

# CHACHALANI

GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



## 16 complete 1st GCC MTCE Academy

GCC made history on Oct. 6th when the 16 participants of the inaugural Regional Marine & Terrestrial Conservation Law Enforcement Academy held their completion ceremony at the Pacific Star Hotel in Tumon. Dignitaries from Palau and the FSM were on hand to witness law enforcement officials from police departments, attorneys general offices, and regional Environmental Protection Agency offices from Guam, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Chuuk, Palau, Yap and the Marshall Islands receive

completion certificates for this first regional academy, which began on July 24.

The concept of a regional MTCE academy began nearly eight years ago, according to Jose Munoz, GCC CJSS Associate Professor of Criminal Justice & Social Sciences. Funding for this charter academy was obtained through a grant from the Micronesian Conservation Trust, and individual island communities also contributed funds.



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## **GCC 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.

# POSTSECONDARY

## JASMINE NADRES

a GCC SSS ProStart 2012 graduate who received her AA in Culinary Arts in 2016 and is currently the Junior Sous Chef of Lotte Hotel Guam, won first place in the Worldchefs Regional Championship held during the 2017 Salon Culinaire in the GCC kitchen Oct. 10-13. Jasmine will represent the Oceania/Pacific region in the upcoming Worldchefs Championship in Malaysia July 11-14, 2018. She competed against the best chefs from Cooks Island, Fiji, New Zealand, and Australia.

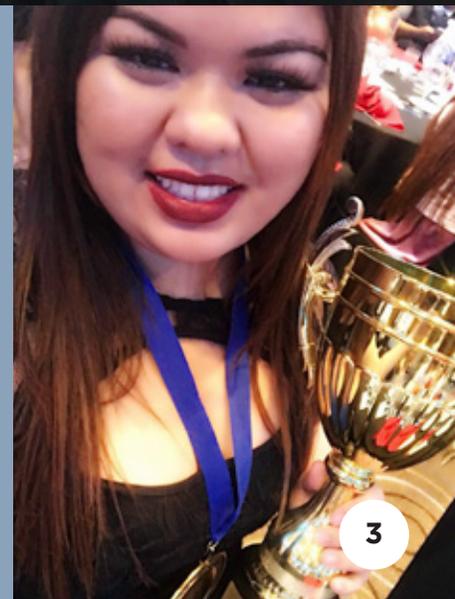
**“I feel extremely blessed and honored that I was chosen to represent Guam for a second time around in this year’s World Association of Chefs Societies (WACS) Regional finals in the Young Chefs’ division. I feel that all my hard work has finally paid off being the first female young chef to represent Guam and the Pacific Region in the World Finals. I honestly wasn’t expecting to win because I knew I competed against the best of the best of the Pacific region and just knowing that my competitors are more advance and more skilled really put a lot of pressure for me. I also would have not done it without my biggest support system: my other half, Chester, my family, friends, the staff and management of Lotte Hotel Guam, MCA, and GCC. I am forever grateful for the continuous support.”**

**-Jasmine Nadres**

Another GCC graduate, Marivic Capati, a 2012 SSS ProStart graduate, 2015 GCC Apprenticeship graduate, and currently a Hospitality & Tourism student, took first place in the Pastry division at Salon Culinaire. A back-to-back champion, Marivic competed against pastry chefs from Lotte, PIC, Hyatt, and Nikko Hotels.

GCC once again sponsored the Micronesian Chefs Association’s annual Salon Culinaire local and international competitions Oct. 10 - 13 in the GCC kitchen. The Salon Culinaire 2017 “Black Box Battle” event is designed to create opportunity for the development of chefs on Guam, and features secondary (ProStart), student (GCC) chef, junior chef, professional chef, and master chef competitions. As noted above, the World Association of Chefs’ Societies (WACS) World Chefs Regional Finals for the Pacific region took place at the Salon Culinaire competition as well.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**Photo caption:**

Mayor Robert Hoffman, with community volunteer Zita Pangelinan, greets the oldest war survivor applicant - 90 years old - after he completed his war claims application.



