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Guam Community College PDF Newsletter

Campus Happenings ❖ President's Message ❖ Upcoming Events

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.

Foundation Building is LEED Silver

The U.S. Green Building Council awarded LEED Silver certification to the renovated Foundation Building this month, and on April 29, GCC celebrated the designation. The Foundation Building's LEED features include photovoltaic (PV) panels on the roof, a rainwater catchment system, digital temperature controls, energy efficient lighting and windows, furniture made of recyclable materials, and tiles recycled from the original building. Fred Tupaz, BOT Faculty Advisory member, Ed Ilao, Foundation Board member, Dr. Okada, Lt. Gov. Tenorio, James Martinez, Foundation Board Sec., and Peter Calvo, Guam Energy Office director, unveiled the LEED plaque.



Students host candidate forums



As part of a class/service learning project, students in GCC's Supervision & Management program organized and hosted Republican and Democrat candidate forums in order to afford students the opportunity to hear what the candidates have to say about the issues, to question them about their stance on various issues, and to provide students with the opportunity to register to vote in the Guam's 2014 primary and general elections. The gubernatorial forums took place April 8 & 9; the senatorial forums on April 23 & 24 in the MPA.

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

We had a lot of national attention focused on GCC in the month of April, from the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Summit that brought White House and federal officials to our campus on April 4, to our Foundation Building being awarded LEED Silver certification by the U.S. Green Building Council, to our GCC Ecowarriors being highlighted in a national community college Green Initiative. All this is in addition to all of the wonderful happenings on campus, such as Supervision & Management students hosting very productive candidate forums, Education workshops, Adult High School happenings, our annual Spring Festival, the secondary Allied Health Challenge Bowl, and of course the delicious April buffets hosted by our Culinary students!

The GCC campus continues to be a productive, progressive higher education facility, thanks to our students, faculty, staff and administrators. Keep up the great work everyone!

GCC & WestCare host regional/federal WHIAPPI summit



WestCare and GCC hosted a Regional/Federal Summit on April 4 in the MPA as part of the 4th Non-Profit Congress held on Guam that week. Regional and federal officials from the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders toured the campus and met with President Okada to discuss possible grant partnerships. GCC received the Outstanding Government Award of Excellence for Non-Profit from Payu-ta at the conference.

Seated, from left, at the opening of the WHIAPPI summit in the GCC MPA on April 4: Speaker Judi Won Pat, Gov. Eddie Calvo, Delegate Madeleine Bordallo, and standing, Kiran Ahuja from WHIAPPI; Lori Faeth, Acting Assistant Secretary for DOI; and President Okada.

Rodgers presented Vet award by SBA

Congratulations to our very own Victor Rodgers, Asst. Director, Continuing Ed & Workforce Development, for being named the 2014 SBA Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year in a very nice ceremony at Adelup on April 2!



Ecowarriors featured in Green Framework national guide

GCC is featured in "The Community College Green Genome Framework: Integrating Sustainability and Clean Technology Workforce Development into an Institution's DNA," a national guide and institutional self-assessment document highlighting community college sustainability efforts around the nation. GCC's mention comes on page 16, in the section covering "Community Engagement." The "Indicator in Action" section highlight's the College's establishment of our Ecowarriors! Check out the link:

<http://www.theseedcenter.org/GreenGenomeAwards>

(Click on the Community College Green Genome Framework link under "Where can I find more information?")

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

Thank you all for attending our College Assembly on April 11 to learn about the revisions issued by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). You all learned that GCC provided input into the ACCJC standards revision process, which began almost three years ago. One of the major revisions is to Standard 1, the title of which has changed to Mission, Academic Quality, Institutional Effectiveness and Integrity. Also, the overall standard count has been reduced from 139 to 128 standards (under four major standards), which is good news for all of us! The new standards will begin in spring 2016, with an accreditation cycle of seven instead of six as the maximum number of years. Also, the definition of "reaffirmation of accreditation" has been revised to distinguish high-performing institutions (such as GCC!) that meet and exceed standards. Which means that in 2018, when we are next up for our reaffirmation, we can strive for reaffirmation for seven years – through 2025.

And, as I mentioned last month, another exciting piece of news is that community colleges under the umbrella of ACCJC are now allowed to offer ONE baccalaureate degree. For GCC, it will be a four-year CTE degree, one that is not offered by our partner institution, the University of Guam.



