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MAY
2015

353 GRADUATE MAY 19TH

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After two typhoon-related delays and a quick same-day rehearsal, Guam Community College finally conferred 430 degrees, certificates, and/or diplomas upon 353 graduates at the UOG Calvo Field House on May 19th. This year's graduating class included a record number of postsecondary credentials and journey worker certificates conferred.

"The third time is a charm," Dr. Mary Okada, GCC president, told a packed field house. Addressing the dignitaries in the audience, she motioned to the graduates, "Here are the results of your investment in GCC. This is our mission, these are the fruits of our labor."

GCC's Most Distinguished Graduate for 2015 is Gerome R. Sangalang, who is graduating with an Associate of Science degree in Pre-Architectural Drafting. Graduating with an A.S. in Medical Assisting, Michele Phillips is the 2015 Distinguished Graduate.

Neil Horikoshi, President and Executive Director of the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund, delivered the Commencement Address after having had to change his flight twice in order to do so. "Lifelong learning isn't just about getting a degree. You need global, portable skills to be competitive not just on island, but around the world," Horikoshi told the graduates. Over the past two years, APIASF has awarded 32 GCC students with scholarships totaling over \$90,000.

Local filmmaker Don Muna was honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award for 2015. Muna earned his GED® from Guam Community College in 1999, and has since established himself as a successful, internationally acclaimed filmmaker. "Believe it or not, I dreamt of this moment. I knew that one day I would be standing in front of a large crowd just like this one - speaking my mind - sharing my story," he said.



(To view more graduation photos, [click here](#))

From the President

DR. MARY A.Y. OKADA

As they say, the third time is a charm. This year's Commencement turned out to be a most excellent evening, thanks to all of the GCC employees and faculty who stepped up and worked tirelessly through two delays and a quick two-hours-before-the-ceremony practice. A most heartfelt dankolo na si Yu'os ma'ase to all of you for making our graduates' special night so memorable. You have proven once again that we truly are a family here at GCC. And of course congratulations to all 353 graduates. Please keep in touch with us and let us know of your future plans/accomplishments. Special thanks go out to our commencement speaker, Neil Horikoshi, APIASF President/Executive Director, for changing his flight twice so he could deliver his inspiring speech in person. Earlier in the month, Supervision & Management students hosted the very first Zero-K on island – congratulations on an innovative way to raise money for the Foster Families Association. Congratulations also to the JFK CTE program National Technical Honor Society inductees, to our Project AIM graduates, and to our BOT student trustee, Elmarie Anderson, for having been sworn in to her second consecutive term. Thank you to our Practical Nursing Student Association for thinking of typhoon victims with their donation of clothing and small household items to the Yigo Mayor's office, and a special thank you during this Nurses Month to our nursing faculty and our GCC nurses, Emma Bataclan, RN, and Eva Mui, LPN, for all that you do for the college. Faculty, have a great summer. It will be a busy one, as we have FIVE summer programs happening, but with the way we pulled together for graduation, I know that we can handle anything here at GCC!

HORIKOSHI MEETS WITH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

While on island as GCC's commencement speaker, Neil Horikoshi, APIASF president/executive director, took the GCC APIASF scholarship recipients Johnny Worswick, Adrian Davis, and Kaolani Claros to lunch May 14, making time to get to know these students that his organization is helping to go to college. Again, thank you Neil!

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On May 30, supporters of APIASF gathered at the Hilton Gallery to raise money for more scholarships for GCC and UOG students. Thank you to APIASF sponsors First Hawaiian Bank and Duty Free. Here with GCC President Okada and UOG President Underwood are scholarship recipients Raekel Santos, Ginger Naburn, and Adrian Davis.

JOINT LEADERSHIP

Administrators and faculty members sat down on May 8th for a productive joint leadership meeting to discuss GCC's 2015-2020 institutional and academic priorities, budget matters, and other issues.

ANDERSON SWORN IN FOR 2ND TERM

Board of Trustees Student Member Elmarie Anderson was sworn in for her second consecutive term on the BOT on May 1st by BOT chair Deborah Belanger. Anderson ran unopposed and was re-elected by her fellow students during the Spring Festival on April 9th.

