

Over 600 students and their family and friends, plus GCC faculty, staff and administrators, gathered in the courtyard of the Student Center on April 9 for the annual GCC Spring Festival. The GCC student organizations celebrated campus diversity with food booths, games, and performances. During the festival, students elected ElMarie Anderson to serve a second term as the student representative on the Board of Trustees. In celebration of Earth Month and to raise awareness of the increasing importance of growing your own produce, the Ecowarriors gave away hundreds of vegetable seedlings.

SPRING FESTIVAL



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The ever-popular GCC Culinary Arts buffet lunches were served on Wednesdays in April in the MPA or the Culinary classroom. The buffets are prepared and served by students in the Culinary Arts HS246 Buffet and Catering class, which teaches budding chefs how to successfully plan and execute buffets and catered events within a certain budget.

APRIL CULINARY BUFFETS

May/June Activities

- May 19**
 - Graduation
- May 27**
 - College Financial Aid Workshop 6 pm Student Center Computer Lab
- June 5**
 - Summer Session begins

SUMMER PROGRAMS

- June 8**
 - CACGP Summer Bridge A starts
 - KICK Session A starts
- June 15**
 - Build Your Future Construction Trades summer camp starts
 - Sustainable Technologies & Environmental Engineering Programs (STEEP) starts

- June 29**
 - Nat'l Summer Transportation Institute starts



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From the President

DR. MARY A.Y. OKADA

Hafa Adai everyone,

April, Earth Month, was a very “sustainable” month for us at GCC. Thanks to our sustainability coordinator, Kiko Palacios, and our Ecowarriors student organization for the activities such as carpool day, the Plastic Paradise movie night, and the hundreds of plants they gave away during our successful Spring Festival. It’s wonderful that GCC takes the “LEED” in making everyone on campus aware of the need to care for our beautiful tropical environment! Another April highlight was the offering of delicious lunch buffets in our MPA or Culinary classroom. Thanks to Chef Bertrand and the Culinary Arts Buffet and Catering class for their outstanding spreads! Our postsecondary programs were busy, not only with classroom learning, but also with activities such as the English Department’s “On AIR” presentation that took a new approach to traditional writing exploration, and the Pacific Cultures class hosting of the compelling documentary, “Nuclear Savage.” Congratulations also to our Okkodo High School CTE Lodging Management Program’s 2nd place, and our SSHS ProStart team’s 5th place finish, at their respective national competitions. Also, several GCC administrators and faculty, along with GDOE and UOG faculty and administrators, attended a very valuable professional development session this month on addressing the challenges facing many of our students out here in the Pacific. We hope to incorporate some of these techniques to better help our students succeed both in the classroom and in the workforce. After all, it is what we are all about here at GCC!



ON AIR



Students in GCC English courses turned their writing assignments into real-life applications during “On Art In Research” (ON AIR), a display of their strengths and talents through literary, visual, and performing arts, on April 28-29 in the MPA. The students’ work included short videos, posters depicting their literary research or talent exploration journeys over the semester, object displays, a photo booth, food demonstrations, paintings and drawings, and dance and music performances. The ON AIR showcase is the culmination of a project the English Dept. initiated in February with the free on-campus screenings of “Talent Town,” a documentary by local filmmakers Don and Kel Muña, that explores the intersection of local talent and culture on Guam.

APRIL 14, 2015

GCC Carpool Day/Ride a Bike



This event will promote the idea and act of carpooling (or bike riding) with fellow colleagues on campus. This will include students, staff, faculty and administrators. Participants must identify beforehand a plan to carpool with fellow colleagues for this event. Carpooling should take place throughout the day. This will reduce the Institution's carbon footprint and promote the idea and concept of carpooling as a sustainable alternative for transportation.
8:00AM-5:00PM (WHOLE DAY)

APRIL 4, 2015

Anao Limestone Forest Hike



The Guam Community College along with the Guam Nature Alliance will be holding a nature walk at the Anao Limestone Forest. This event will provide education on Guam's Limestone forest ecosystem, the various plants and animals that can be found in such settings. Reservations required. For more information please contact Jonita Kerr at jonita.kerr@guamcc.edu



APRIL 22, 2015

Eco Warriors Movie Night
"Plastic Paradise- Great Pacific Garbage Patch"

This will feature an Environmental Documentary titled "Plastic Paradise- The Great Pacific Garbage Patch" for the purpose of raising awareness of environmental issues (relevant to Guam) and encouraging sustainable change.
6:00PM-7:30PM STUDENT CENTER COURTYARD

APRIL 9, 2016

Eco Warrior's Green Thumb Plant Giveaways

The Eco-Warriors distributed nearly 300 seedlings for those interested in growing their own produce. Seedlings include tomato, eggplant, cucumber, bell pepper and papaya. Participants were educated on how to care for their plant(s) and learn why it is beneficial to "grow your own."