Thank you, Western Visayas, for your scholarship donation!

From left: Ferna De LaPena, secretary, WVCST Alumni Assoc. Guam; William De LaPena, past president; Dr. Mary Okada, GCC president/CEO; Fely Dy, vice president; Fel Jurinario, board member; Nilfa Milan, president; Juanito Milan, member; Bert Jurinario, past president; and Joe Saloma, public relations officer, pose with a ceremonial check for the annual \$500 scholarship donation to the Guam Community College by the Western Visayas College of Science & Technology Alumni Association Guam chapter on April 9.



2014-2016 Staff Senate officers elected

Congratulation to the newly elected 2014-2016 Staff Senate Executive Council:
Elizabeth Duenas, President;
Antonia Chamberlain, Vice President;
Latisha Leon Guerrero, Secretary/Treasurer;
Ana Mari Atoigue, Kenneth Bautista, Bertha Guerrero, Vivian Guerrero, Donnie Lizama, and Tara Pascua, Representatives At Large.
Apolline San Nicolas, Personnel Specialist III, HR Advisory Member, and Barbara Blas, GCC Senate Word Processing Secretary II.

ASL students interpret at candidate forums

Kudos to the ASL interpreting class IN170 students who volunteered to interpret the candidate forums hosted by Supervision & Management students this month, providing awareness for the local deaf community and deaf students on campus.



GCC PTK reps attend nat'l convention

Christel Jessica Galang, Vice-President of the GCC Beta Beta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, and Pilar Pangelinan, PTK Advisor, attended the PTK Convention "Nerd Nation" held April 24-26 at the Walt Disney World Dolphin Resort in Orlando, Florida.



Education Dept. celebrates Week of the Young Child

On April 5, the Education Department celebrated the Week of the Young Child with activities that focused on the importance of the physical and mental health of caregivers so that they can promote the physical and mental health of the children under their care. Participants included caregivers from centers around the island, homecare providers and representatives from Alee Shelter and DPHSS-CPS Division.



April culinary buffets!

On Wednesdays from April 10 – May 1, the GCC Culinary Arts Buffet and Catering class served delicious lunch and dinner buffets in the MPA. The \$10 buffets are very popular with the campus community!

Notable: Si Yu'os ma'ase to District Court Judge Francis Tydingco-Gatewood for speaking to an Adult High School U.S. History class on April 8.

Adult High School students present "Be Cool, Stay in School"

Working together with the Adult High School Diploma Program Counselor Patty Terlaje and the Career Technical Education (CTE) Secondary Counselors Hernalin Anaslista, Marylee Palomares, Brian Muna, and Rose Marie Nanpei, the Adult High School Diploma Student Volunteers presented their "Be Cool, Stay in School" activity with the John F. Kennedy High School's GCC CTE students on April 23-24. They provided testimony about their experiences with dropping out of high school and their struggles (such as transportation, financial constraints, babysitting, job schedules, etc.) with going back to the Adult High School to receive their diplomas. In addition, they conveyed their challenges with trying to get a job that could improve their quality of life and make them more self sufficient without a high school diploma. Overall, students listened to their message: "Be Cool, Stay in School."

ESL students present newsletter

Check out this newsletter created by Wilson Tam's advanced ESL class for the spring 2014 term; it has some poignant articles from the ESL perspective!
/Runtime/uploads/Files/02 Academics/Services/AdultEducation/Bridges - Issue 5.pdf

UOG Upward Bound students tour GCC

Students from UOG's Upward Bound program visited GCC on April 17, touring the Admissions and Financial Aid offices, Counseling Center and Placement Exam Office, the Health Center, Project Aim, the Culinary Arts program, and Criminal Justice, VisCom, and Technology departments.

Ecowarriors' April activities

The nationally-mentioned (see pg. 2) Ecowarriors' activities for the month of April included:

- Collecting marine organisms for touch tanks at Agana Library Earth Day activity April 5;
- GCC Spring Festival April 9;
- Pago Bay Enviro-Emergency Cleanup, April 12; UOG's Center for Island Sustainability Conference April 15 & 16;
- a limestone forest hike April 17;
- bus trips to Hamamoto Fruit World and recycling roundup April 19; and
- a Fire Prevention clinic April 26

More Notables!