From the Accreditation Liaison Officer's (ALO) Desk

DR. RAY SOMERA, AVP
VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Back on April 23-24, President Okada and I attended the ACCJC New Standards Symposium in San Diego, in preparation for GCC's accreditation team visit in March 2018, and to familiarize myself with the new standards in my role as both ALO and potential visiting member of an accreditation team. The new standards will be enforced beginning Spring 2016. Along with about 200 other ALOs and CEOs, I learned important lessons and insights that can benefit GCC in the long run, such as the following:



- Work with AIER to explain new changes in the standards, and then provide training to the chairs of the standard committees so that there is general understanding of what these changes are, and how these will impact the work we need to do with other accreditation requirements;
- Standards are not aspirational or prescriptive; instead, they allow colleges to find protocols or processes that make sense internally to the college and its constituents;
- Anything (e.g. credit, non-credit) offered under the mission of the college has to follow the accreditation standards; AND contract education offered by 3rd party vendors is also subject to these standards;
- Include a student complaint file (covering both formal and informal complaints) for accreditors to review during their campus visit;
- There must be institution-set standards on student achievement, such as retention, transfer, and completion rates. They must be published, and monitored each year. When discontinuing a program, ACCJC must be informed, so that this information can be passed on to DOE for Pell funding purposes;
- Campus dialogue needs to be documented in terms of timeline, issues discussed, audience, and other relevant variables;
- The shift from compliance to quality is something that needs to be emphasized as campuses prepare for their site visits.

Plan for the following strategies as preparation for new ACCJC expectations:

- Ask AIER to harvest Standard Committee Reports each year since the last visit in order to cull the important dialogue issues recorded therein;
- Prepare summary reports of curriculum changes each year for inclusion in the Board packet or presentation in a Board retreat;
- Provide supplemental narrative reports accompanying the Annual Fact Book.

Prepare for a **Quality Focus Essay** that highlights projects in the planning stage, and that will need follow up and follow through during the span of the accreditation period. This is the newest requirement that will be in place upon the implementation of the new ACCJC standards.

Obviously, we have a lot of work to do to prepare for these changes in the ACCJC standards and reporting requirements. But I know that the GCC team is up to the task, and I look forward to working with everyone in order to prepare for a successful 2018 visit!



Ten GCC students graduated not only from the college on May 19, but also, from the Project AIM program. A separate Project AIM ceremony took place on May 8 in the MPA. Back row, from left: Lyka Paulene M. Santos, Samantha Eliza Cruz, Leticia Borro Cruz, Abbie Jane B. Battung, and Princess Fule Ayuyu. Unable to attend were graduates Jaena Jean Topasna Sims, Melanie Reyo, Alexine Marie Gentapanan, Michael G. Laguana and Maegan Paloma. Standing in front are James Fathal, Project AIM program coordinator; Dr. Gina Tudela, TPS Dean; Elmarie Anderson, BOT student member; Dr. Liz Diego, Associate Dean; President Okada; Dr. Ray Somera, AVP; and Huan Hosei, Project Aim program coordinator.

POSTSECONDARY PROGRAMS

SM STUDENTS HOST ZERO-K

The GCC Supervision & Management Personnel Supervision class teamed up with Guam's Foster Families Association to host Guam's very first Zero-K on May 1st at GCC's Student Center. The students described the event as "all the fun of a 5K, but without the run" - food, entertainment, games and activities for children and raffles prizes! The Zero-K helped kick off National Foster Care Month, and over 150 foster children on Guam benefitted from the event, which was a service learning project for students in the course. From left: SM students Clariann Clark, Raivin Sato, Anita Cruz, Paula Grace Villaluna, Robert Siobiron, and Samantha Cruz at a Zero-K booth.



PRACTICAL NURSING STUDENTS DONATE TO TYPHOON VICTIMS.

Practical Nursing Students donate to typhoon victims. From left: GCC Practical Nursing students Brenda Presto and Ailyne Cruz, along with Yigo Mayor Rudy Matanane, PN student Shernitta Bertrand; Rosemary Loveridge, RN, MSN, PN asst. professor; and PN student Mark Gosico, donated clothing, pots/pans and other small household items to residents displaced by Typhoon Dolphin at the Yigo Mayor's Office on Wednesday, May 27. In front is Gavin Cosico.

