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Guam Community College PDF Newsletter

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**Mission:** Guam Community College is a leader in career and technical workforce development, providing the highest quality student-centered education and job training for Micronesia.

## Record number graduate from GCC!



GCC conferred a record 402 degrees, certificates, and/or diplomas upon 384 graduates at the UOG Field House on May 16.

“We are especially proud of this year’s record number of graduates, due to the high number of associate degrees and certificates being awarded. This signifies that more of our students are completing their degrees and either getting out into the workforce or continuing on with their postsecondary education,” said Dr. Mary Okada, GCC president.

The 2014 Most Distinguished Graduate was Victoria Lizama, who earned an AS in Early Childhood Education. “The instructors at GCC are very inspiring. Whatever they taught us, they also

modeled,” said Lizama, who plans to continue her education at UOG and become an elementary education or special education teacher.

Graduating as Distinguished Graduate with an AS in Medical Assisting was Stephanie Wiley, who plans to get a job in the medical profession and eventually pursue a nursing degree at UOG.

This year’s Most Distinguished Alumni Award was presented during the commencement to Joseph Champaco Quitano, Senior Master Sergeant, U.S. Air Force (Retired). Quitano is a 1980 graduate of GCC’s Voc-Tech High School. The Commencement Speaker was Edgar Yanger, Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.), a 1975 graduate of the Guam Vocational Technical High School.

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**From the President... Dr. Mary A.Y. Okada**



We have a lot to be proud of this month at GCC. We had the highest number of graduates we've ever had – and most of them earning postsecondary degrees. This signifies that more of our students are completing their degrees and either getting out into the workforce or continuing on with their postsecondary education, which means we are doing our job! Also, congratulations to the SSHS ProStart team for winning their 2nd consecutive national championship! Our CTE programs in the high schools are flourishing, graduating students with certificates, and getting them into our postsecondary programs – yet another great job! We also awarded the most scholarships we've ever awarded at one time thanks to APIASF, opened another Community Access Point, and networked our KYGU students with employers to get them jobs when they finish our program. Although we may have had some challenges, I appreciate and applaud everyone for keeping his or her focus on our mission. It shows in all of the above, and for that, I am very proud of and grateful to all who work at GCC. Faculty, have a great summer, and we'll see you at Convocation in August.

**18 students awarded APIASF scholarships!**

On May 2 in the rotunda of the Learning Resource Center, GCC handed out its largest scholarship amount ever to the largest single group of recipients in the college's history, when 18 students were awarded a \$2,500 scholarship each from the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund.



"I'm very excited that so many of you received this scholarship. Often, we have scholarship money that goes unrewarded because students do not apply for it. We are very grateful to APIASF for this opportunity for all of you," Dr. Okada told the students.

**Anderson sworn in as new BOT student rep**

Elmarie Anderson was sworn in as the Student Member on the GCC Board of Trustees by Board Chair Deborah Belanger on May 14. Elmarie first attended GCC as an Adult High School student and served as Public Relations Officer and Treasurer for the Adult High School Student Organization. After receiving her diploma in 2012, she immediately began pursuing her AA in Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences. She held several COPSA positions before being elected by the student body during Spring Festival to serve as BOT rep for the 2014-2015 academic year. Elmarie's goal is to continue her education at a four year institution and obtain a Bachelor's degree in biology.



**From the ALO's desk...Dr. Ray Somera, AVP**

This year's graduation, in my estimation, was our smoothest one yet. Not to mention, as the president has noted, that it was our largest graduating class to date. That is quite a milestone for GCC, and further proof of our commitment to our mission. Our new gonfalons added to the pomp and circumstance of the ceremony as well. Have a great summer, everyone, whether you are still working on campus or taking a vacation. Safe travels, and we will see you all back here at Convocation on Monday, August 11, at 4:00 P.M. in the MPA, refreshed and ready to continue and improve upon our mission as the leader of career and technical workforce development for Guam and Micronesia. Biba GCC!



