

CHACHOLANI



CAMPUS HAPPENINGS • PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • UPCOMING EVENTS

Mes Chamorro

WINNERS OF THE SPRING FESTIVAL 3D MODEL COMPETITION

- 1st** Adult High School Student Organization
- 2nd** Education Student Organization and Japan Club
- 3rd** Pacific Islands Student Organization

SPRINGFEST

We could not have asked for a more beautiful afternoon/evening for the 2016 GCC Springfest on March 31st. In addition to the 492 students that signed in to vote for the student representative to the Board of Trustees, quite a few faculty, staff, administrators and members of the community attended also. Every student organization had a booth, and all of the Pacific islands were represented. The Ecowarriors sold plants this year (and sold out!).

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GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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MARCH 2016

GCC ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 14, 21, 28
Culinary Buffets
MPA 11AM-12:30PM \$10 P/P

APRIL 15
Accounting for the Future
Conference 8AM-5AM, Westin

APRIL 19-20
4year degree presentations
2:30 SC Rm. 5108

April 22
Project AIM Career Fair
9AM-11:30AM, MPA

APRIL 23
CACGP Senior Banquet
10AM-2PM Sheraton

APRIL 29
Supervision & Management
Zero K Student Center
courtyard

MAY 6
Project AIM Graduation
6PM-10PM PIC

May 12
Graduation Rehearsal Noon,
UOG Calvo Field House

May 13
GRADUATION! 6PM
UOG Calvo Field House



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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.

MATH FEST

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PHOTOS

WINNERS OF 1ST GCC AMATYC STUDENT MATHEMATICS LEAGUE

The Student Mathematics League (SML) here at GCC concluded with Round 2 competitions on March 3rd. The local staging of the math competition is a landmark event considering that this is the first time GCC is competing in this annual challenge sponsored by the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC).

They came, they did math problems for nearly three hours at the international Math Kangaroo, and then many of the nearly 300 students from grades 1 - 12 literally ran to games and displays at the GCC MathFest at the Student Center on March 18th.

From displays where they had to answer math problems in Japanese, or match an accounting term with its definition, go “fish” for answers to math problems, observe the chemical reactions when they made “goop,” or learn how to use Microsoft Excel to solve math problems, it was math all around.

“This is a great opportunity for students to see how math is applied in different subject areas, and that they can really have fun with math,” said Trisha Unten, GCC math instructor and this year’s MathFest chair. *“It’s exciting,”* said Reggie Sepety, a nine-year-old 4th grader from Price Elementary School.

Si Yu’os Ma’ase to our MathFest sponsors: Chief Acai, Giftforia, Hotel Nikko Guam, iFit Guam, More than Gold, Opaque Guam, and Purebred JiuJitsu Academy.

Check out the MathFest Instagram: @gccmathfest #gccmathfest, and website: www.gccmathfest.weebly.com



Round 1 (November 5, 2015)

| | |
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| 1st | Ronel Villanueva Computer Science |
| 2nd | Anthony Reyes Civil Engineering Technology |
| 3rd | McGyver Takashy Computer Science |
| 4th | Jaeana Medina Early Childhood Education |
| 5th | Zachary Cejoco Construction Technology |



Round 2 (March 3, 2016)

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|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1st | Jacob Herazo Marketing |
| 2nd | Charles Wolfe undeclared |
| 3rd | Hannah White undeclared |
| 4th (Tie) | Lei Bao Criminal Justice |
| | Jude Viacrusis Computer Networking |
| | Ronel Villanueva Computer Science |



Rounds 1 & 2 combined

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|-----|--|
| 1st | Ronel Villanueva Computer Science |
| 2nd | Anthony Reyes Civil Engineering Technology |
| 3rd | Diane Kimberly O’Connor, Forensics |
| 4th | Makisimino Veimau, Civil Engineering Technology |

POSTSECONDARY NEWS & EVENTS

College Planning & Career night

The thought of going to college – and how to pay for going to college – can be daunting for many families. Not to mention what to study in college. That's why the GCC College Access Challenge Grant Program invited middle and high school students, and even students already enrolled in college, to a FREE College Planning & Career Night on March 30th in the MPA. Students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) learned about the admissions process and financial aid requirements, and met with GCC faculty and counselors to explore the 22 associate degree and 18 certificate programs offered at GCC.