## CJSS & Hospitality & Tourism help war survivors with claims

GCC's CJSS & Hospitality & Tourism departments collaborated with the Sinajana Mayor's Office to assist nearly 80 manamko' with filling out war claims forms October 16-20 at the Sinajana Mayor's Office. GCC coordinated the volunteer effort, seeking out Chamorro speakers who sat with the manamko' and assisted them with what is often a traumatic effort to recall wartime events.

Sinajana Mayor Robert Hoffman's thank you note to GCC:

*I just wanted to express my sincerest and utmost appreciation to the Guam Community College for their help this whole week in assisting our island's Manamko complete the War Claims forms. Words cannot express how grateful the Manamko were to have this service available. Not only were we able to assist our Manamko's from the center next door but Manamko from as far as Yigo and Umatac who heard this from their friends and relatives. The training, the screening last week, the intake this week all went smoothly and this couldn't have happened with out GCC's tremendous help. On behalf of the people of Sinajana, please extend our sincerest thanks to Mr. J. Pete Roberto for taking the lead and all the GCC staff and volunteers who were kind, patient, compassionate and caring. We were all moved by the experience and honored to be a part of history...  
Biba GCC! Biba Manamko!*

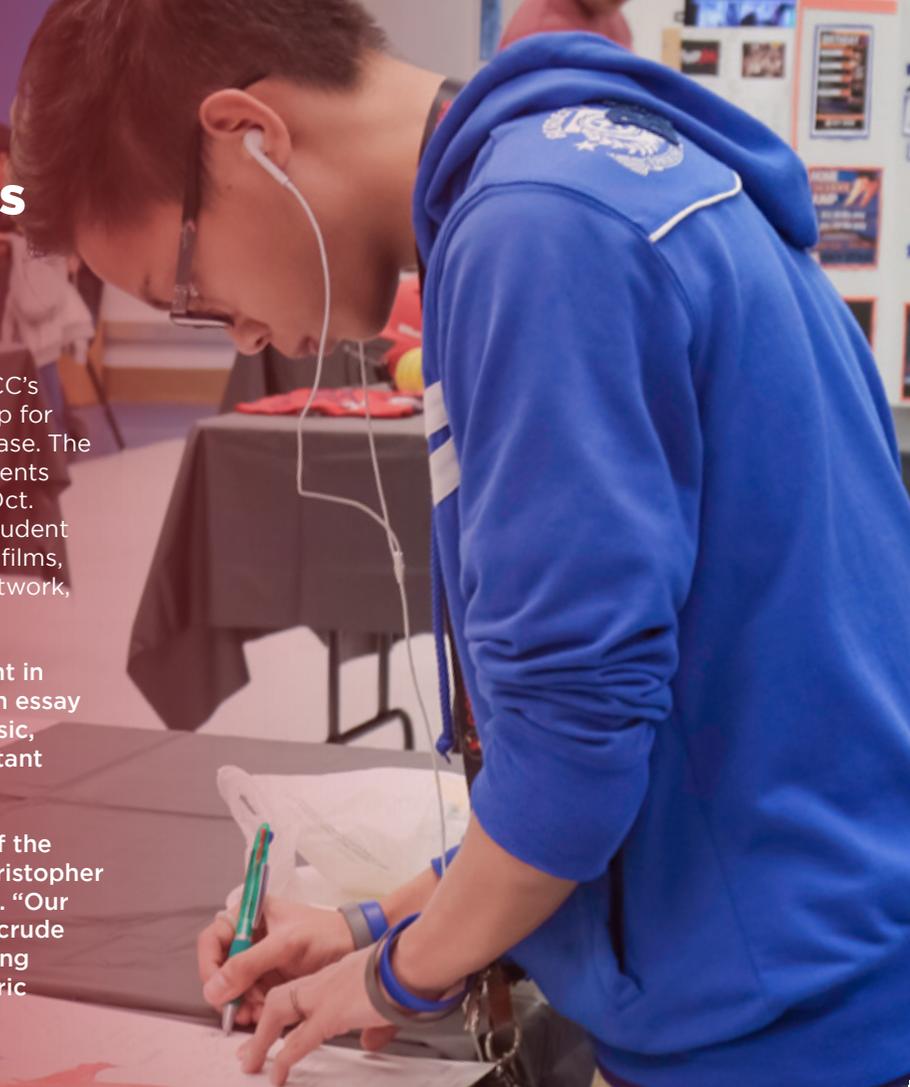
*Senseramente,  
Robert RDC Hofmann, Mayor*

## GCC English, Automotive students team up for On AIR project

It was an unlikely but effective combination - GCC's English and Automotive Departments teamed up for this year's ON AIR, or On Art in Research showcase. The event displayed GCC students' strengths and talents through literary, visual, and performing arts on Oct. 17-18 in the MPA and in the Automotive Shop. Student works included automotive presentations, short films, research posters, object displays, storytelling, artwork, presentations, dancing, and more.