POSTSECONDARY PROGRAMS

ECOWARRIORS ACTIVITIES

The GCC Ecowarriors assisted iRecycle in trying to promote recycling at the Guam Relay for May 22-23 at the George Washington High School track in Mangilao. The Ecowarriors also assisted at the 2015 Base-Wide Fanihi Count at Anderson Air Force Base on May 30 by scanning the skies for fanihi to try to determine how many live in the forests on the base. After the fanihi count, the group gathered for an End of the Year BBQ May 30 at Merizo Pier, with paddle boards, masks and snorkels, and swimming vests available for some fun in the sun! At Merizo Pier, from left: Prof. Joni Kerr (Ecowarriors advisor), Tina Erickson, Marijoy Viernes, and Angel Gutierrez.

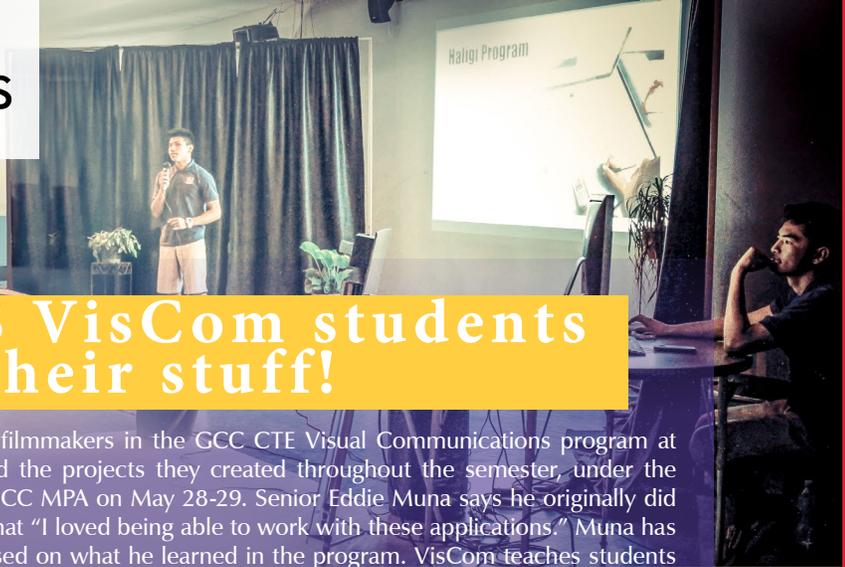


On May 29, the CJSS Department held an induction ceremony for the start of the Criminal Justice Academy. The ceremony recognized the 26 students selected for the academy through a series of screenings, and briefed family members on what the students will undergo through their 11 weeks of training.



CJ ACADEMY INDUCTION CEREMONY

Secondary Programs



GWHS VisCom students show their stuff!

Budding photographers, graphic artists and filmmakers in the GCC CTE Visual Communications program at George Washington High School showcased the projects they created throughout the semester, under the guidance of instructor Jean Cepeda, in the GCC MPA on May 28-29. Senior Eddie Muna says he originally did not sign up for the “VisCom” program, but that “I loved being able to work with these applications.” Muna has applied to the San Francisco Art Institute based on what he learned in the program. VisCom teaches students how to work with graphic applications such as Adobe InDesign, Illustrator and Photoshop, and iMovie and GarageBand. Check out their video: http://youtu.be/426E_cVavWE

SSHS LMP graduates ready for work!

On May 28, 19 seniors in the GCC CTE Lodging Management Program at Simon Sanchez High School received industry credentials that will give them an employability boost in Guam’s tourism industry. They earned their GCC LMP Certificate of Mastery or Completion, and 3 gold, 13 silver and 2 bronze National Career Readiness Certificates from the WorkKeys program, plus 15 industry credentials earned -13 Certified Guest Service Professionals and two Certified Restaurant Servers from the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute.

“Of significance,” said Prof. Eric Chong, SSHS LMP instructor, “is that the two Certified Restaurant Servers recipients are the first on Guam to attain this skill-level recognition.” Chong noted that all 19 seniors in the program worked in the industry through the GCC high school work experience program, learning valuable skills from hotels and restaurants. Milton Morinaga, Managing Director of Ken Corp, was guest speaker for LMP graduation ceremony.



Photo caption:

Seated: (L-R): Rechelle Ignacio, Milton Morinaga, Managing Director of Ken Corp.; Chyryll Crisologo.