UOG Upward Bound tour of GCC

Upward Bound student participants from the University of Guam toured the GCC campus on March 8th. The 15 students and four chaperones were impressed with our state-of-the-art facilities!



GCC Japan CLUB participates in fair

GCC's Japan CLUB hosted a booth to demonstrate wrapping items with furoshiki (traditional cloth) at the Japan Club of Guam's annual Arts & Crafts Fair on March 12th at the Hotel Nikko Guam.

POSTSECONDARY NEWS & EVENTS



GCC student wins JAL scholarship!

Congratulations to GCC student Hope Villanueva, who was selected for the 2016 JAL Scholarship Program. Villanueva will head to Tokyo from June 27th to July 19th, spending three weeks in Japan with students from across Asia and Oceania. Her trip will include home stays, seminars, field work, group discussions and much more—all conducted in the Japanese language. The best to Hope as she represents Guam and GCC in this year's JAL Scholarship Program!

From left:

Japan CLUB officers Kieth Nonato and Joshua Perez, Hope Villanueva and Doreen J. Blas, GCC Japanese instructor.

Pacific Islanders in Communications presents an evening of Pacific films sponsored by Guam Community College, coordinated by the department of Criminal Justice and Social Sciences

A PACIFIC FILM SHOWCASE
DEEP WATERS

MARCH 2nd - 3rd
Beginning at 10:00am

AT GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MULTI-PURPOSE AUDITORIUM, BLDG 400
1 SESAME STREET - MANGILAO

**The Insular Empire:
America in the Mariana Islands**
Vanessa Warheit
An examination of the Mariana Islands' relationship with the United States, and what it means to be a colonial subject of the greatest democracy on Earth

**There Once Was An Island:
Te Henua e Nnoho**
Briar March
A Pacific Island community fights to save their home in the face of rising tides due to climate change

PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN COMMUNICATIONS
GCC
cpb

For more info contact Jose Munoz, 735-5622 or jose.munoz@guamcc.edu

CJSS teams with PIC to host films

Students and members of the community watched two important films dealing with Pacific islands issues via the Pacific Islanders in Communications' Deep Waters series on March 2nd and 3rd in the MPA:

"Insular Empire: America in the Mariana Islands" - an examination of the Mariana Islands' relationship with the United States, and what it means to be a colonial subject of the greatest democracy on Earth, and

"There Once Was An Island: Te Henua e Nnoho" - a documentary examining how a Pacific island community fights to save their home in the face of rising tides due to climate change. GCC's CJSS Dept. joined Pacific Islanders in Communications in sponsoring the event.



PI tablea maker wows GCC students

Slight and slender, Raquel Choa looks more like a model than a chef who pounds cacao beans to make world-famous chocolate paste, but in the words of freshman GCC Culinary Arts student Jiara Albert, "How she pounded her chocolate - the energy, her power - that's inspiring." Choa demonstrated her tablea (chocolate paste) making techniques to more than 150 students from GCC's postsecondary Culinary Arts program and the college's career and technical education ProStart and Marketing programs from GW March 9th in the MPA. She was on island to help celebrate National Women's Month and International Women's Day March 11th.

garde manger

(gärd-mänⁿ-zhā) 🗣️



Culinary students present garde manger buffet

GCC Culinary Arts students presented their Garde Manger final exam buffet on March 8th in the MPA. Pronounced “gard mahn-zhay,” the French term is used to describe cold foods. Chef Bertrand Haurillon’s 21 students prepared dishes such as an assortment of pâté and seafood terrine, a cold cuts platter, chicken galantines, pork loin in aspic and fresh pickles, an assortment of sushi, a bread basket, fresh fruit platters, and mouthwatering desserts. The students were judged for their teamwork, the taste of the individual dishes, and for the artistry of the food display.

A collage of photos from a talent show. On the left, a man plays an acoustic guitar. In the center, a woman in a blue beanie and grey shirt sings into a microphone. On the right, another man plays a guitar. The background shows a stage with speakers and a Pepsi logo.

GCC'S GOT TALENT!