"We don't often get to see student artistic talent in writing classes. ON AIR replaces the words in an essay with student creativity through objects, art, music, and practice," said Tressa Dela Cruz, GCC Assistant Professor of English.

"Our theme for ON AIR will be 'The Evolution of the Automobile Towards Electrification,'" noted Christopher Dennis, Chair of GCC's Automotive Department. "Our automotive students will present the early and crude stages of propulsion and how it has evolved using computerized electronics and now hybrid electric vehicles," added Dennis.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Cardboard Challenge draws several hundred youngsters

GCC's Education Department welcomed children of all ages to their 4th annual Global Cardboard Challenge on Oct. 7 in the MPA. "We want our children to realize that they can create playthings that are just as fun and probably even more beneficial to them without the use of technology," said Dr. Marsha Postrozny, Education Department chair. GCC students in various postsecondary programs, working with young children and GW high school students in the GCC CTE Early Childhood Education program there, designed playhouses and other imaginative items out of cardboard for this free event. A special section at the Cardboard Challenge allowed children to design and decorate their own items.

Photo caption: Culinary Arts student Philip Lopez impressed everyone with his cardboard Transformers costume for the Cardboard Challenge.



## Fall Festival!



Over 500 students, faculty, staff and administrators attended the annual GCC Fall Festival on a glorious afternoon Sept. 21 at the Student Center. The pictures tell it all - everyone had a great time, and the student organizations were out in force providing food, entertainment, and their "Tour of the Pacific" that highlighted the different nations represented on campus!



## Need to Lead Conference



Nearly 150 students attended the COPSA "Need to Lead" Conference on Sept. 29 at the Pacific Star Hotel. The Center for Student Involvement and Counseling Department assisted in organizing skills workshops for students, highlighting leadership styles, communication, team building, and the next steps after college. Thank you to all who made the conference a success!



## Meet the President



(Sept. 6 & 7)

A total of 337 students met with Dr. Mary Okada, GCC President, and her management team on the evenings of Sept. 6-7 in the MPA to learn about how the College is expanding, handling its budget challenges, and to ask questions and voice their concerns about issues important to them. Thank you to all who attended, and to the faculty that brought their students!



## New - Fencing Club!

The GCC Fencing Club is the very first and only fencing club on Guam! Advisor/coach Eric Ji is a certified fencing coach through the Oceania Fencing Confederation. He works very closely with the Guam Fencing Federation to promote fencing in the community. The club just finished Foil fencing practice for the semester, and will be doing Epee fencing in Spring 2018 every Friday at 12:30 pm in Room 5108 of the Student Center. Email [eric.ji@guamcc.edu](mailto:eric.ji@guamcc.edu) if you are interested!



Kudos to Dr. Laura Souder and Dr. Sam Betances for your generous donation of books to the Learning Resource Center (shown here with LRC's Juanita Sgambelluri) in September. Strong advocates of turning children into life-long readers, the dynamic duo practices what they preach about the importance of reading - at every age!



# POSTSECONDARY

## Notables



**GCC Pacific Cultures** students toured the UOG Micronesian Area Research Center on Oct. 20, and experienced archaeologist Judy Amesbury's "Who Wears the Beads?" presentation in class on Oct. 10. Fr. Fran Hazel visited the Pacific Cultures class on Sept. 7 to discuss Early Micronesia.



**The Education Department** held its annual Con-Boo-cation on Oct. 24 in MPA.

The **GCC team** represented us well in the Women's College Volleyball League - Si Yu'os Ma'ase, ladies!

### Japan Club Halloween Origami

GCC's Japan CLUB helped students and employees get into the Halloween and holiday spirit with an origami (traditional Japanese art of paper folding) session on Oct. 26.