Front row (L-R): Blossom Lumba, Julalaine Tabios, Lieana Nunez, Tricia Santiago, Caithlyn Alger, Chassidy Quidachay, Jovanny Ignacio, and Makaelah Blas.
Back row (L-R): Darren Mesa, Kevin Dela Cruz, Frederic Quipse, Roybert Bautista, April Fernandez, Erica Bucyo, Dioresa Romo, Charles Roque, and Karleesa Nameta.

JFK NTHS Induction

JFK students KrishaMae Ayson, a senior in the ProStart program, and Danielle Flores, a junior in the Lodging Management Program, were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society on May 29 at JFK. The NTHS promotes student achievement and leadership, educational excellence, and career and technical education opportunities at the high school level. From left: Gaylene Cruz, Vice Principal; Dr. Barbara Adamos, Principal; Jon Fernandez, DOE Superintendent; Danielle Flores, Lodging Management Program Student Inductee; Krisha Mae Ayson, ProStart Student Inductee; Mary Okada, GCC President; Dr. Teresita Manaloto, Vice Principal; Jesse San Nicolas, Vice Principal; Dr. Asherdee Rosete, Vice Principal.



JFK’s Tourism Academy also held an end-of-year celebration at Applebee’s on May 22nd to honor retiring JFK health instructor Peter Linn, one of the Tourism Academy instructors. From left: Carol Cruz, Tourism Academy Lead Teacher; teachers Peter Linn, Paul Rabago, Carmen Serrano, and Rose Torres.

Nurses Month!

MAY IS NURSES MONTH, SO THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE GCC NURSING FACULTY AND TO OUR GCC HEALTH CENTER NURSES, EMMA BATACLAN, RN, AND EVA MUI, LPN, FOR SERVING OUR STUDENTS SO WELL! AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR PRACTICAL NURSING STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE PN PROGRAM FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO THIS VITAL PROFESSION.

60th tour guide training

Twenty-three people completed the 60th Tour Guide Training on May 13.



Front row

(L-R): Devin Chaco, Roby Rodney, Liu Bin, Emily Wallace, Elise Jeoun, Yuta Yokoyama, Jae Hoon Chung

Back row (L-R):

Fletcher Persinger, Hong Gi Chu, Rod Cawood, Chiu Hui Cheng, Vanessa Bautista, Tai Wei Yu,

Theresa Cawood, Zheng Yi Zhao, Darrell San Nicolas, Chun Hoa Li, Ji Hoon Cho, Yi Yuan,

Sung Park, Yong Ho Cho, Eric Ji, Zhe Ji

SUMMER SESSION STARTS JUNE 5TH!

The GCC Employees Association is hosting a fundraiser June 5 from 5:30 PM – 9 PM at The Joint Pub & Grub on Route 8 in Maite (formerly Club Escape). \$10 per ticket includes one domestic beer or soda, and free appetizers. Raffles, entertainment, a mini Beer Pong Tourney, a Lip Dub competition and dancing are all on the agenda for the evening!

SUMMER PROGRAMS

UPCOMING



1. **Summer Bridge** (middle & high school students)
Session A June 8-26, Session B June 29-July 17
2. **Kids in College Kamp (KICK)** (middle schoolers)
Session A June 8-26, Session B June 29-July 17
3. **Construction Trades** (middle schoolers) June 15-26
4. **Nat'l Transportation Summer Institute (NTSI)**
(high schoolers) June 29-July 17
5. **STEEP Sustainable Technologies and Environmental Engineering Program**
(high schoolers) June 15-July 2 (call 735-5565 for info)