GCC's Talent Club hosted an open entertainment night from 6-9 PM on March 17th in the Student Center courtyard. Kudos to all the students that performed! You are a talented group!

WATCH VIDEO

Ecowarriors on the move!

The GCC Ecowarriors returned to Fouha Trailhead on March 26th to remove as much trash as possible to restore dignity to this ancient, spiritual place (they cleaned at Fouha in February, too).

They also helped GAIN earn \$500 for cleaning up along a road in Yigo near Simon Sanchez Sr. High School and FB Leon Guerrero Middle School on March 5th, after no one else responded to the call for volunteers. Way to go, Ecowarriors!

Thanks to Prof. Joni Kerr for posting the proper way to view a solar eclipse on March 9th. In case you missed, here's how (for the next one!):

Avoid looking at directly at the eclipse - you can damage your retinas in your eyes.

To enjoy the eclipse, build a simple pinhole projector.

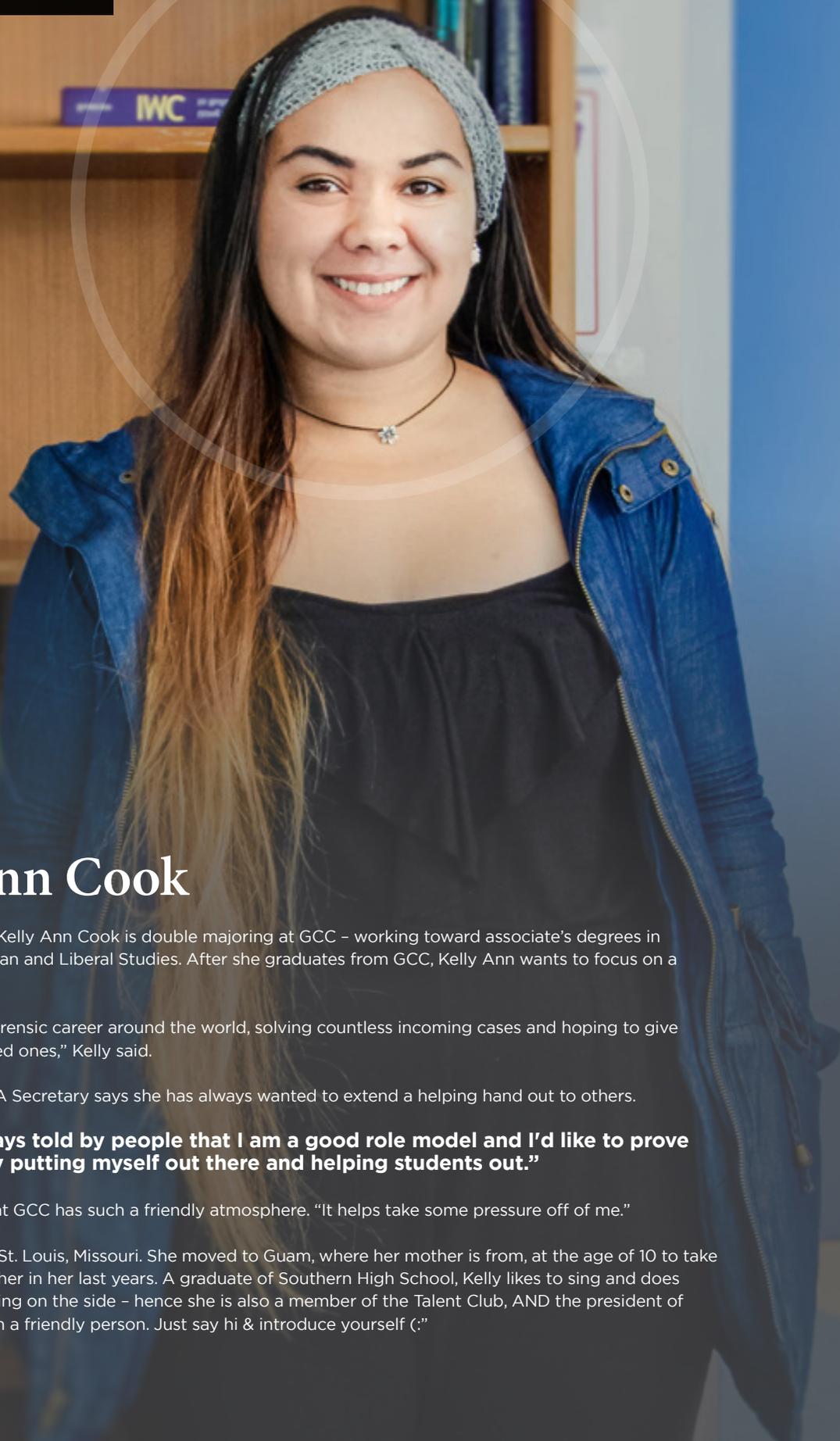
<http://www.space.com/15752-solar-eclipse-viewer.html>

