

14th Clean Audit!

The Office of the Public Auditor announced GCC's 14th consecutive clean audit of the Guam Community College by independent auditors Deloitte & Touche, LLP on March 12.

"Maintaining our low-risk status has been a team effort here at GCC for the past 14 years. We are extremely careful with our procurement processes and accountability guidelines. We have to be, because we teach courses on this subject!" said Dr. Mary Okada, GCC president. GCC closed FY 2014 with a \$3.5 million increase in net income, which is 11% or \$352 thousand higher than its FY 2013 \$3.2M increase in net income. This amount brought the College's cumulative net income to \$44.2 million, inclusive of federal grants. Carmen K. Santos, CPA, GCC VP of Finance & Administration, gave credit to the employees. "Our employees deserve the credit for this low-risk status. They work hard and they are diligent in their efforts to maximize the use of public funds," she said.

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Students Leading Students Conference



GCC's annual spring semester Students Leading Students Conference at the Westin Resort drew 139 students, all of whom attended sessions on successful job interviews, career choices, effective communication techniques, conflict resolution, and team building. The conference is sponsored by COPSA, the Center for Student Involvement, GCC's Assessment & Counseling Dept., and Project AIM.

MES CHAMORRO AT GCC

GCC celebrated and promoted our Chamorro language, culture, and heritage during the 2015 Mes Chamorro (March) by using the "Hafa Adai" and "Si Yu'os ma'ase" (thank you) phrases, listening to Chamorro music, displaying cultural items (see the LRC photo!) and donning island wear and accessories. Different divisions hosted the popular "Mirenda Fridays" in the SSA rotunda, and the 2015 Gupot Mes Chamorro was held March 27 in the MPA. Biba Chamorro! Biba GCC!

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UPCOMING AT GCC

Saturday, April 25
Clean Our House Day @ GCC

Friday, May 1st
GCC Supervision & Management Zero-K
4:30 – 8 PM in Student Center Courtyard

Friday, May 15th
Commencement, 6 PM UOG Calvo Field House

Friday, June 5
Summer session starts



GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS A LEADER IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDING THE HIGHEST QUALITY STUDENT-CENTERED EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING FOR MICRONESIA.

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From the President

DR. MARY A.Y. OKADA

Receiving our 14th clean audit from the OPA is definitely a milestone for all of us – it's a record of which I am extremely proud. Keeping good records is a team effort and so important for our financial status. I want to thank all of you, because you all, in some way, played a part in this designation. Congratulations to those involved in the successful Students Leading Students Conference at the Westin Resort on March 6, which drew 139 students. Also, kudos to CACGP for the well-organized STEM summit that highlighted our new technologies to middle and high school students, and to the Math & Science Dept. for promoting STEM during your MathFest after the Math Kangaroo. You kept nearly 300 students entertained with math – that's quite an accomplishment! We are actively looking for the 2015 GCC Distinguished Alumnus, so if someone you know graduated from the former GCC Voc-Tech High School, or from one of our postsecondary programs, has contributed to Guam's workforce, and serves the community, then nominate that person! The application is on our website. Finally, thank you to all who celebrated and promoted our Chamorro language, culture, and heritage during the 2015 Mes Chamorro. All of the different divisions did a wonderful job hosting the popular "Mirenda Fridays" in the SSA rotunda, and our Gupot Mes Chamorro on March 27 in the MPA was a huge success. Biba Chamorro, and biba GCC!



GUAM TROPICAL ENERGY CODE

TROPICAL ENERGY CODE CONFERENCE

GCC, the Guam Energy Office, and the Guam Building Code Council collaborated to present a Guam Tropical Energy Code conference on March 3-4 at the Westin Resort, thanks to funding provided by the U.S. DOI. Engineers, architects, developers, businessmen, contractors, government officials and concerned members of the public gathered at the Westin Resort to discuss the draft energy code developed by the Guam Building Code Council. The conference drew 78 professionals the first day and 91 the second, to discuss the architectural, mechanical, and electrical aspects of the code. Brent Wiese, AIA, Principal of RIM Architects and chairman of the GBBC, noted that 48 states and some U.S. territories have adopted an energy code, while the other two states allow their local jurisdictions to approve a code.