GCC LPN students attended orientation the week of Sept. 5 at GRMC, in preparation for their clinical rotations on Surgical and Telemetry Wards starting Sept. 22. The students also volunteered at FHP clinic on Sept 9 to administer the annual flu vaccine to patients.

TakeCare presented its annual \$100,000 grant to GCC Sept. 12 in the Allied Health Practical Nursing lab.



## Secondary CTE Happenings

Several dozen students enrolled in GCC CTE Marketing courses at GWHS gained insight into the world of professional marketing, thanks to a partnership with the Bank of Guam's sponsorship of the LIFE Teen Expo that took place Sept. 30 at the Agana Shopping Center. The Marketing students, who are part of DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America), collaborated with Bank of Guam's Marketing Communications Team, Big Fish Creative, and the Graphic Center to plan, manage, and execute the LIFE Teen Expo.

"The students gained a wealth of experience in event planning and working with an ad agency through this project," said Norma Guerrero, GCC CTE Marketing instructor at GWHS.



Tourism students from SSHS, OHS, and JFK were banquet helpers at the American Red Cross 17th Annual Red Ball at Dusit Thani on Sept. 23. The 28 students applied their guest service, banquet and food sanitation skills at one of Guam's largest gala/fundraisers.



SSHS LMP students also volunteered to earn Service Learning hours at the annual Marriott International's Run for Life fundraiser for Special Olympics on Sept. 24.

22 SSHS Tourism Academy (ProStart and LMP) students completed the Teen CERT training on Sept. 23 at Guam Homeland Security to commemorate National Preparedness Month. Students learned to handle disasters and emergencies from this invaluable training on Sept. 16 and 23.



SSHS LMP seniors had a unique learning experience participating in a video conference with Rachael Mann, founder and managing director of TeachlikeTED from Arizona, on Oct. 12. Ms. Mann speaks frequently in national conferences to educators and students about the benefits of public speaking. She gave the students tips to help prepare them for their upcoming TED-like talks in November.





## GCC provides drafting course for U.S. Air Force

GCC answered the call from Andersen Air Force Base's 554th Red Horse Construction Battalion and Engineering Flight 36 CES/CEN section to teach AutoCAD and surveying to nearly two dozen of their members.

"They reached out to us because we use the MASTERSuite Computer Drafting programs, which are the industry standard," according to Gil Yanger, GCC Construction Trades Department chair. "We've created a course of study that is pertinent to their work and that will help them advance professionally," Yanger said of the partnership between GCC and AAFB.

The AutoCAD course was taught on Saturdays (and one Sunday) to accommodate the work schedules of the 20 participants. A surveying course followed, and Yanger noted that the courses are part of GCC's associate degree programs in Pre-Architectural Drafting and Civil Engineering Technology.

"The engineering technicians at Andersen Air Force Base are very fortunate to have programs such as this that will help expand our breadth of experience. These types of courses will help ensure we have a solid foundation, help our team increase their capabilities, and improve the services that we provide to our customers, said MSgt. A. Gretchen Parsons, Superintendent, Engineering Flight 36 CES/CEN.

*Businesses or other entities interested in setting up specific construction-related classes at GCC can contact Gil Yanger, Chair, GCC Construction Trades Department, at 735-5601, or email [gil.yanger@guamcc.edu](mailto:gil.yanger@guamcc.edu).*

## Scholarships!

Un dankolo na Si Yu'os Ma'ase, to Ms. Annie Pangelinan for her generous scholarship gift of eight separate \$250 scholarships for GCC students, as part of her family's QPT3 Familia scholarship. Ms. Pangelinan, you are quietly awesome!

The grateful recipients of \$250 each from the QPT3 Familia Scholarship are:

1. Cyndal A. Abad
2. Caithlyn M. Alger
3. Zyrelle J. Madlangbayan
4. Jenae Pereda
5. Chauntae A. Quichocho
6. Jose Aquilino Santos
7. Katrina Mae Tahimik
8. Elereen D. Usiel

## AGA SCHOLARSHIP

GCC student Elise Calvo was awarded the Herminia Dierking Scholarship from the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), Guam Chapter for Fall 2017. Another scholarship recipient, FloriAnne Dela Cruz, is a GCC graduate now attending UOG. Si Yu'os ma'ase AGA!





