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CAMPUS HAPPENINGS • PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • UPCOMING EVENTS

STUDENTS FIRST MISSION ALWAYS

That is the theme we are focusing on here at Guam Community College as we welcome students to fall semester 2016. At New Student Orientation on August 3, 252 new students learned about all of the campus services designed to help them succeed here at GCC: Student Support Services, the Learning Resource Center, Project AIM, the Health Center, tutoring services, and more. These freshmen were joined by 2,166 more students, as enrollment hit 2,418 on August 17, the first day of classes.

IMPORTANT DATES

Par Excellence
Golf Tournament
October 1

Global Cardboard
Challenge
October 5, 6, & 8

College Assembly
October 24
(campus closed at 5 pm)

Fall Festival
October 27

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GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Criminals, beware. Liza San Agustin is going to help catch you - with her microscope. The GCC student will be earning her Liberal Studies associate degree in May 2017 - her second degree from GCC. This past May, Liza graduated with an AS in the Criminal Justice Forensic Lab Technician concentration. Her goal is to transfer to the University of Guam, earn a bachelor's degree in chemistry, and work in the Guam Police Department Crime Lab.

There, under the microscope, which magnifies particles over 100 times, "you get to see particles that are not seen with the naked eye so you have more to see, more to visualize," Liza explained. "Something so little could mean so much; that could change everything for someone," she added.

"I love criminal justice because it brings you closer to other people. It may not be people that you know, but in a way you feel like you helped them somehow comfort them, or give them something... so that they can find peace within themselves," she said.

Liza came to GCC in 2012, right after graduating from neighboring George Washington High School.

"The environment here is much more friendly, the teachers are very supportive of their students," she said. "The teachers, administrators and staff here all want their students to progress, and to help make the world a better place."

She credits GCC's Center for Student Involvement with opening up her world. "CSI is very near and dear to my heart. I used to be so shy, and they saw the potential leader in me, that made me want to become a better person, want to prove myself that I am worthy of being someone greater than who I am today."

Today, Liza is the president of the GCC Council on Postsecondary Student Affairs, or COPSA - the College's student government organization.

"It's a great honor to be in this kind of position and to know that people do believe in me."

Meet COPSA President

Liza San Agustin

Age: 23

Village: Mangilao

Major: AA Liberal Studies
(2nd degree; completed her AS in Criminal Justice Forensic Lab Technician in May 2016)

Postsecondary

NEWS & EVENTS

TAKECARE DONATES \$100K TO ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAM

GCC's Allied Health Program received a substantial funding shot in the arm on August 25 from TakeCare, as Jeffrey Larsen, TakeCare President, presented Dr. Mary Okada with a \$100,000 donation for scholarships, faculty training, and state-of-the-art equipment and supplies. Over the past eight years, TakeCare has contributed \$800,000 to our Allied Health program, funding scholarships for both students and faculty, and funding the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment and supplies. Si Yu'os Ma'ase for being a valuable GCC partner, TakeCare!



From left: Lynn Manalo, GCC Foundation Board of Governors member; Mike Tsai, TakeCare Global IT Services Director; Danilo Bilong, Program Specialist, GCC Development & Alumni Relations; Jeff Larsen, TakeCare President; Frank Arriola, GCC Board of Trustees Chair; Dr. Mary Okada, GCC President; Lucio "Al" Amira, TakeCare Controller; Lorraine Okada, GCC Foundation Board Chair; Alicia Iseke, TakeCare Health Plan Administrator; and Jeanie Perez, TakeCare Executive Administrative Manager.



30 COMPLETE CJ ACADEMY

“Treat others the way you want to be treated.” That was the parting advice of Cadre Joey Terlaje of the Superior Court of Guam, to the 30 cadets of the GCC 14th Cycle Criminal Justice Academy during their completion ceremony on August 13 at the Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort. The eight-week Criminal Justice Academy meets partial requirements for a Criminal Justice Certificate, providing 22 of the 31 to 38 credits, depending on the concentration.