A group of three students in white lab coats looking up at the sky. Red lines are drawn over the photo, pointing to the text above. The background shows a grassy area with trees and a building.

"STUDENTS IN PHOTO WERE **NOT** PROPERLY VIEWING THE ECLIPSE!"

POSTSECONDARY
NEWS & EVENTS

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Kelly Ann Cook

Twenty-one year old Kelly Ann Cook is double majoring at GCC – working toward associate’s degrees in Forensic Lab Technician and Liberal Studies. After she graduates from GCC, Kelly Ann wants to focus on a degree in Forensics.

“I hope to take my Forensic career around the world, solving countless incoming cases and hoping to give closure to the unsolved ones,” Kelly said.

The 2016-2017 COPSA Secretary says she has always wanted to extend a helping hand out to others.

“Also, I was always told by people that I am a good role model and I’d like to prove that to myself, by putting myself out there and helping students out.”

Kelly likes the fact that GCC has such a friendly atmosphere. “It helps take some pressure off of me.”

Kelly is actually from St. Louis, Missouri. She moved to Guam, where her mother is from, at the age of 10 to take care of her grandmother in her last years. A graduate of Southern High School, Kelly likes to sing and does some amateur modeling on the side – hence she is also a member of the Talent Club, AND the president of Japan Club! “Also, I’m a friendly person. Just say hi & introduce yourself (:”



FACULTY FOCUS

Michael Setzer II Computer Science Instructor

(since 1983 – 2nd longest-serving employee at GCC!)

Congratulations to Pete Roberto, CJSJ Department chair, for his promotion to assistant professor!

Michael Setzer II wins the innovation/save GCC money award for this month. He had researched purchasing a new AS/400 system (since the current one was over 12 years old), but at \$50-\$120K, it was out of the question. An email to a friend who works at IBM led Michael to connect with the people that run the IBM Power Systems Academic Initiative (PSAI) program. "I had a long distance phone call with two other IBM members, and it was a 'go.' I was happy to get access to a system that had the latest hardware and software," he said.

Michael says over 60 other colleges and universities are also using the IBM PSAI to teach their students. He's been using the access to continue teaching the CS102 Computer Operations Course, CS103 RPG Course, and CS252 Advance RPG Course. He also converted the CS252 course to using RPG ILE because he says it expands the students' knowledge base. Michael was able to migrate files and programs to the system from GCC's old AS/400 system and create compatible systems. (If you don't understand any of this – it's ok. Neither do most people!)

"I believe providing students with the knowledge that there are many options available to solve problems beyond the PCs and Macs," said Michael.

He says it is nice that most of the students can access the AS/400 from their own computers to work on things outside of class time, and away from the college.

"The good thing about being on Guam is that we virtually get the system to ourselves, because of the time difference," he said. "There is no perfect system, but each problem can have various solutions. Additionally, many people see PCs/Macs and think they are running everything, but come to find that much of those systems are connected to other systems."

Michael says many of his students are already working - some in computer related jobs, and some in other areas.

"I occasionally have students contact me later that they are now working at companies that have AS/400," he said.

Nice job, Michael. Way to come up with an "outside the box" solution that saved GCC money AND is good for our students!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Esther Muna

Private Secretary to President Okada

Esther Muna has worked at GCC for **10 years**. She started out at Project AIM as an admin assistant. A decade later, still looking just as young, she keeps Dr. Mary on schedule. Esther says the toughest part of her job is keeping up with her boss. The most rewarding part? "Helping students - in whatever way I can. When they call or get stuck somewhere in our process, I help to untangle them." In her free time, Esther can be found at one of the various sports fields around the island with her husband, Jeff, cheering on their sons Troy and Tino, who play baseball, football, and rugby. Troy is also a student at GCC!