FROM THE  
**President**

DR. MARY A.Y. OKADA

*Hafa Adai!*

What a busy semester! First of all, congratulations to our Criminal Justice program for launching its first Regional Marine & Terrestrial Conservation Law Enforcement Academy. Sixteen law enforcement officers from around the region completed the academy on Oct. 6. This program is going to be invaluable to environmental protection around our region. Also congratulations to Jasmine Nadres and Marivic Capati, GCC graduate and soon-to-be graduate, for excelling in the Salon Culinaire competition GCC hosted in October, and for making our Culinary Arts program shine. Other departments - Education, CJSS, English, and Automotive, also had stand-out events this semester, from the Global Cardboard Challenge to the English-Automotive team-up for ON AIR, to CJSS taking the helm to get Chamorro-speaking volunteers to help our manamko' fill out war claims forms. All of these activities not only put GCC on the community map, but also, our students are LEARNING valuable skills while taking part in these activities. Ladies and gentlemen, this is what GCC is all about. Our Fall Festival was another wonderful event that drew many students and visitors to the campus, and around campus, other programs are also completing projects and activities that collectively make us the vibrant learning facility that we have become. Also, si Yu'os Ma'ase to all the volunteers who helped make our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Par Excellence Golf Tournament a success.

I'd also like to thank Board of Trustees Chairman Frank Arriola, Vice Chair Richard Sablan, and Treasurer Eloy Hara for a successful conference sponsored by the Association of Community College Trustees in Las Vegas in September, where I focused on gathering information for the development of GCC's Middle College concept and strengthening the pathways from secondary to postsecondary education. (See photo above.) More to come on that later.

Our College Assembly on Oct. 23rd focused on our very important accreditation visit in March 2018, and we gathered important information from our standard chairs and from faculty, staff, and administrators about issues that will affect us in the coming years. Si Yu'os ma'ase to everyone for your valuable input.

As we approach the holiday months and the end of the semester, let's keep focused on our mission - getting our students through this semester successfully, and on to the next.

Biba GCC!

# FACULTY NEWS

Congratulations to Steve Lam, who became the newest member of the Professional Development Review Committee on Sept. 6. Also congratulations to Eric Chong, the newest member of the Advancement-in-Rank Committee.

Automotive and Math teamed up when Chris Dennis, Automotive Dept. chair, and Trisha Unten, math instructor, demonstrated to students how math is used in the technical field on Sept. 16 in Room 504.

## Regulars win 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Par Excellence Tourney



Reggie Camacho and George Tydingco, regular golfers at the annual GCC Foundation Par Excellence Golf Tournament, took home the top prize at this year's tournament on Sept. 30 at the scenic Leopalace Resort. Camacho and Tydingco netted a score of 69.2, edging out second place finishers Dan Tydingco and Peter Montinola, who scored 69.4. Rounding out the top three teams were the duo of Phil Santos and Benson Au-Yeung, who brought in a net score of 69.8. The tournament's low gross prize went to Vic Borja and Daryl Poe, who finished their day on the links with a gross total of 64. This year's tournament also celebrated GCC's 40th anniversary. The annual two-man best ball event benefits the GCC Foundation, which provides \$1,000 scholarships each to 10 students attending Guam Community College.



## NO STYROFOAM ON CAMPUS!

Styrofoam is NOT allowed on the GCC campus for use at any events, activities, etc. This includes styrene cups, plates, food packaging, etc. Not only do Styrene products used for food and beverages have detrimental effects on our environment, they can also have detrimental effects on your health! Bring your own reusable bottles and plates to eliminate single use styrene products from entering the landfill, and live healthier.

## Sustainability Corner



### GCC tackles two sites during Int'l Coastal Cleanup Sept. 16

GCC faculty, staff, administrators and students, were among 169 volunteers from our island that participated in the International Coastal Cleanup on Sept. 16. GCC's two sites were Pago Bay and Eagles Field. GCC's Phi Theta Kappa members assisted with registration and traffic/parking control.

The following Saturday, Sept. 23, several GCC gachongs cleaned up our campus during the 3rd quarter Clean Our House Day, collecting 262 pounds of plastic material plus additional recyclables (metals and glass). Si Yu'os Ma'ase to volunteers Eva Devera, Vince Palacios, Bruce Thorson and Kiko Palacios.



