

# CHACHALANI



Guam Community College PDF Newsletter

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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.

## CTE High school program three-peats!



**Sanchez ProStart team**



**Okkodo LMP team**

The Simon Sanchez High School ProStart team is off to nationals - again! Team captain MacDaniel Dimla and members Airen Magday, Angellica Sia and Leyann Lusung won the local ProStart title for the third year in a row on Feb. 8 in the MPA, earning them the right to represent Guam at the 12th Annual National ProStart Invitational Competition in Baltimore, Maryland, April 19-21.

“We’re excited – and nervous – again!” said Dimla, who served as an alternate last year. Vicky Schrage is the SSHS ProStart instructor, and Chef Peter Duenas, of Meskla Restaurant and Outdoor Chef fame, is the team’s mentor chef.

For the third year in a row, Okkodo High School’s LMP team has won the GCC CTE Lodging Management Program competition and is headed to nationals in Florida. This year, the team of Ranalou Sison, Royelle Carter, Christian Lubas and captain Flori Dela Cruz edged out a close second GW team.

“This year’s competition was so close – the teams just keep getting better and better,” said Norman Aguilar, GCC Tourism & Hospitality Dept. Chair.

In 2011, Okkodo won the national competition, and last year, they placed second. Evon Wong is the team’s instructor. Industry judges for the competition were Ele Magdael, Hotel Nikko Guam HR Training Manager; Thelma Hechanova, AFCEA Marianas board member; Mary Rhodes, GHRA president; and Sophia Chu, Hyatt Regency Guam Executive Asst. Manager of Sales and Marketing.

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## From the president...Mary A.Y. Okada, Ed.D.



As we monitor the federal sequestration and how it may affect us, I know we are all cognizant of how we spend our federal dollars and the effect it would have on our programs if the amount we receive were reduced. While some factors are completely out of our control, we do have control over monitoring our spending, being as frugal as possible with the money we do receive, and being as “sustainable” as we can possibly be with our utilities and supplies. I appreciate all the effort you put forth in that regard. On the positive front, discussions are underway for the A&E design for Building 100, so we can look forward to a new two-story building in that spot probably in 2014. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting with

our students during the two “Meet the President” sessions on Feb. 18 and 19. Hearing their concerns and ideas always inspires me to want to do more for them.

Congratulations to the Simon Sanchez and Okkodo high school teams for their respective “three-peats” in the ProStart and LMP competitions, and good luck at nationals! Also, thanks to all who came out to strut their stuff and support our “Parade of Shoes” GCC Foundation fundraiser! Check out the GCC women and their high heels on page 7!

### Students meet with Okada



On Feb. 18 & 19, GCC students met with President Okada in the MPA to learn about GCC’s enrollment, about the phase-out of late registration, future campus upgrades, sustainability (this fall, GCC will offer 3 courses developed by the Electronics Department: Intro to Renewable Energy, PV 1 and PV 2!), and GCC’s financial issues. Their concerns ranged from registration issues to parking to campus safety. A total of 272 students, faculty and staff attended the meetings.

### Fees public hearing



One student showed up to ask questions about a fee being implemented for one of his classes during the public hearings held on Feb. 4 & 5 regarding fees being implemented for several science, English, and criminal justice courses, and an increase in existing fees for a firearms course and the WorkKeys assessment test. The fees are in response to the increased cost of materials for these courses and for WorkKeys. Thanks to the faculty and deans who manned the hearing for two hours each evening in the Student Center training room!