- The GCC Sports and Recreation Club (SPARC) went paddling at Matapang Beach on April 25. Thank you for using life jackets!
- GCC joined the UOG Coed Intramural Volleyball League in April.
- The Accommodative Services Office provided training for faculty and staff on April 25.

COPSA Entertainment night

The Council on Postsecondary Student Affairs (COPSA) held a talent night on April 2 in front of the Student Center. Nearly 100 students stopped by to hear talented GCC students playing instruments, singing, dancing, and more!



Spring Festival!

GCC held its annual Spring Festival on April 9, drawing several hundred students to the Student Center courtyard to enjoy food and drinks prepared by the 19 different student organizations on campus. Guests also learned about the different cultural backgrounds of the students through the “Tour of the Pacific” contest happening at the student organization booths. During the festival, students voted for the new student representative to the GCC Board of Trustees, choosing Elmarie Anderson as the new BOT rep.



Digital Arts Society photos!

Check out the wonderful photos taken by GCC's Digital Arts Society during the Spring Festival at: <https://imageshack.com/user/DASGCC>



CTE Secondary Programs - April activities

SSHS/OHS water rescue, CERT trainings



During spring break, 31 SSHS Tourism Academy students along with 2 OHS LMP students took part in the American Red Cross Basic Water Rescue classes on April 16 and 17. They learned about water safety, how to identify if someone needs assistance, and how to safely rescue the victim. Funding for this course came from Macy's. This training is particularly useful for Tourism students who wish to do Work Experience Program at Tarza and Onward water parks this summer.

Additionally, a second Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training took place on April 26 and May 3 with 25 participants from SSHS and OHS Tourism program.

JFK wins Allied Health Challenge Bowl

The team from John F. Kennedy High School won this year's Islandwide Health Careers and Science Academic Challenge. The event on April 29 in the MPA brought together all the GCC CTE Allied Health students from the five public high schools to see how much they know about these subjects and to discuss professions in these fields.



CACGP Senior Banquet, other events

At the CACGP Senior Banquet on April 12 at the Westin Resort Guam, CACGP handed out awards to graduating seniors and discussed the Grant Aid requirements and tips for applying for college. Other CACGP events in April included: Wednesday, April 2 - Senior Transition Night Saturday, April 5 - Youth Fest in partnership with Sanctuary, Inc. Monday, April 21- Financial Aid & Grant Aid Workshop



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Kulehon Kumunidat Guahan
Mandiseha gi i Empleao siha un
Minagof na Kompli' años!

Abrit/Lumuhu' 2014

Guam Community College would like to wish the
following Employees a Happy Birthday!
April 2014

Jolina B. Anderson
Imelda Arce
Jo Arceo
Ines Bukikosa
Joegines Calbang
John Camacho
Greg Manglona

Joey Roberto
Wendell Roden
Mike Setzer
Zhaopei Teng
Juanita Tenorio
Kat Uchima

Upcoming at GCC

Summer Programs:

June 6 - Citi PostSecondary Education Accessibility Initiative

June 9 / June 30 - CACGP Summer Bridge

June 16 - CACGP Renewable Energy Program

Build Your Future Summer Construction Academy

June 30 - National Transportation Summer Institute

For details, log onto www.guamcc.edu. Look under "Events."

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Sinangan Siha para Abrit/Lumuhu'

Lumuhu - "Time to Return or Resume One's Route"

April 2014 Chamorro Phrases



Kao un tungo' amanu gaige i Ahensian Inadilanto
yan Guinaha Para Taotao?

Do you know where AHRD is located?

Matto gi ofsinan i Setbision Asunto Famalo'an
si Dora gi alas ocho media gi eggan.

Dora arrived at the Bureau of Women's Affairs at 8:30am.

Para u fanayuda hamyo i Ufisinan Mahot Yo'ña fumatinas i kamyu.

The Yona Mayor's Office will make a kamyu for you.

Gaige i emfetmera gi iya Ufisinana Riniferen Mediât.

The nurse is at the Medical Referral Office.

Bai en falak i Ufisinan Maga'lâhi gi kuato pasao alas nuebi.

We are going to the Governor's Office at 9:15.