From the President

Dr. Mary A.Y. Okada



Looking over this edition of Chachalani, I am bursting with pride. Our students, faculty, staff, and administrators are doing so much at GCC – engaging programs, conferences, community events, industry partnerships – we definitely have “got it goin’ on” here. Kudos to everyone who had anything to do with our wonderful, colorful SpringFest (attended by HUNDREDS!), and our amazing

Mathfest this month. Through Mathfest, we are building valuable relationships with students and teachers in our K-12 school system. Congratulations to student Hope Villanueva for besting all the other applicants for the JAL scholarship! And kudos to Michael Setzer II and Chris Dennis for the initiatives they have taken to improve facilities and the learning environment for their students. Also, once again, our

Finance and Administration branch, under the direction of vice president Carmen Santos, CPA, has earned GCC its 15th consecutive clean audit. Si Yu’os Ma’ase, everyone, for helping them to keep our financial house in order by following the financial rules around here. Finally, Si Yu’os Ma’ase to all of our employees for so enthusiastically celebrating Mes Chamorro here at GCC.
Biba Mes Chamorro, and Biba GCC!

15th clean audit for GCC

Many people don't realize that Guam Community College digs into its own pocket to pay the 47 instructional and non-instructional employees that provide our mandated career and technical education programs in Guam's public high schools. GCC is grateful to Public Auditor Doris Flores Brooks for pointing out this fact in commending the College for its 15th consecutive clean audit by independent auditors Deloitte & Touche, LLP on March 15th.

"Our finances at GCC are complicated," said Dr. Mary Okada, GCC president. "What many may not realize is that while we receive tuition revenue from our 2,400-plus postsecondary students, our budget must also support the 2,600 secondary students enrolled in the 10 career and technical education programs that we offer in Guam's public high schools. Okada pointed out that these programs are extremely valuable to high school students in that they provide a pathway into college and career exploration.

The audit highlighted GCC's three major categories of revenues: net student tuition and fees, federal grants and contracts, and Government of Guam appropriations. The College's total revenues in FY 2015 amounted to \$41.3M. Tuition and fees contributed \$2.7M or 6.6% of total revenues. Federal monies brought in another \$12.7M or 30.8%. However, the audit noted, appropriations of \$20.3M contributed to half of the College's revenues.

Carmen K. Santos, CPA, GCC VP of Finance & Administration, said, "We practice sustained due diligence with regard to our finances and internal controls, and try to give the people of Guam the best value for every tax dollar we are allotted. Much of the credit goes to our employees, who work very hard to make sure that all of our rules are followed."

View full details of the GCC FY 2015 audit at:

<http://www.opaguam.org/financial-audits/guam-community-colleges-gcc-fy-2015-financial-audit>

Congratulations to GCC Board of Trustees Treasurer Richard Sablan, who was confirmed by the Legislature to serve another term as a BOT member after his confirmation hearing on March 22nd!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

GCC receives APIASF Etopia grant for online offerings

GCC students want more online courses, and a \$15,000 grant from the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF), in conjunction with USA Funds, will provide the College with the opportunity to strengthen its online offerings. The APIASF grant, announced February 26th, partners GCC with Coastline Community College in Orange County, California, a leader in online education and distance learning, in order to support college completion and career transition for students in the Pacific.

The grant is part of the APIASF Enhancing Technology and Online Education at Pacific Island AANAPISIs (E-TOPIA) Project, a new initiative supporting innovative online education at federally designated Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs) in the Pacific Islands.

“This \$15,000 grant award will allow GCC to strengthen, scale, and measure the effectiveness of Coastline’s “RX for Online Success” Online Learning Initiative at GCC and at other AANAPISI institutions,” said President Okada.

GCC, Triple J partner for heightened training opportunities

With two strokes of a pen on March 23rd, GCC and Triple J Auto Group entered into a historic training opportunity that could eventually benefit everyone on Guam who drives a vehicle. Dr. Mary Okada and Jay Jones, Triple J Auto Group Senior Vice President, signed the first memorandum of agreement between GCC and Triple J to set in motion the process for the development of the first brand specific training programs on island.