The 14th Cycle Academy Leadership Award went to Class Commander Minna Munoz Lefever. In her message to the class, Lefever reminded them, “No matter what agency you will be assigned to, always remember your purpose-- to serve and protect.” She also commended her classmates for “having the courage to safeguard the lives of our island’s community during a crucial time with minimal law enforcers.”

GCC Criminal Justice Academy 14th Cycle completers include (front row from left: Lefever; Jacob Taisipic, 14th Cycle Guidon; and cadets Dominic Bascon, Kraig Leon Guerrero, Teja Courtney Ogo, Johanna Castro, Gianna Sarusal, and Chelsea Gofigan. 2nd row: Alan Ecle Jr., Julian V.G. Ada, Corey James S. Ayuyu, Talia Meshay A. Ogo, Venerannda M.C. Leon Guerrero, Alicia Marie M. Olalia, and Daven Justin Roberto. 3rd row: Kurtis Nixon R. Silva, Sabrina N. Sapp, Jonavan Jake Terlaje, Tanya Martin Flores, Timothea Jane T. Atchico, Simone Herbert, and Rachelle Marie Benavente.



Welcome back,
faculty. Here's to a
student-successful
academic year!

STUDENTS FIRST MISSION ALWAYS

On August 15, the College welcomed its faculty back to campus for the annual

Convocation to start the new academic year. This year's theme, "Students First, Mission Always," resonated during the 2016 Impact Video, which highlighted the data GCC has been collecting over the past 10 years. The great news about this data is that it shows a nearly 180% increase in our graduation/completion rate over the past decade. This is truly a collaborative effort between faculty, staff and administrators. It is everyone coming together to do their job well, with the goal being to give our students the tools they need to be successful. The video is available on our GCC Youtube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAY1Kpk8on8>

PROJECT AIM PROMOTES GCC

Kudos to GCC's Project AIM program for hosting 20 high school students from the TRIO/Upward Bound Neighboring Island of Pohnpei program on campus on Aug. 10.

PRACTICAL NURSING STUDENTS HELP OUT AT GFT FAIR

Kudos to GCC's Practical Nursing students for doing the TB readings at GFT's Annual TB Test and Health Fair on Aug. 13 at the GFT Building in Mangilao. The TB tests were free for GFT members and their immediate family.

GCC BREASTFEEDING ADVOCATE HONORED

Barbara Mafnas, GCC Medical Assisting instructor, represented GCC during the Breastfeeding Awareness Month ceremony August 20 at Micronesia Mall. Mafnas accepted a resolution from Sen. Dennis Rodriguez for her work promoting breastfeeding throughout the island. Sen. Frank Aguon and Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo were also on hand for the presentation.



GCC HOSTS K57 RADIO SHOW



GCC Asst. Director of Communications & Promotions Jayne Flores guest-hosted the Morning Re-Phill program on K57 radio for host Phill Leon Guerrero on Aug. 12, inviting many GCC guests, from students to faculty and administrators (including Dr. Okada!) on the show to talk about the great things happening at GCC. Shown here in the hot seats are COPSA President Liza San Agustin and Secretary Kelly Cook. Thank you Phill, for the opportunity!





GCC FRESHMAN EARNs AH&LEF SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to GCC freshman Katrina Tahimik, on being awarded an American Hotel & Lodging Educational Foundation (AH&LEF) scholarship of \$2,000. Katrina was enrolled in the Lodging Management Program at Okkodo High School, where she served as president of the Tourism Awareness Group during her senior year. Also, she was a member of the Okkodo LMP team that competed in the national lodging management competition in Orlando, Florida.

"I learned about the scholarship from my LMP instructor, Mr. Cosico, and applied through AHLEF's website. I filled out their application form and wrote a 500-word essay stating when I became interested in the hospitality field, what traits I think I possess or need to succeed in this industry, and my educational and career goals," Katrina explained.