**4:00PM-8:00PM SPRING FESTIVAL
STUDENT CENTER COURTYARD**



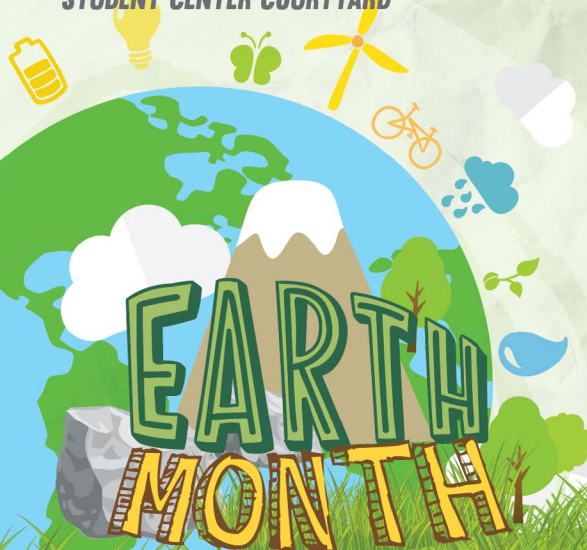
APRIL 25, 2015

Clean Our House Day!

During which 15 GCC volunteers assisted in the sorting and transport of 244 pounds of recyclable plastic material from the campus to the appropriate recycling facility (and NOT into our landfill!).

8:30AM-11:30AM

Thank you to Kiko Palacios, GCC Sustainability coordinator, for organizing these events to help keep us sustainable!





It may come as a shock that over 90% of Guam’s produce is imported from off-island. At any given time, Guam only has enough produce to supply the island for four days. When there is a delay or postponement in the shipment of these imports, we can see stores running low on food and at some points stores limit how much you can buy!

Starting a garden at your home is a GREAT way to reduce your reliance on foreign imports, while getting some exercise and learning new things. Starting a garden might be nerve wracking for those who have never done it before. However, there are many local resources that can provide you with the information you need in order to successfully start, care for, and harvest fresh produce from your garden. Gardening can sometimes be a big responsibility, but the workout and stress release that comes with gardening can benefit your physical and mental health tremendously, not to mention the healthy food you will be eating from your garden!

More and more people are getting into the habit of home gardening. Quite often, these individuals live happier and healthier lives. So join the movement and start gardening!

Green Tip a r t i c l e

by Francisco “Kiko” Palacio
GCC Sustainability Coordinator

ACCOUNTING FOR THE FUTURE!

John Onedera, CPA and chairman of the Guam Board of Accountancy, spoke to over 70 students from GCC and UOG who are either majoring in accounting or interested in studying accounting at the 4th annual GCC "Accounting for the Future" Conference on April 17 at the Pacific Star Resort & Spa. Pilar Pangelinan, GCC Associate Professor of Accounting, has organized this free conference for the past four years. The Guam Society of CPAs and the Association of Government Accountants help fund the conference, which included breakout sessions on private sector and government accounting, fraud, internal controls, managing a bank account, and customer service.

AGA Scholarship Award



Edward Bamba, GCC accounting student and president of the Association of Junior Accountants, received a scholarship from the AGA on April 29.

Manglona honored by AGA as an emerging leader

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Guam Chapter in April nominated GCC's Allied Health chair, Dee Manglona, RN, MSN, for inclusion in its "GOVGUAM 40 AND UNDER: Emerging Leaders in the Government of Guam," publication. Available in print and electronic versions, the publication is part of the Chapter's 45th anniversary celebration, and will feature the biographies of Government of Guam employees 40 years and younger that have exhibited strong leadership qualities in their respective organizations and our island. Congratulations Dee!

Postsecondary Activities

TYPHOON MAYSAK DONATIONS

Sen. Mike San Nicolas accepted 10 boxes of Typhoon Maysak donations from students in the Pacific Cultures class just before the film screening of Nuclear Savage. The storm devastated the islands of the Federated States of Micronesia in March. The students sent nonperishable food, bottled water, and clothing to their FSM neighbors.

MORRISON SPEAKS WITH AHS GOV'T CLASS

Sen. Tommy Morrison spoke to Dan Owen's Adult High School American government class on April 9, addressing concerns about Compact Impact reimbursement by the federal government for services on Guam provided to citizens of the Freely Associated States. Morrison provided a breakdown of the annual reimbursements and reassured the class that the Guam Legislature is addressing all federal aid as it might apply to Guam and looking for more aid. He also addressed the impact of FAS migration to other states within the U.S., and how collectively everyone is addressing the need for greater funding for this situation.

NUCLEAR SAVAGE FILM SCREENING

Art DeOro's HU120-02 Pacific Cultures class hosted a film screening of the documentary Nuclear Savage, the story of Pacific Islanders subjected to nuclear testing by the U.S. government, on April 22 in the MPA. A total of 77 students and faculty attended the event.



GCC's Counseling and Financial Aid offices presented information to Guam Army National Guard members on April 15 at the GUANG HQ in Barrigada. Thank you, Tony Roberto and Ben Rachielug!