## From the ALO’s Desk

Dr. R. Ray D. Somera  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Last February 19-21, I attended the Community College Conference on Learning Assessment, where I prepared a poster presentation entitled, “Before, During, and After an Accreditation Visit: Five Lessons and Insights.” Fresh from the experience of our March 2012 visit, I shared with my audience the triumphs and challenges of accreditation preparation, both from the logistical and the institutional perspectives. This conference, sponsored by Valencia College, allowed me to reflect on our visit experience. I found myself in the midst of the other 300 conference attendees who were all looking for contacts and valuable resources that could provide them with innovations and strategies in promoting student achievement and success, and came away with the following:



More thoughtful analysis of accreditation preparation issues with which other regional accrediting bodies such as HLC, SACS and North Central are being confronted;

More comprehensive knowledge of regional accrediting bodies (such as SACS) in terms of accreditation standards and other related issues;

An expanded circle of CAO colleagues in community colleges across the country who I can network and consult with when it comes to critical decision-making regarding academic innovations on campus; and

A goal to put GCC on the national assessment map in order to serve as a model for outstanding accreditation preparation in terms of three critical points: before, during, and after the visit!

## Message from Faculty Senate President

Hafa Adai GCC Faculty,

Thank you for all the work you have done this year. Please vote in the faculty elections that will take place April 26, and please remember to inform the Faculty Senate as to which committee you will be serving on next year. Please email this information to myself (jose.munoz@guamcc.edu) or Robin Roberson (robin.roberson@guamcc.edu) by April 30.

Thank you,  
Jose Munoz  
GCC Faculty Senate President &  
CJSS Department Chair



## CACGP hosts community forum & fair



CACGP hosted a Community Forum on Feb. 1 as a networking opportunity and follow up to CACGP's Community Partners Orientation held last November. According to Program Specialist Christine Sison, the purpose of the event was to further discuss with community partners the CACGP program services; the challenges facing target populations; and to link community resources to better serve clients that may qualify for both CACGP services and the services of the various organizations and government agencies that serve these target populations.

College Access and its community partners also hosted a Community Resources Fair on Feb. 23 at Micronesia Mall, in order to invite students and parents to learn about CACGP FREE services, admission and financial aid assistance, and community resources to help prepare for college, and about CACGP's FREE \$500-\$1,000 grant aid for college. A successful fair, as 127 students and parents signed up and 73 representatives from various organizations participated!



## PTK membership drive



The students of Phi Theta Kappa Beta Beta Xi, the GCC Chapter of the PTK national honor society for community colleges, held a membership drive on Feb. 13 in the Student Center, recruiting eight students to the prestigious organization!

## DECA Quiz Bowl

Southern High School's GCC CTE Marketing team of Brittany Muna, Mary Flores, Angie Untalan, and Michael Santos answered enough questions correctly during the DECA Quiz Bowl in the MPA on Feb. 1 to win the competition. The team, which also features Dariane Rosario and Natalie Baza, will also compete in the DECA State Event, where they have to perform in role-play events judged by local marketing professionals and take a comprehensive exam that tests their marketing knowledge and skills, in order to be able to attend the national DECA conference in California in April.



## Okkodo Marketing presentation



37 CTE Marketing students from Okkodo High School attended a free workshop conducted by Denise Hertslet from the Small Business Development Center on Feb. 26 in the Allied Health Lecture Hall 3120. The workshop helped prepare instructor Kathy Chargualaf's students for the Guam DECA State Event on March 7th. Hertslet focused on how to market your business and on creating the customer service experience. Afterward, the students toured KGTF.

## Japan Club calligraphy

The Japan CLUB invited the campus community to a Japanese calligraphy session on Feb. 28 in room A30. Those who attended used traditional Japanese brush and ink to create Japanese characters or their own design. Students also just stopped by to see the art in action!





## Senators tour campus during ethics training

Newly elected senators and returning members of the 32nd Guam Legislature attended an Ethics Training Course taught by former senator Dr. Judi Guthertz in GCC's Student Center Training Room on Feb. 7. (Dr. Guthertz conducted the session for free, and GCC donated use of the training room!) During their lunch break, GCC President Dr. Mary Okada gave the senators a brief tour of the GCC Student Center, LRC, and the new Foundation Building.