PARAGON AWARD

GCC was awarded a bronze Paragon from the National Council of Marketing and Public Relations National Conference in Portland, Oregon on March 24, for the successful marketing of its "Keep Your Guard Up" program. Congratulations, Continuing Education & Workforce Development and Office of Communications & Promotions!



The search is on for the 2015 Distinguished Alumnus!

If someone you know graduated from the former Guam Community College Voc-Tech High School, or from one of GCC's postsecondary programs, has contributed to Guam's workforce, and serves the community, then nominate that person to be GCC's 2015 Distinguished Alumnus! The application is on www.guamcc.edu! The 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented at the GCC commencement on Friday, May 15, at 6:00 PM at the UOG Calvo Field House.

MATH KANGAROO / MATHFEST 2015!

GCC faculty, students, sponsors, and volunteers kicked into high gear during the MathFest on March 20. Organizer and math instructor Trisha Unten sent this message of appreciation for those who helped with the over 300 students, ages ranging from 1st through 12th grade:

This was my first year coordinating the carnival side of our Annual Math Kangaroo Competition and it was such a great experience working with you all: the instructors, staff, students, volunteers, organizations, and community partners. I truly believe that as long as you're working with people who believe in the cause, it will always be a success. And Yes, We Were A SUCCESS Today! And YES, YOU WERE ALL AWESOME! I am truly grateful to everyone involved, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thanks also to Jennifer Artero, Tonirose Concepcion, Sandy Balbin, COPSA officers-Shawn Fernandez, Roseanna Martinez, Elmarie Anderson, Jesselyn Sangon, and student members of the GCC Talent Club. If you haven't seen it yet, check out the following link for Pacific News Center's coverage on today's event.

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GCC ACCOUNTING STUDENTS- 90% PASS RATE ON AHLEI TEST

AC225 Hospitality Accounting Fall 2014 had a 90% pass rate for the American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute test on "Hospitality Industry Financial Accounting." If you are interested in working in Guam's largest industry -- tourism focusing on accounting, this can help you stand out from the rest of the applicants. This class is being offered for fall semester 2015 on Thursdays from 6-7:30pm. Register now!



From left: Pilar Pangelinan, instructor, students Jamie Taitague, Melohnee Sablan, Edward Bamba, Madeline Flores, and Melanie Reyo.

Not pictured: Jonadelle De Leon, Emilou Cura, Maria Klarisse Castillo, and Laurina Sablan.



SUPREME VISIT

Guam Supreme Court Justice Robert J. Torres visited GCC on March 19 to discuss the development of a Limited License Legal Technician Program. The program aims to certify non-lawyers with the requisite knowledge, skills and experience to assist clients in providing legal assistance in limited areas of law such as guardianships, name changes, and small claims litigation, areas where the retention of attorneys would be difficult or cost-prohibitive. The program is expected to be housed under the Criminal Justice and Social Science Department.

CACGP held Senior Transition Night on March 25 in the GCC MPA. College admissions officials from both GCC and the University of Guam talked to CACGP high school seniors about programs offered at the respective institutions, about success programs such as TRiO and Project AIM, how to apply for financial aid, placement tests, and how to apply for \$1,000 of free grant aid to help pay for college. Then on March 26, CACGP conducted a high school senior tour of GCC, to acquaint students with the many GCC programs offered, and to have them tour our classrooms and state-of-the-art facilities.