**Manglona, Mafnas join Guam Nurse Honor Society**



Congratulations to Dee Manglona, RN, Allied Health Dept. chair, and Barbara Mafnas, BSN, Medical Assisting program director, for their induction into the Guam Nurses Honor Society on May 31, and congratulations to Barbara for her Honorary Nursing Practice in Nursing/Allied Health Education Award for "Exemplary Nursing Achievement" from the Guam Nurses Association.

**Project AIM awards**

The TRiO Project AIM program held its 20th annual award ceremony May 9 in the MPA. Congratulations to the 19 Project AIM graduates!



**PTK orientation/induction**

GCC's Beta Beta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for community colleges, held its induction and officer elections May 9, and on May 14 hosted a New Member Orientation. Thank you Glenn Mendoza, a fellow advisor from Heald College in Honolulu, for being the guest speaker. Congratulations to incoming AY 2014-15 PTK officers: President Christel Jessica Galang, Vice Pres. Jamn Nacpil, Secretary Jaena Sanchez, Treasurer Oran Hill, and Public Relations Officer Jeffrey Alano.





### Keep Your Guard Up Employer Match

On May 23, the Keep Your Guard Up program, GCC, and SHRM sponsored an “employer match” at the Outrigger Guam Resort, so that the more than 160 KYGU soldiers training at GCC would be able to meet potential employers and secure jobs upon the completion of their training. Thank you employers!



### KYGU EMT training

Students in the KYGU EMT training class practice techniques during a class in May. The KYGU program has over 150 veterans enrolled in eight career fields.



### Cars Plus visits KYGU automotive class



Thank you to Nate Taimanglo, Marketing/HR Manager; Albert Barretto, Service Director; and Jesse Munoz, Parts Manager from Cars Plus for visiting the GCC Keep Your Guard Up automotive classes on May 29 looking for employees. Your support is awesome!

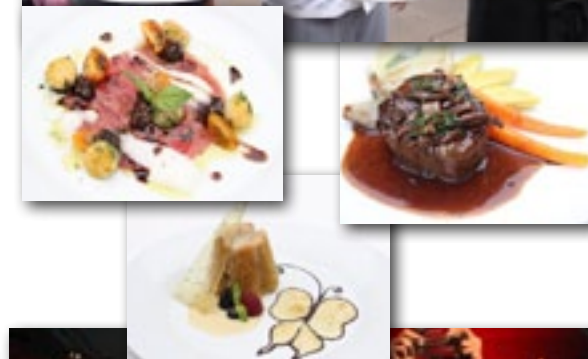
### Tamuning CAP opens

Tamuning villagers looking to upgrade their employability skills can now avail themselves of KeyTrain, the free training component of WorkKeys, thanks to a CAP opened by GCC’s CEWD office on May 28 at the Tamuning Mayor’s Office. CAPS are a partnership between GCC, the Guam Contractor’s Association, the Guam Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor’s Council of Guam.



### GRMC Job Fair at Allied Health Dept.

34 GCC students got the opportunity to interview for jobs at the new Guam Regional Medical City on their own turf when the Guam Regional Medical Center held a job fair at the AALG Allied Health Center on May 2. GRMC officials were not only looking to hire medical personnel from GCC’s Practical Nursing and Medical Assisting programs, but also, officials from the new hospital’s Human Resources, Marketing, Information Technology, and other departments were looking for potential employees from GCC’s student population.



### SSHS ProStart team: 2x nat’l champions!

The GCC CTE ProStart team from Simon Sanchez High School so impressed the judges at the National ProStart Invitational in Minneapolis on May 3-5 that they took top honors for the 2nd year in a row! Even more amazing: their 3-member team out-cooked 42 other teams that had four or five members each.