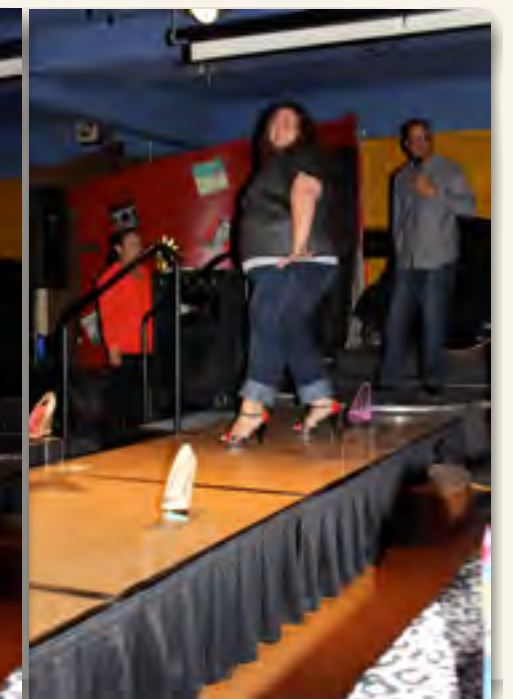
## Procurement training

GCC's Continuing Ed & Workforce Development Office started another session of its popular Procurement Training on Feb. 26. Taught by Attorney John Thomas Brown and Mr. Gerry Perez, the course provides an introduction to and understanding of the public procurement process, and the evolution of the complicated GovGuam procurement laws.

## GCC President's Parade of Shoes!



Quite a few ladies strutted their high heels for scholarships during the 2nd annual GCC Foundation's Parade of Shoes fundraiser on Feb. 8 at Riverside in Hagatna. Thank you to all who attended and supported the Foundation's scholarship fund. Special thanks to our wild and crazy winners: Therese Santos, Best Bombshell Bootie; Rose Marie Siguenza, Best Playful Pump; Dee Perez Damian, Best Scintillating Sandal; Regine Biscoe Lee, Best Sinful Stiletto; and Lolita Chan, Best Funky Footwear. Also, thanks to our judges: Ann Marie Muna, Speaker Judi Won Pat, Vice Speaker B.J. Cruz, and Shelly Calvo! And special mention to President Okada's husband David, and to his assistant, GCC adjunct instructor Art DeOro, for their crowd-pleasing comic relief in rain gear!





**Malago' i**  
**Kulehon Kumunidåt Guahån**  
**Mandiseha gi i empleao siha un Minagof yan Biba**  
**Kompli'åños para Febreru/Maimo 2013!**