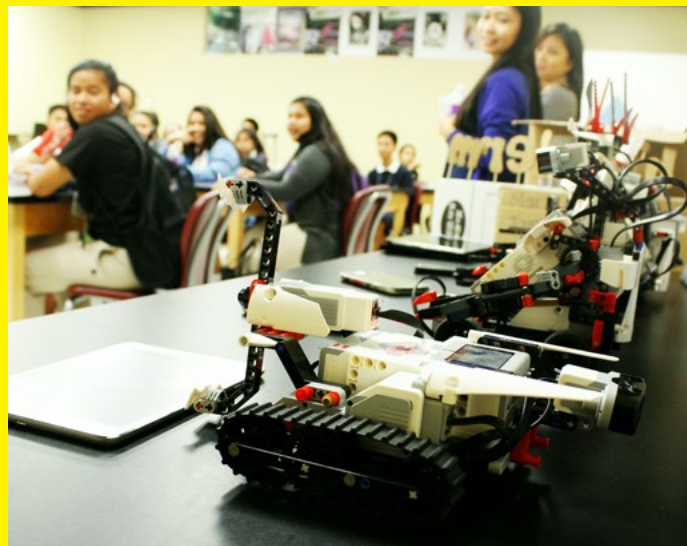


CACGP
College Access Challenge Grant Program

SECONDARY CTE ACTIVITIES

STEM SUMMIT

A total of 210 students from Guam's public middle and high schools learned about science, technology, engineering, and math fields at GCC during the STEM summit hosted by the GCC College Access Challenge Grant Program March 13. Students explored the uses for courses in environmental biology, college math, robotics, computer networking, auto body repair and nursing with GCC faculty, participating in hands-on demonstrations such as feeling the femoral pulse on the GCC Practical Nursing "manikin," looking at bacteria under a microscope, building and operating robotics, and operating automotive simulator equipment.



ALLIED HEALTH ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

GWHS Allied Health students edged out Simon Sanchez, Southern, and John F. Kennedy high schools to win the GCC CTE Islandwide Health Careers & Science Academic Challenge March 20 in the MPA. The Geckos team of Laicey Latsnic, Aijah-lyn Santos, Anthony Losongco, Tiahna Dias, Victoria Flisco, and Tiffany-Amber Inocencio answered the most questions correctly about topics such as caregiving, health science, and disease prevention (for example: When is it NOT ok to use hand sanitizer?). The annual Health Careers Academic Challenge allows students in the GCC CTE Allied Health program in four Guam public high schools to get together, learn about careers in allied health, and test their knowledge against one another.

HALIGI PROJECT

For two weeks in March, nine students from the CTE VisComm program at GWHS, four students from a JFK art class, and one student from Southern High worked with Twiddle Productions, a Honolulu based animation and game production company, to create backgrounds for an animated version of the story of Puntan and Fu'una as part of the Haligi Cultural Animation Art Program. The program is a collaboration between the GDOE Chamorro Studies & Special Projects Division and Twiddle. Chamorro Studies obtained a grant to create a culturally rich and relevant animated film, and part of the grant proposal included using student artists. The students learned the basics of animation background layout and design, and each one received a digital drawing pad from Twiddle so that they can continue working on their assigned scenes with mentor sessions via Skype until completion of the film, which is expected to take about one year.





March 12:

Ms. Rosae Calvo gave a presentation to SSHS LMP sophomores on the importance of good nutrition and healthy life styles.

SECONDARY CTE ACTIVITIES

March 17:

Mr. Jude Diaz, Hilton's Human Resources Manager spoke to LMP juniors about career planning and employment skills.

March 18:

Counselor Sally Sablan conducted team building activities with LMP seniors, and spoke to them about leadership and preparing for college .



March 20:

Chef Paul Kerner and his Culinary Arts students spoke to SSHS Tourism Academy seniors (ProStart and LMP) about GCC Culinary Arts Program as a viable option upon their high school graduation.



March 24:

52 CTE students at SSHS were inducted to the National Technical Honor Society. This is the first NTHS induction for SSHS. The guest speaker was Monique Genereux, owner of Mosa's Joint and a GCC culinary arts graduate. The advisors are Karen Dumchus (lead), Amada Manzana, Sharon Oliveros, Vicky Schrage and Eric Chong.

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GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Kulehon Kumunidat Guahan

GCC HR Administrator featured in SHRM Magazine

Kudos to our awesome HR administrator, Joann Muna, who is featured in the March issue of SHRM Magazine – a national publication! You look awesome in your running outfit, Joann!

Member Spotlight: Joann Waki Muna, SHRM-SCP

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Like many, Joann Waki Muna became interested in HR by accident. During college, she worked as an administrative assistant with the Guam Department of Labor, where she first came into contact with HR.

After graduation, she landed a position as an employee development specialist. She loved the job and set a goal of running an HR department herself one day, which she has now accomplished.