“Definitely, I couldn’t imagine winning one championship. Winning a second time is unbelievable,” said senior MacDaniel Dimla, team captain and the only returning member from last year’s championship team. Junior Abigail Pineda and sophomore Rhozlyn Javier are the other two members of this year’s top team.

“It’s amazing, that’s all I can say,” said Vicky Schrage, SSHS ProStart instructor for now TWO championship teams. “But I want to stress that this is a team effort.”

“We’re putting Guam on the map here,” said mentor chef Chef Peter Duenas of Meskla Restaurant and current MCA president.

“There is absolutely no question about the caliber of our Culinary Arts program,” said Norman Aguilar, Tourism Dept. chair. “We have dedicated students, fantastic instructors, five-star mentor chefs that spend a lot of time with these students, and great support from the MCA and Guam’s hotels. Thank you to everyone who helped get them here!”

Dimla graduates this year and plans to attend the Culinary Institute of America in Napa Valley, California - the Harvard of culinary schools, according to Schrage.

### 2nd Teen CERT for SSHS/OHS



24 CTE students from SSHS LMP, ProStart and Marketing and OHS LMP completed their Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training on May 3 at Guam Homeland Security in Agana Heights. These students learned emergency preparedness, search and rescue, and basic first aid. This was the second Teen CERT on island.

### SSHS grads w/ stackable credentials



Victor Rodgers, CEWD asst. director, and Dr. Juan Flores, TPS dean, presented National Career Readiness Certificates and American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute’s LMP-HTMP certificates to Eric Chong’s 22 graduating SSHS seniors on May 30.



## Education Dept. presents training on using recyclables to teach youngsters

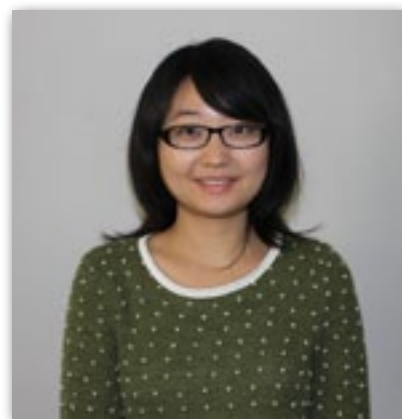


The Education Department hosted the Homemade Learning Creations on May 17 at the MPA for caregivers. Focus of the training was on using recyclable materials and supplies and other simple, cheap materials to create homemade devices that are safe, effective, fun, and provide quality learning experiences for young children. Caregivers had fun using boxes, water bottles, egg cartons, toilet tissue and paper towel rolls to create fine and gross motor activities for young children. Education also provided training for caregivers on Working with Challenging Behaviors on May 31, focusing on using appropriate language, interaction, and techniques to manage challenging behaviors of young children, including teaching mindfulness to young children, and the use, misuse and abuse of time-out.

## Zhi awarded JAL scholarship to study in Japan

Jennifer Zhi, a student in GCC's IAS program, was awarded the first Japan Airlines Scholarship given to a GCC student to study in Japan for three weeks. Her Japanese teacher, Doreen Blas, encouraged her to apply for the scholarship.

"I feel very excited," Jennifer said of the opportunity. "It's not like a scholarship where they give you money, it's a real-life experience." She will attend workshops and student sessions and stay with a Japanese family for three weeks this summer. Jennifer is originally from China and moved to Guam in 2008. When she earns her AA in IAS from GCC, she plans to transfer to the University of Guam and study tourism or international business.



On behalf of Jennifer and GCC, **thank you JAL!**

## And thank you Fonterra!

Thank you Fonterra, New Zealand's largest dairy company, for donating 100 chef's coats and a scholarship package to GCC Culinary Arts students on May 19. The donation was made through Micronesian Brokers and in partnership with the Micronesian Chef's Association. Fonterra also recognized the two-time national champion SSS ProStart team at SSS on May 20.