## Bring Your Reusable Coffee Mug to Your Favorite Coffee Shop

Many of us can't imagine mornings without coffee. We are accustomed to grabbing our favorite cup of Joe from our favorite coffee shops around island. Each time we order that coffee, smoothie or beverage, it comes in a disposal cup. Usually, these cups last for a few minutes or hours before they are ultimately disposed of and enter the landfill. We can LITERALLY prevent thousands of these one-time use cups from adding on to our dumps by BRINGING YOUR OWN REUSABLE COFFEE MUG to your favorite coffee shop. Some shops give discounts for utilizing these cups, others simply support this initiative. Making it a habit to bring your reusable mug or cup when ordering your favorite beverages will literally reduce the amount of waste we put into our landfills by the thousands, can help you and companies save money, and it can also improve your health!



# Employee News

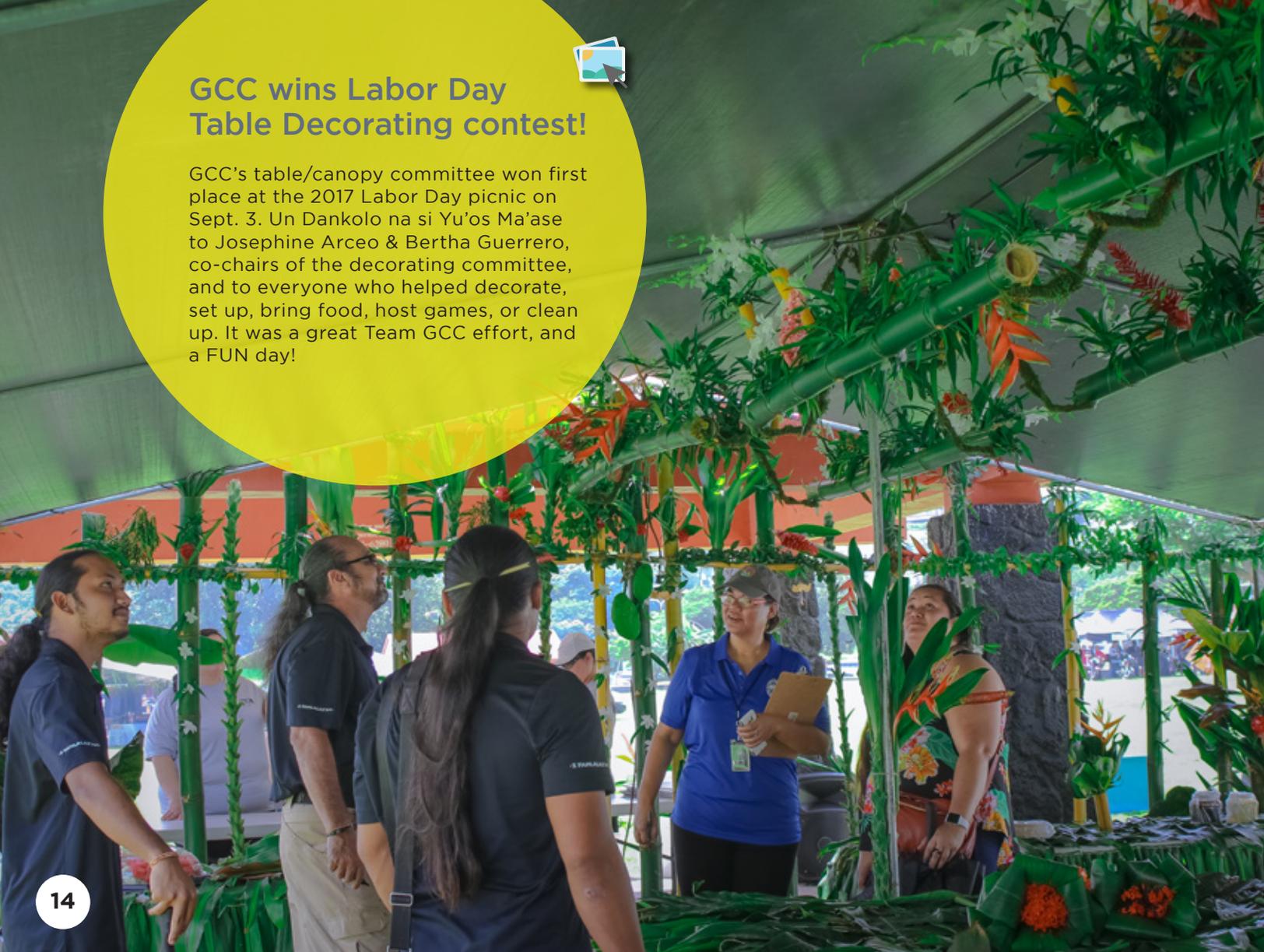
## College Assembly

GCC faculty, staff, and administrators gathered in the MPA on Oct. 23 to discuss the College's upcoming accreditation visit in March 2018 and to further analyze and discuss issues pertaining to our transformation into a higher education institution focused on 100% student success. Si Yu'os Ma'ase to the four Standard Chairs for their presentations (Dr. Mike - Standard I, Simone Bollinger - Standard II, Christie Ginson - Standard III, and Rosemarie Loveridge - Standard IV), and to the faculty who presented on the positive changes made in their respective programs, and all of the presenters for the day. All in all, a very informative, team-building effort!



## GCC wins Labor Day Table Decorating contest!

GCC's table/canopy committee won first place at the 2017 Labor Day picnic on Sept. 3. Un Dankolo na si Yu'os Ma'ase to Josephine Arceo & Bertha Guerrero, co-chairs of the decorating committee, and to everyone who helped decorate, set up, bring food, host games, or clean up. It was a great Team GCC effort, and a FUN day!