AAUW Scholarship

On March 20, GCC student Nicole C. Gutierrez was awarded a scholarship from the Guam Chapter of AAUW at a luncheon at the Pacific Star View Room. With Nicole are Esther Rios (left) GCC Financial Aid Coordinator, and President Okada

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P R E S I D E N T ' S

Parade of Shoes

GCC's Board Secretary Bertha Guerrero was the star of the 4th annual GCC President's Parade of Shoes on March 6th in the MPA. The event drew over 100 supporters and nearly two dozen contestants, and while the audience saw some amazing high heels, Guerrero won the newest category, the "Sustainable Shoe," by creating a wearable pair of shoes totally from recycled materials. Way to go, Bertha! Special thanks to Mama Char from Power 98 for emceeing the event!

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NAWIC BLOCK KIDS

Dozens of young students and their parents attended the NAWIC Block Kids event on March 7 in the MPA. NAWIC, the National Association of Women in Construction, teamed up with GCC to offer students in grades 1-5 the opportunity to imagine and build a structure during this first NAWIC Block Kids event on Guam. Block Kids is designed to engage elementary school children in the creative thinking and reasoning skills that professionals use in the design and construction industries.

ECOWARRIORS ACTIVITIES

March 5 – The Ecowarriors held a Ridge to Reef mini-conference, taking small groups of high school students into the limestone forest and LEED building tours.

March 8 – Clean-up at Tanguisson Beach with Dededo Mayor's Office.

March 20 – Ecowarrior booth at the GCC Math Festival

UPWARD BOUND PROJECT AIM TOUR

UOG Upward Bound junior and senior high school students toured the GCC campus on March 10. Representatives from GCC Admissions, Financial Aid, Culinary Arts, Computer Networking, VisCom, Allied Health, and Criminal Justice programs met with the nearly 30 students and four staff members. Thank you, department reps and staff, for assisting with the tour and promoting GCC, and thank you Project AIM, for conducting the tour!

Guam Visitors Bureau GM Nathan Denight and deputy GM Telo Taitague met with JFK LMP students to celebrate their **"HAFA ADAI REFRESH"** service learning activity at JFKHS on March 12. The students "refreshed" pledge supporters on campus about their pledge points and recruited more clubs/organizations to join the pledge effort!

On March 19, six **GCC CTE LMP FACULTY** participated in the Hotel Advisory Committee meeting in conjunction with Guam Hotel & Restaurant Association's Human Resources & Education Committee at the Guam Reef Hotel.

GCC COUNSELORS hosted a College Night for high school seniors on March 26 in the MPA, to allow high school seniors to learn about GCC postsecondary programs.

NO MORE

GCC hosted the 2015 Signing of Proclamations and the Presentation of Resolutions for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month on March 31 in the MPA.

TUNGO' I FINO' MAÑAINA-TA YAN NA'SETBE KADA DIHA

KNOW THE LANGUAGE OF OUR ELDERS AND USE IT EVERY DAY



Kompli'āños Empliao Kulehon Kumunidat Guahān Siha Mātso/Umatālaf 2015

Guam Community College Employees March 2015 Birthdays

ANA MARI ATOIGUE
LISA BAZA-CRUZ
MARIBETH BETITO
DOREEN BLAS
SIMONE BOLLINGER
FRANK CAMACHO
MICHAEL CHAN
JAYNE FLORES
PAUL HEALY
DARWIN JOKER
BILL KORENKO
PAT LAM

DONNIE LIZAMA
JAMES LIZAMA
ESTHER MUNA
SHARON OLIVEROS
MELISSA PALOMO
TARA PASCUA
ROSIE QUITUGUA
TONY SAN NICOLAS
CATHY SOLIDUM
PATTY TERLAJE
EARL TUDELA
GINA TUDELA

Sinangan Siha para Måtso/Umatålaf

Umatålaf: "to go catch Gatafe fish"

March Chamorro Phrases



This roof was lifted from its bearings during the typhoon, 1913, and set gently on its present spot. Guam, M. I.



Weaving mats, Guam, M. I.

Siña un usa i atupat yan i acho atupat?

Do you know how to use the sling and slingstone?

Ma hohotno gi kusinan sanhiyong.

They are baking bread in the outside kitchen oven.

Kahåya yan bonitu i uriya Tingteng Talofoyo.

Talofoyo Falls is calm and beautiful.

Tungo' i Fino' Mañaina-ta yan Na'setbe Kada Diha.

Know the language of our Elders and use it every day.



Biba Me's Chamorro