that earned GCC third place in the table-setting competition, and to the Finance & Administration division for hosting a successful picnic spread!



## PROJECT HATSA COMPLETERS

20 people completed the initial cohort of Project HATSA (Helping Achieve TANF Success through Actions), a federally funded grant project conducted by GCC and DPHSS. Project HATSA's goal is to build skills necessary for TANF recipients to increase their marketability, namely in the construction trades industry. The mostly female participants first completed a soft skills work readiness workshop, and then learned basic construction skills, heavy equipment operation, and blueprint reading. Finally, participants completed 120 hours of internship with licensed contractors in order to utilize their new skills. At least two of the participants were hired with the companies at which they interned!



## TIME TO SIGN TRAINING

GCC's Education Dept. hosted Time to Sign trainings on Sept. 1 and 8 for day care center caregivers, in-home providers and foster families through DPHSS funding. Participants learned over 100 signs useful for young children in their care.



## PRACTICAL NURSING STUDENTS ASSIST AT CANCER CONFERENCE

GCC Practical Nursing students assisted at the 2012 Pacific Cancer Convention from Sept. 28 – 30 at the Hyatt Regency Guam. The students are pictured here with Dr. Tom Shieh, one of the conference organizers.



# COASTAL CLEANUP

The annual International Coastal Cleanup on Sept. 15 saw GCC students, faculty and staff out en force at Pago Bay and Tagachang Beach. Phi Theta Kappa members and GCC Ecowarriors led the GCC coalition!





**GROW, GREEN, GIVE**  
**3rd Workplace Giving Campaign**  
*October 2011 - September 2012*



**\$21,825**

**\$17,375**

**\$15,575**

**\$7,325**

**\$5,800**

**\$2,200** *Our Measure of Success!*

*Our 3rd Annual Workplace Giving Campaign exceeded last year's campaign pledges of \$20,930.40! This year, we had a 21% participation rate, with an overall pledge of \$21,825.*

*Congratulations to our Employees!*

*You can make a difference in the lives of our students by contributing to our 4th Annual Workplace Giving Campaign today.*

*Contact the Development & Alumni Relations Office at 735-5611/5554/5516 for more information.*

# ACCOUNTING STUDENTS ASSIST GIRL SCOUTS

AC211 students again assisted the Guam Girl Scouts with their annual inventory on Sept. 28. This is the 5th year for this GCC service learning project! Student Jessica Wochner wrote of the experience: "I greatly enjoyed our service learning project at the Guam Girl Scouts. Counting the inventory related straight back to the chapter we are working on in class. I've already had a great deal of experience handling perpetual inventory systems with working retail in the states, but it was great to see it on a smaller scale and make sure I had a good understanding of how everything effects the overall accounting equation for a business."

# SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE REPORT

The 2012 GCC CTE High School Summer Work Experience program had a total of 152 participants, with 132 completers (87% completion rate). Eight out of ten CTE programs were represented in the program, and 38 companies participated. The top training sites (employers) were City Hill (Guam Plaza, JP Superstore, Tarza) – 20 trainees; Hyatt Regency Guam – 17 trainees; and Westin Resort Guam – 14 trainees.

<p>.....</p> <p><b>2012</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>GWHS</b>            12</p> <p><b>JFKHS</b>            22</p> <p><b>OHS</b>                51</p> <p><b>SHS</b>                11</p> <p><b>SSHS</b>              74</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>TOTAL</b>            170</p> <p>.....</p>	<p><b>AUTOMOTIVE</b>        7</p> <p><b>ELECTRONICS</b>      10</p> <p><b>MARKETING</b>        32</p> <p><b>HEALTHED.</b>         7</p> <p><b>PROSTART</b>          29</p> <p><b>LMP</b>                 78</p> <p><b>ECE</b>                 1</p> <p><b>CONSTRUCTION</b>    6</p> <p><b>VISCOM</b>             0</p> <p><b>AUTOCAD</b>            0</p> <p><b>TOTAL</b>              170</p>
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**SSHS  
PROSTART  
FEEDS  
MILITARY  
VISITORS**

ProStart students at Simon Sanchez High School prepared and served a 3-course meal for 17 visiting military personnel of USS Bonhomme Richard on Sept. 28. The gourmet menu consisted of Fresh Green Salad with Finadene Vinaigrette, Oven BBQ Soy-Lemon Chicken served with Chamorro Red Rice Pilaf and Guam Style Ratatouille, and for dessert, Banana Lumpia in Salted Caramel Vanilla and Raspberry Sauce. YUM!!!





# GW GRADS EARN NAT'L CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATES

Eight 2012 GWHS graduates visited their alma mater on Sept. 12 to get their National Career Readiness Certificates, earned this past spring semester when they took the GCC WorkKeys skills assessment test. The Guam Chamber of Commerce paid \$25 of the \$56 cost for each student's test. Chamber President David Leddy explained that the Chamber sees WorkKeys "as a creative way to help get our young people equipped with the skills needed to be part of a ready workforce." The CEWD Office has also introduced WorkKeys to JFK high school, and students at Simon Sanchez are currently being introduced to KeyTrain. Okkodo and Southern are next!

# SOBA NIGHT!

Members of the Guam Chapter of the American Association of University Women donned kimonos for their Soba Night fundraiser in the Multipurpose Auditorium on Sept. 14. Many GCC employees and students supported the effort, enjoying the delicious Japanese fare prepared by our Culinary Arts students!



# RAPIDS TRAINING

Terry Guerrero, GCC Apprenticeship admin assistant, shows Kimberlee Fejeran, HR manager at Cabras Marine, how to access the "Registered Apprentice Partnership in Data Systems," the federal government's way of tracking apprentices in GCC's Apprenticeship program. Cabras Marine is one of 100 GCC apprenticeship partners.



## IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 2-3	CTE Conference
Nov. 5	Foundation Building Ribbon Cutting
Nov. 16	GCC Thanksgiving luncheon MagPro awards (GCC has 18 nominations!)
Nov. 17	GCC Supervision & Mgmt 5K
Nov. 30	GCC Foundation Wine-Tasting
Dec. 6	GCC Adults Christmas Party 6 PM Westin
Dec. 13	PN Pinning Ceremony
Dec. 28	GCC Children's Christmas Party/New Year's luncheon

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Kulehon Kumunidat Guahan mandiseha  
gi i empleao siha un  
Minagof yan Biba Kompliaños para  
Septembre 2012!**

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

September 2012

**Catherine Anderson  
Kimberly Bautista  
Joanne Blas  
Amanda Castro  
Steve Cheipot  
Vera De Oro  
Gene Dydasco**

**Winona Flores  
Carol Guerrero  
Jose Munoz  
Nenita Perez  
Jaclyn Quan  
Joseph Quichocho  
Priscilla Rideb**

**Tanya-Marie Santos  
James Tabunar  
Carl Torres II  
Calvin Toves  
John Zilian**

**Minagof Ha'anen Humotnat! - Happy Labor Day!**

## Sinangan Siha para Septiembre/Lumamlam September Chamorro Phrases



**Håyi un inagang?**

Who will call you?

**Bai hu ågang hao?**

I will call you?

**Tumaimanu i hinanao-mu?**

How was the trip?

**Kao maleffa hao nu i inali'e'-ta?**

Did you forget our appointment?

**Suménmaleffa yu'/Maléffafa yu'.**

I totally forgot.

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