UPWARD BOUND GCC TOUR

The College of Micronesia-FSM Yap-Branch Upward Bound group visited the GCC campus on April 27. Fifteen high school seniors and two COM-FSM staff members participated in the tour, which stopped at the Allied Health Building, the new E Building, the Technology Center, and the Automotive Services, Construction Trades, and Cosmetology programs. Kudos to all who promoted their programs to the COM FSM students!



SSHS PROSTART ON PODIUM AT NATIONALS



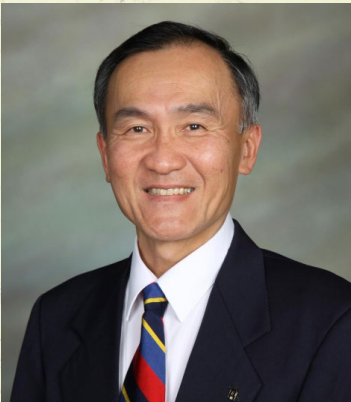
"I'm proud of my team. We did our best, and we did a good job out there. In our hearts, we were first."

Those words from Abigail Pineda, captain of the Simon Sanchez High School ProStart team, after the team's 5th place finish at the National ProStart Invitational in Anaheim, California April 17-19. Pineda and teammates Jommel Carlos, Ramses McNeil, and Mark-Tyler Toves were hoping for a three-peat, as the 2013 and 2014 SSHS teams won the competition an unprecedented two years in a row.

"We still walked on the podium and that's what matters," said Pineda, the only returning member of the 2014 SSHS ProStart championship team.

SSHS ProStart instructor and GCC assistant instructor Vicky Schrage said it was a very tough competition this year.

"I'm anxious to get the score sheets," Schrage said after the awards ceremony, "because everybody recognized our team's level of expertise. 'They are like a well-oiled machine,'" is how Schrage said one of the judges described the SSHS team. "I am very proud of them," she added.



CHONG SELECTED AS OUTSTANDING HS EDUCATOR

Congratulations to Tourism Professor Eric Chong, SSHS LMP instructor, for having been selected to receive the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute's Lamp of Knowledge Award for Outstanding High School Educator, for excellence in preparing students for hospitality careers and further post-secondary hospitality education. Chong's award was recognized at the AH&LA Legislative Action Summit on April 14 at The W in Washington, D.C.

OKKODO LMP TEAM TAKES 2ND AT NATIONALS

The Okkodo High School Lodging Management Program team took 2nd place overall in the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute's annual Hospitality Tourism and Management Program international competition in Orlando, Florida on April 25-26. Okkodo has done very well at this competition over the past several years, winning the competition in 2011, and taking second place in 2012. This year's national 2nd place finishers are Odeth Ignacio (team captain), Katrina Tahimik, Alyssa Rasalan, and Zane Matias. Congratulations to the team and OHS LMP instructor Evon Wong.



NOTABLE :

Phi Theta Kappa, the GCC National Honor Society, held its induction ceremony for officers and new members on April 11 at the Pacific Star.

The OA250 Office Procedures Class hosted a FREE Mini-Conference entitled Job Search Solutions on April 23 at the Student Center Room 5108. Students interested in preparing themselves for the workforce attended sessions on Job Searching, Resume Building, and Interview Preparation.

April 16 - Sexual Assault: Awareness, Prevention, and Resources training took place in the MPA as part of an ongoing series related to the prevention of Sexual Discrimination, Assault, and Harassment on campus.

Also in April, Computer Science instructor Mike Setzer's IBM Academic Initiative renewal request was approved. IBM says it is "thrilled to continue working with you as an Academic Initiative member!" This avails the college of IBM

- Software and hardware
- Curriculum, tutorials, and other learning resources
- Discounts on certifications and training
- Forums and technical support
- Community news, events, and related information. Thanks Mike!

Sinangan Siha para Abrit/Lumuhu'

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

April Chamorro Phrases



BRINGING IN COCONUT LEAVES FOR ROOFING, GUAM, M. I.

Gefpa'go na chit siha gi frañela-ña.

The printed patterns on the shirt is beautiful.

Debi di un famakikilu yanggen gaige hao gi Laibirihan.

You must be quiet when you are at the Library.

Mana'gasgas i lugat kosaki siña man'setbi para ufisina.

The place was cleaned so it may be used as an office.

Pumasehu hit guatu gi sanlagu gi ma'pos na mes.

We traveled to the mainland last month.

A photograph of several colorful Easter eggs in a woven basket. The eggs are decorated with various patterns like polka dots, flowers, and swirls. A green ribbon is tied around the basket. There are also small pink and blue flowers scattered around the basket.

Kompli'åños Empliao Kulehon Kumunidåt Guahån Siha

Abrit/Lumuhu' 2015

Guam Community College Employees April 2015 Birthdays

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Greg Manglona

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Kat Uchima

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