## Notable!

- The Theater 101 class presented a spoof on melodramas, a performance of the reader's theater production, "Naomi of the Northern Lights," on May 1-2 at 8:00 P.M. in the MPA.
- The Ecowarriors participated in a much-needed clean-up behind Guam Memorial Hospital on May 3.
- Continuing Education & Workforce Development attended the GCA Industry Trade Fair on May 2-3.
- The Adult High School Program held its End of the Year banquet on May 10 in the MPA. Congratulations to Adrian Davis, an AHS student who was nominated as "Student of the Year.!"



## CACGP Senior Tour!

Nearly 200 seniors from all five of Guam's public high schools toured the GCC campus on May 8, courtesy of the GCC College Access Challenge Grant Program.

## Notable!

GCC CTE Visual Communications students from GWHS presented their Digital Media Campaign, "Create your Reality," to their classmates, friends and parents May 13-14 in the MPA from 8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. The presentation included testimonial from three Work Experience students and culminated in a music video.

GCC CTE students from Guam's public high schools competed in a Construction Rodeo sponsored by the Guam Contractors Association on May 3. Congratulations to the GW carpentry team for winning the first place, and to the Okkodo Electronics club for taking 3rd place. "I am so proud of my kids that this is the first time and we didn't have any ideas what to expect. We will participate again next year with proper prep!" said Okkodo advisor Rachel Lee.

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Mandiseha gi i Empleao siha un  
Minagof yan Biba Kompl' años!  
Måyu/Makmamao 2014

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

May 2014

**Norman Aguilar**  
**Vangie Aguon**  
**Jennifer Artero**  
**Danilo Bilong**  
**Toni Chamberlain**  
**Kathy Chargualaf**  
**Marilyn Concepcion**  
**Benny De Leon**  
**Derrick Kowalski**  
**Carlos Laguana**

**Troy Lizama**  
**John Payne**  
**Marsha Postrozny**  
**Benny Quenga**  
**Ben Rachielug**  
**Jo Rojas**  
**Anthony Sunga**  
**Renato Valenzuela**  
**Evon Wong**



## Trainings



### Non-violence training

Look out for Joann Muna, GCC's HR Administrator – she's tough! Seriously, GCC conducted non-violence in the workplace training on May 22 in the Student Center training room.

### Accommodative Services training

Training entitled: "Accommodations, Modifications, and Teaching Strategies for Instructing Students with Disabilities" happened on May 12 in the MPA, courtesy of the Office of Accommodative Services.

## Happy Retirement Lani!



Helen "Lani" Gamble retired on May 9 after nearly 23 years at GCC. She started off as a school aide in the former GCC Voc-Tech High School, then became an adjunct faculty, and then finally a full-time faculty member for the Tourism Department. She was also the beloved advisor to the Micronesian Students Association. We will miss you Lani!



### The view from the roof

From the roof of the currently-under-renovation Building 200, all four of GCC's new buildings are visible. Our campus is looking very nice! Building 200 is expected to be completed in late fall 2014.

## Upcoming at GCC

July 8 - Keep Your Guard Up Completion Ceremony, 3 PM at the Guam Guard Readiness Center

August 11 - Convocation 4 PM in the GCC MPA

Join the over 1,250 people who "like" us on  facebook at [www.guamcc.edu](http://www.guamcc.edu)!

## Sinangan Siha para Måyo/Makmamao

May 2014 Chamorro Phrases



Para bai en fumamåhan siya siha para i ufinina.

We are buying new chairs for the office.

Kao un tungo' amanu na gaige i Ufininan Alentos Guåhan?

Do you know where the Guam Energy Office is located?

Malago i Dipåtamenton Guåfen Guåhan ma usa i kuation para estudiante-ñiha.

GFD would like to use the classroom for their students.

Puno' i kandet put fabot anai humyong hao gi kuation.

Please turn off the lights when you leave the classroom.

Kao un pega tatte gi i saga-ña i fifunas yan i yesu?

Did you put the eraser and chalk back where it belongs?