Katrina is studying Tourism and Travel Management at GCC. After earning her associate degree, she plans to pursue her dream of becoming a flight attendant. After working as a flight attendant for a few years, Katrina plans to return to school to earn her bachelor's degree in Tourism and Travel Management.

Note: The deadline has passed for the 2016 scholarship, but here is the link for those who would like to apply next year:

https://www.ahlef.org/Scholarships/Academic_Scholarships/

MATSON TO FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

Shipping giant Matson celebrated its 20th anniversary in Guam and Micronesia on August 18 by establishing and presenting scholarship funds to GCC and four other Pacific higher education institutions: UOG; Northern Marianas College; Palau Community College and FSM College of Micronesia, Pohnpei. Matson has designated its five-year commitment of \$50,000 to the five regional schools for scholarships to students studying in the fields of business, traditional navigation, air conditioning, refrigeration and other mechanical trades.

FACULTY FOCUS

Congratulations to **Ricky Tyquiengco**, the new GCC Faculty Senate President-Elect for AY16-17. We know that the Faculty Senate will benefit greatly from Ricky's leadership abilities and expertise. Ricky has been with GCC for eight years as an electronics instructor. He really enjoys working with students, and teaching the cyber and data classes. As for serving as Faculty Senate President next year, he says he is electronically charging up for that challenge!



Congratulations to Eric Chong, CTE LMP instructor at SSHA, for becoming an official Certified Hospitality Educator. Chong says the Certified Hospitality Educator (CHE®) program, the only professional development opportunity designed for hospitality educators around the world, enables an instructor to strengthen students' critical thinking and motivation to learn.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Rose joined GCC two years ago. She hails from the village of Dededo and has four children, one of whom graduated from GCC! She describes her job in the Technology Department as “interesting and challenging.”

“What I like best (about working at GCC) is being able to provide the needed support in order for a program to become a reality for students. My gratification comes from the success of students who graduate from the program.”

Si Yu’os Ma’ase to Rose and all of our dedicated employees at GCC!

ROSE AQUINDE
Administrative Aide,
Technology Dept.

**PLEASE USE
REUSABLE
WATER
BOTTLES:
HELP REDUCE
POLLUTION
AND WASTE
FROM PLASTIC
BOTTLES!**

Plastic water bottles are regularly disposed 5-10 minutes after purchasing them. They are more of an inconvenience than a convenience. Recycling them requires manpower, energy and other resources. Plastic bottles that don't make it to a recycling facility ultimately end up in the landfill, taking up much needed space. Not to mention the potential health hazards plastic bottles may pose to human health. By using a reusable bottle that you fill at one of GCC's two reusable water bottle filling stations in either the Student Lounge or the lounge in Building E, you can easily eliminate hundreds of plastic bottles entering the landfill each year. You also minimize the amount of plastic bottles Guam has to ship off island for recycling. AND you can minimize potential health hazards that may result from consistently drinking out of plastic water bottles.

This one small change can make a HUGE positive impact on the environment and human health! Let's make GCC more sustainable by beginning (or continuing) to utilize reusable water bottles on a regular basis!

Kiko Palacios | GCC Sustainability Coordinator



CLEAN OUR HOUSE DAY

Kudos to those who volunteered on Clean Our House Day on Saturday, August 20. Volunteers assisted with sorting and transporting of those plastic bottles that people keep using on campus (see above Green Tip!) to the appropriate recycling facility.

FROM THE President

DR. MARY A.Y. OKADA

Hafa Adai and welcome to fall semester 2016 at GCC. We are off to a great start this semester, with enrollment at 2,418 - just surpassing that of fall 2015. Students, we have a lot in store for you this semester. We start construction for the renovation and expansion of Building 100 in September; we have Fall Festival coming up, Meet the President, and the students of Supervision and Management are planning a senatorial candidates' forum on campus to allow you to see what they plan to offer if elected in November. Kudos to our Practical Nursing students for helping out at the GFT Health Fair and to several of our faculty, staff, and administrators for their professional accomplishments. Also congratulations to the CJ Academy completers - I know that many of you are enrolled this semester to complete your certificate requirements. Students, remember to visit our Project AIM Office in the Student Center to take advantage of the tutoring and other services available there, and if you have ANY questions, please ask any one of us here at GCC. We are here to help you succeed! Have a great semester, and I'll see you around campus.