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

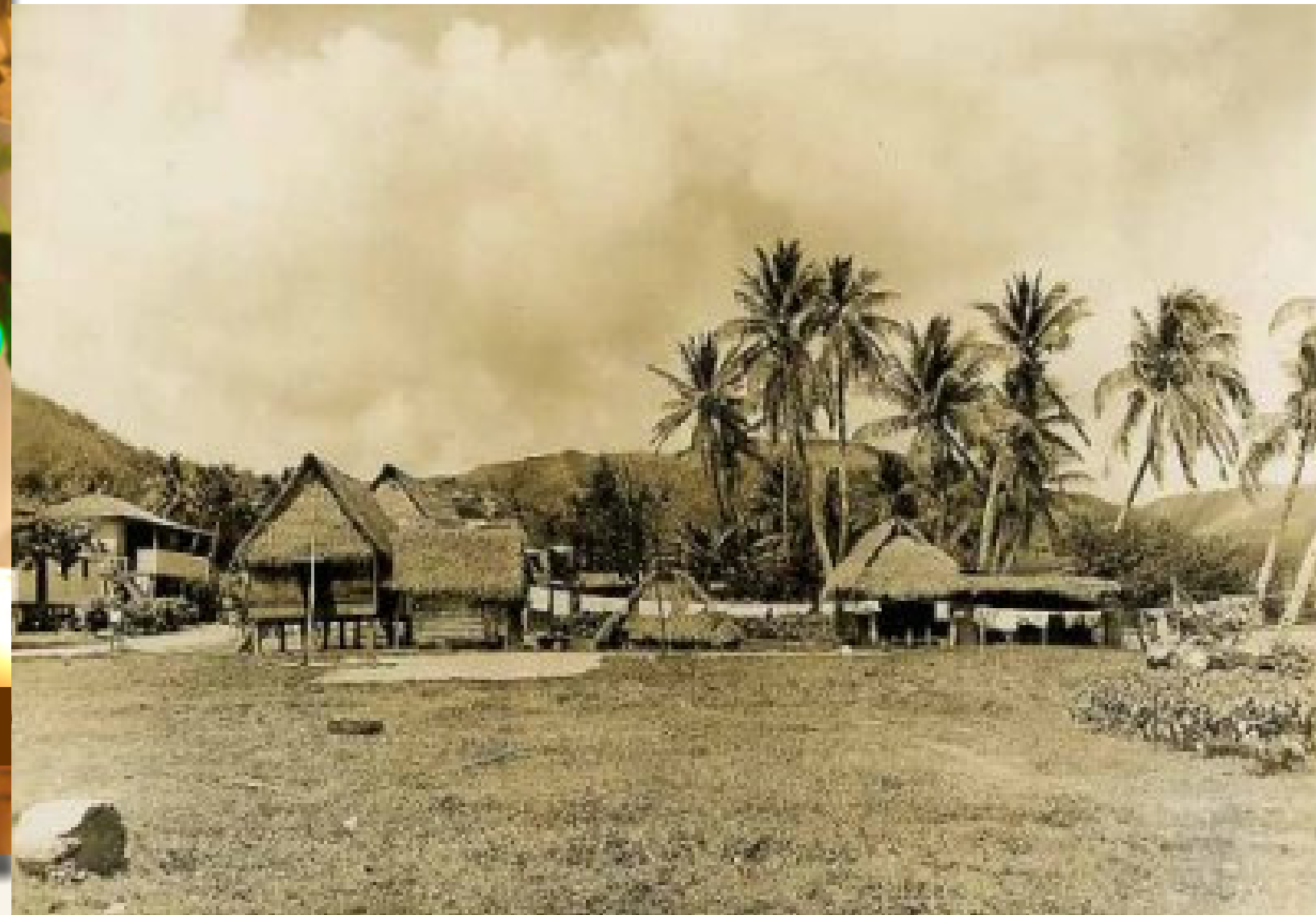
February 2013

Angela Bordallo  
 Antonia Cabatic  
 Sheena Camacho  
 Theresa Datuin  
 Margarita David  
 Kevin Dietrichs  
 James Fathal  
 Micki Lonsdale  
 Jose Lopez

Dorothy-Lou Manglona  
 John Quintanilla  
 Apolline San Nicolas  
 Linda Santos Torres  
 Juanita Sgambelluri  
 Yvonne Tam  
 Fredrick Tupaz  
 Jovita Valenzuela

**MINAGOF HA'ÅNEN UMAGUAIYA!**

**Sinangan Siha para Febreru/Maimo'**  
 February 2013 Chamorro Phrases



**Mark your Calendars:**

- March 22 – Math Kangaroo hosted by GCC Math & Science Dept.
- March 26 – Admin/Staff Professional Development Day
- April 3 – Culinary HS 246 Lunch Buffets start!
- April 5 – Accommodative Services training
- April 26 – CACGP campus tour for 250 high school seniors!
- May 17 – GCC Graduation!

**Gofmaolek na hinallom para ta na satbe salape!**

Excellent idea for saving money!

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**Ginen un finaloffan guatu gi un finaloffan ma mokkat gui para i eskuela.**

From time to time she/he would walk to school.

**Adahi i malolofan na kareta siha.**

Be careful of the passing cars.

**Maolek tutuhon para i tinituhon i sakkan!**

Great start for the new year!

**Ginen i Ofisinan Guinahan Cho'cho' Taotao**