With this partnership, Chris Dennis, GCC Automotive Department chair, says GCC automotive students will receive brand specific technical training for Triple J lines such as Ford, Honda, and Kia, improving their employability and providing a clearer career pathway for them into industry. Triple J will benefit, Dennis says, from a competent pool of students to pull from, which translates into better customer service.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Medical Assisting students help at CNAS Fair!

GCC Medical Assisting students helped out at the UOG-CNAS Health Fair in March over at the UOG campus. They conducted assessments and took the vitals of 58 employees who participated.



Transition Seminar

The move from high school to college is often a challenge for students. For students with disabilities, it can be downright frightening. To make this move easier, the GCC Office of Accommodative Services, in collaboration with GDOE, offered a Transition Seminar for high school students with disabilities from both public and private institutions that want to attend GCC upon graduation. The seminar took place on March 4th in the MPA, offering students and parents the opportunity to meet with GCC department chairs, program directors, and other staff to go over information and advice the students will need for a successful transition to higher education. They also took a tour of our awesome campus!

AND SCIENCE
ACADEMIC CHALLENGE BOWL



Back row from left:
*Michael Ocampo; Sharon Oliveros, Counselor; Florencio Gabriel;
Jerrycho Bondoc; Paul Adaman; Karen Dumchus, Instructor*

Front row from left:
Crizelle Callos; Lylac Urbino; Tehya Rose Santos; Vekina Ichihara

CTE Allied Health Academic Challenge Bowl

Students from Simon Sanchez High School bested students from Southern, GW, and JFK to win the 5th Academic Challenge Bowl on March 17th in the MPA. Thank you to Rose Loveridge of the GCC Practical Nursing program for being the guest speaker and promoting our program and careers in the health industry. Approximately 150 students attended the event.



MES CHAMORRO

The GCC Mes Chamorro meriendas, luncheon, and room competitions were beautiful and meaningful, thanks to all the employees who shared their Chamorro culture with everyone. Si Yu'os Ma'ase to the Mes Chamorro 2016 volunteers who assisted in one way or another for the solicitation and collection of door prizes for this event, as well as for helping to organize the beautiful spread of local foods: Bertha Guerrero, Eleanor Damian, Fermina Sablan, Josephine Arceo, Juanita Sgambelluri, Philip Guerrero, Rosemarie Siguenza, Julie Ulloa-Heath, Derrick Kowalski, GCC Retiree Ann Cruz, and Frank Camacho.



Un Dankolo na si Yu'os Ma'ase to our donors who provided wonderful prizes for the raffles:

Che'lu, Sanford Technology Group (STG), JC Marketing, Guam Chocolate, GVB, Linda's Coffee Shop/Café, Pacific Data Systems, Micropac Inc., DMR, the GCCEA, COMPacific, World Dining Inspirations, MegaByte, Beyond the Box, Olivia Palacios, Cop Shop, Ajisen, Josephine Arceo, yan Francisco Camacho.



Congratulations to the AVP's Office for winning the room decoration competition! Second place went to the English Department and third place to the Business Office.



Sinangan Siha

Chamorro Phrases



March – Måtso/Umatålaf

Umatålaf “to go catch Gatafe fish”

Gef pago na ha’ani para mameska giya Piti.

It is a beautiful day to go fishing down at Piti.

Hånao ya un peska tataga’ para na talo’ani.

Go and catch unicornfish for lunch.

Ya-ña bumoka tataga’ yan palakse’.

He/She loves to eat unicorn and parrot fish.

Anai mama’te, adahi i nufu’ gi entre i acho yan i rubentasion siha.

Be careful of the stone fish between the rocks and the coral reef during low tide.

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

KNOW THE LANGUAGE OF OUR ELDERS AND USE IT EVERY DAY



Kompli'ãos Empliao Kulehon Kumunidåt Guahån Siha

Måtso/Umatålaf 2016

Guam Community College Employees March 2016 Birthdays

ANA MARI ATOIGUE
LISA BAZA-CRUZ
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
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