FROM THE
ALO's Desk

DR. RAY SOMERA
VICE PRESIDENT
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

On August 4-5, the Office of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, (INLE) U.S. Embassy Office, Philippines, led a seven-member delegation comprised of high ranking law enforcement officials from various Philippines law enforcement agencies on a two day “Curriculum Design and Development Workshop” here at GCC. The workshop was conducted in collaboration with law enforcement industry experts from Guam Department of Agriculture - Conservation Law Enforcement, and covered training sections from the Guam Judiciary and Guam Police Department. These representatives paid a courtesy visit to my office on Aug. 4, as plans are underway for the GCC Criminal Justice and Social Science department to provide law enforcement training under the Marine and Terrestrial Conservation Certificate Program to mid-level Philippine law enforcement personnel. This is a regional workforce development initiative led and supported by the INLE. It is this type of collaboration that is helping us to fulfill our Institutional Strategic Master Plan Goal 4 of visibility and engagement, in which we promote GCC to achieve regional, national, and international recognition.

Si Yu'os ma'ase to all involved in helping to make possible this collaboration with INLE.



Happy Retirement, Papa Bear!

This month GCC said a warm “adios” and Happy Retirement to Bill Korenko, the Southern High School ProStart instructor fondly known by everyone since ever since as “Papa Bear.” Enjoy, Bill!

Congratulations to these Certified Professionals!

They are now certified in the Foundations of Workforce Development Certified Professionals. The certification means that they possess the core competency skills that have been professionally certified by completing the Foundations of Workforce Development Certified Professionals training, and now qualify to apply for national certification. Way to go, CEWD ladies!

Terry C. Guerrero
Administrative Assistant

Christine B. Sison
Program Specialist

Rowena Ellen Perez
Assistant Director



NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION

GCC's Human Resources Dept., led by Joann Muna, HR Administrator, held an orientation to GCC for new employees on Aug. 12 in the LRC training room. Welcome employees - and as you have learned by now, GCC is NOT your typical GovGuam agency!



Senminagof Komplí' años para i Empliao Kulehon Kumunidat Guahan Siha para i Agostu/Tenhos na mes 2016!

Happy Birthday to the following Guam Community College Employees celebrating their birthdays August 2016

Hernalin Analista

Terry Barnhart

Vito Calvo

Chris Camacho

Deidre Chargualaf

Carol Cruz

Gerry Dacanay

Ely Damian

Tressa Dela Cruz

Gil Delos Santos

Phil Delos Santos

Gary Hartz

Priscilla Johns

Golder Josha

Rachel Lee

Rosemary Loveridge

Eva Mui

Joann Muna

Robert Neff

Mary Okada

Kiko Palacios

Richard Reyes

Pete Roberto

Ron Santos

Tishawanna Smith

Rolland Tyquiengco

BIBA YAN MINAGOF KOMPLI' AÑOS!



MINAGOF MAFANAGU-MU YAN BIBA HA'ĀNEN LIBIRASION!

Senmagof Kompli' años para i Empliao Kulehon Kumunidat Guahan Siha para i Hulio/Semu na mes 2016!

Happy Birthday to the following Guam Community College Employees for the month of July 2016

Rina Aguilar
Joe Benavente
Tomirose Concepcion
Harold Cruz
Karen Dumchus
Mary Ann Eclavea
Joleen Evangelista
Eric Ji
Edwin Limtuatco

Edwin Limtuatco
Jonathan Mantanona
Brian Muna
Hannah Pangelinan
Jonathan Perez
Sally Sablan
Cheryl San Nicolas
Rose Marie Siguenza