# EMPLOYEE NEWS

## They're outta here! (and off to Retirement Land!)

Terry Barnhart, Sarah Leon Guerrero, John Quintanilla, and Michael Setzer were honored with legislative resolutions on Sept. 7 for their decades of service at GCC and to the government of Guam. Terry Guerrero followed Terry Barnhart and retired on Sept. 27, and Todd Olsen, Construction Trades instructor, also retired in October. (Again, please note that Rowena Perez is NOT retiring - she was just standing in for Terry B., who is too busy retiring to attend these ceremonies!)



## Halloween Bash!

On Halloween, GCC again continued its tradition of employees designing wild and crazy costumes. This time, we celebrated with a luncheon in the MPA.





**Cathy Anderson**

**Kimberly Bautista**

**Joanne Blas**

**Amanda Castro**

**Steve Cheipot**

**Gerald Cruz**

**Vera DeOro**

**Jooho Lee**

**Bertha Leon Guerrero**

**Joey Munoz**

**Regine Olarte**

**Nenita Perez**

**Jackie Quan**

**Christine Quinata**

**William Sullivan**

**James Tabunar**

**Carl Torres, II**

**John Zillian**

*September 2017 Employee Birthdays!*

## New Employee Orientation Oct. 20

Welcome to GCC:

**Kameryn Duenas**, Admin Aide, P&D  
**Launie Sarmiento**, Admin Aide, CEWD  
**Jesilin Toves**, Admin Aide, Reach for College  
**Ellie Damian**, PC1, Reach for College  
**Leilani Dueans**, PC1, CEWD  
**Richard Paulino**,  
Emergency Instructor, Construction Trades  
**Keith Quinata**, Faculty, Construction Trades

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### CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

To Phil Guerrero in the CEWD Office:

Hi Philip,

I just wanted to say thank you again for your consideration in getting the Habitat for Humanity of Guam Folks into the classes needed to be licensed. Your consideration truly helped us make this opportunity to fundraise for Habitat possible. Thank you again.

Best,  
Alicia P. Aguon  
Executive Director,  
Habitat for Humanity of Guam

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# October 2017 Employee Birthdays!

Sandy Balbin

Jonita Kerr

Lyndon Pajarillo

Emma Bataclan

Steve Lam

Patty Palacios

Eric Chong

Richard Manglona

Ronaldo Paulino

Narciso Cosico

Amada Manzana

Vince Paulus

Donna Cruz

Edgar Mashayon

Ken Perez

Van Cruz

Christine Matson

Rita Sawyer

Liz Diego

Corey Mendiola

Albert Toves

Christine Ginson

Genny Mesa

Pilar Williams

Tamara Huiro

Rose Marie Nanpei