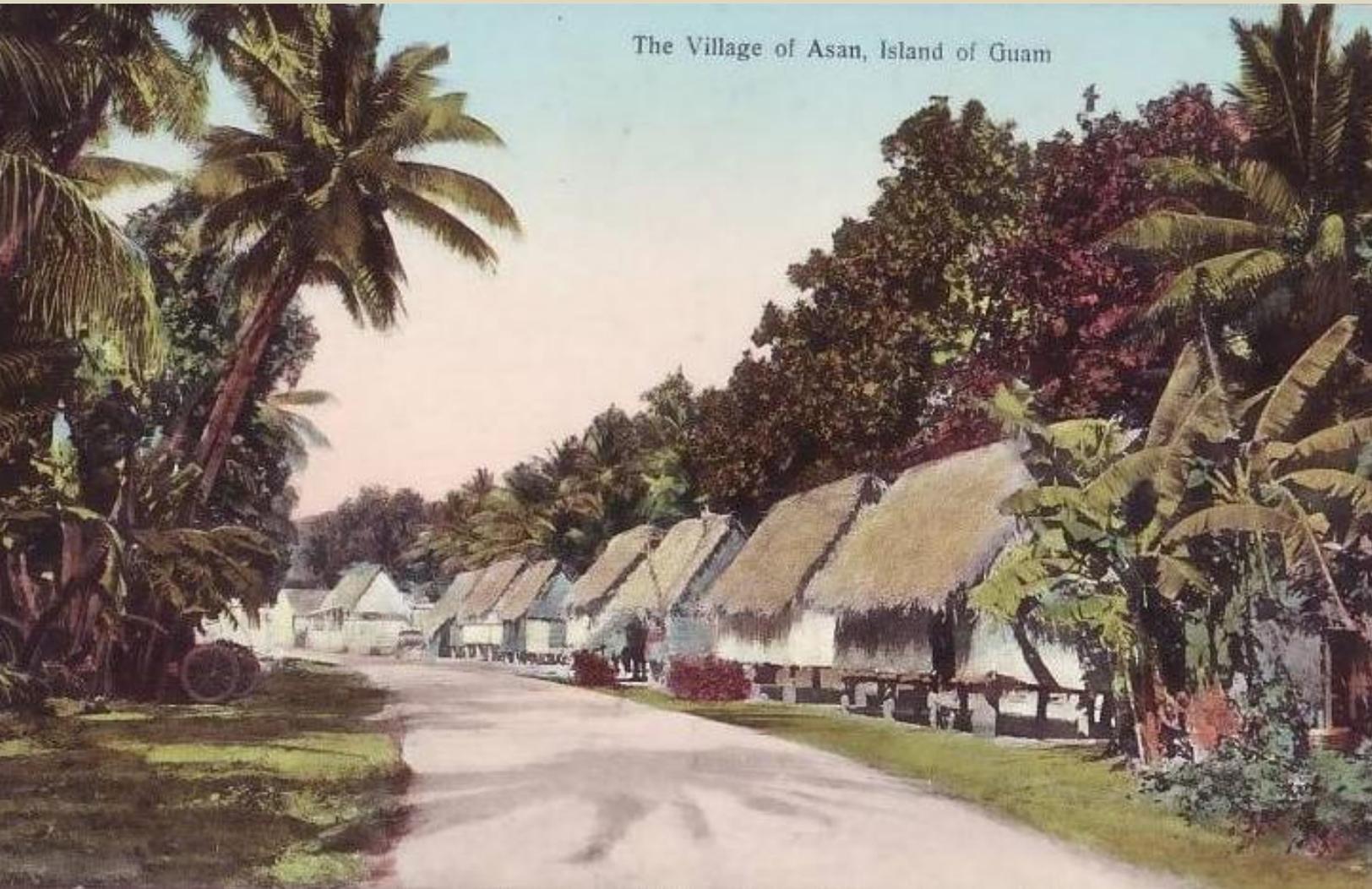
SmartFun Summer Camp
June 15-July 17, \$200/week (call 735-5574 for info)

Log onto www.guamcc.edu for info on all summer programs!

CACGP is hosting
FIVE FREE
summer programs:

Sinangan Siha para Måyu/Makmamao

May Chamorro Phrases



Mamåhan si Jackie tres na lepblo.

Jackie purchased three textbooks.

Kao machocho'cho' hamyo kada puengi.

Do you both work every night?

Ti maolek siñente-ku.

I do not feel well.

Humålom siha gi Tendan K-Mart.

They went into K-Mart.



MINAGOF KOMPLI' AÑOS YAN BIBA HA' ANEN MIMURIAT!

Kompli' años Empliao Kulehon Kumunidat Guahan Siha Måyu/Makmamao 2015

Guam Community College Employees May 2015 Birthdays

Norman Aguilar
Vangie Aguon
Jennifer Artero
Danilo Bilong
Toni Chamberlain
Kathy Chargualaf
Marilyn Concepcion

Benny De Leon
Dan Ho
Derrick Kowalski
Troy Lizama
Kennylyn Miranda
John Payne
Marsha Postrozny

Benny Quenga
Ben Rachielug
Jo Rojas
Anthony Sunga
Ray Valenzuela
Evon Wong