

New Student Center opens!



"All these ribbon cuttings are not just about putting up buildings – they are about helping the students who come through here to build a better quality of life for themselves, for their families, and for our island." Dr. Mary Okada, GCC president.

Guam Community College took another leap forward on Dec. 9 with the opening of its new Student Center – the third new building to open on the campus in as many years. Nearly 200 people gathered on campus to watch Gov. Eddie Calvo, Interior Asst. Secretary Tony Babauta, and Speaker Judi Won Pat join students and staff in cutting the ribbon to open the new facility.

The two-story, 22,000 square foot building includes a plaza and student square, student lounge, meeting rooms, tutoring center, computer lab, and health center. The new facility also houses the offices for GCC's federally funded Project AIM (TRiO Programs) and College Access Challenge Grant Programs, and the Center for Student Involvement office, in addition to the COPSA office. Asanuma Corporation constructed the \$3.9 million grant-funded project. In keeping with the College's sustainability efforts, the new Student Center will also contain photovoltaic panels on its roof, to produce solar power for the building.

President's Message

Happy New Year everyone! November and December are always busy months here at GCC, with students doing service learning projects, classes gearing up for finals, and of course, a ribbon cutting for a new building (for the last three years, anyway!). Please be sure to check out our beautiful new Student Center, including the Health Center and meeting and tutoring rooms. We are very grateful for our new facilities, and we know that our students will enjoy using them! Congratulations to the Theater students on their first-ever production, "The Legend of the Flame Tree," and to the 20 Practical Nursing students who received their pins in December. We had several great parties in November and December, and sadly, we said, "Happy Retirement" to Lou Bautista, who for nearly 30 years graced us with her smile and her great work ethic. We have only three more months until our accreditation visit and a lot of work to do, so let's get the spring semester off to a good start, and assist Dr. Ray with all the visit preparations so that we can have a great visit come March 19-22. Thank you all for making 2011 a great year for GCC!

Dr. Mary Okada



One of the perks of the job is that you get asked to judge Chef Paul Kerner's Culinary Arts Cycle 7 final exam, which is a five-course gourmet meal. Student Jennifer Mapa explains to Dr. Mary Okada the main course she is being served: Rosemary lamb with pumpkin au gratin and sauteed vegetables. Mapa works part time at Joinus Restaurant in Tumon Sands Plaza and at Sweet Relief bakery shop. She will graduate in May.

GCC featured in AGA newsletter

Congratulations to the GCC Finance & Administration Division, led by VP Carmen Santos, CPA. The division was highlighted in the Association of Government Accountants' November newsletter as being largely responsible for GCC being one of the best financially managed organizations in GovGuam. Way to go, ladies and Edwin!!

Excerpt from AGA newsletter

Guam's Leader in Workforce Development – GCC. Many regard GCC as one of the best financially managed organizations throughout the GovGuam, with great contributions coming from this Division. We applaud GCC President Mary Okada, management, and staff their efforts in establishing and maintaining the highest standards of accountability. Please take a look at their organization profile or view their CCR on their website at <http://www.guamcc.edu>. Thank you to Carmen Kwek Santos and Edwin Limtuatco for their assistance in featuring this Division.

Accreditation Update

By Dr. Ray Somera

Vice President for Academic Affairs

I cannot stress enough how important it is for our institution to have reaffirmed accreditation for the next six years. It will allow GCC to continue grant funding for federal programs operated by the College, Pell grant funding for students, and, most importantly, will give our students and graduates confidence that their institution is providing them with, as our mission states, “the highest quality education and job training in Micronesia.”

I want to thank the chairs of the four accreditation standards, Dr. Carol Galvez-Reid, Dr. Clare Camacho, Becky Aguon and Dorothy Lou Manglona, as well as their members, who gathered the information and analyzed data for their respective reports that combined into our Institutional Self Evaluation Report, which we submitted to ACCJC on December 19, 2011. For infusing a single voice to the narrative, Jayne Flores deserves credit. I also want to recognize Joe Benavente for ensuring that the self study process moved smoothly and expeditiously. Ava Garcia deserves a load of kudos for coordinating the production of the entire report. I also want to thank everyone for participating in the various accreditation assemblies we presented in 2010 and 2011, and those who took part in the brown bags to familiarize everyone with SLOs, ILOs, and other acronyms that represent all the evaluation and planning work we have done to lead up to our visit in March.

Remember: AIP means Actionable Improvement Plan. These are strategies we can employ to ensure accountability and improvement in all the things that we do. It all boils down to: are we actually doing what we say we’re doing? I think we can all agree that we do even more. Finally, we just received the list of accreditation team members, which is published here, so please see who will be visiting our campus in March. Biba GCC!

Accreditation Team Roster March 19-22

Dr. Roland Chapdelaine (Chair)

President

Los Angeles Trade-Technical College

Dr. Mary Gallagher (Assistant)

Vice President, Administrative Services

Los Angeles Trade-Technical College

Dr. Adam Karp

Interim Assistant Dean, Science & Engineering
American River College, Sacramento

Mr. Milton Higa

Vice-Chancellor

Kapiolani Community College, Honolulu

Dr. Jannett Jackson

President

College of Alameda (CA)

Ms. Rhea Riegel

Institutional Research Coordinator

Fresno City College

Ms. Victoria Rosario

Associate Vice Chancellor, Student Services

Los Rios Community College District (CA)

Ms. Martha Tilmann

Professor, Computer Science

College of San Mateo

Dr. Ian Walton

Instructor of Mathematics Emeritus

Mission College, Santa Cruz, CA

Dr. Roger Welt

Interim Vice President of Student Services

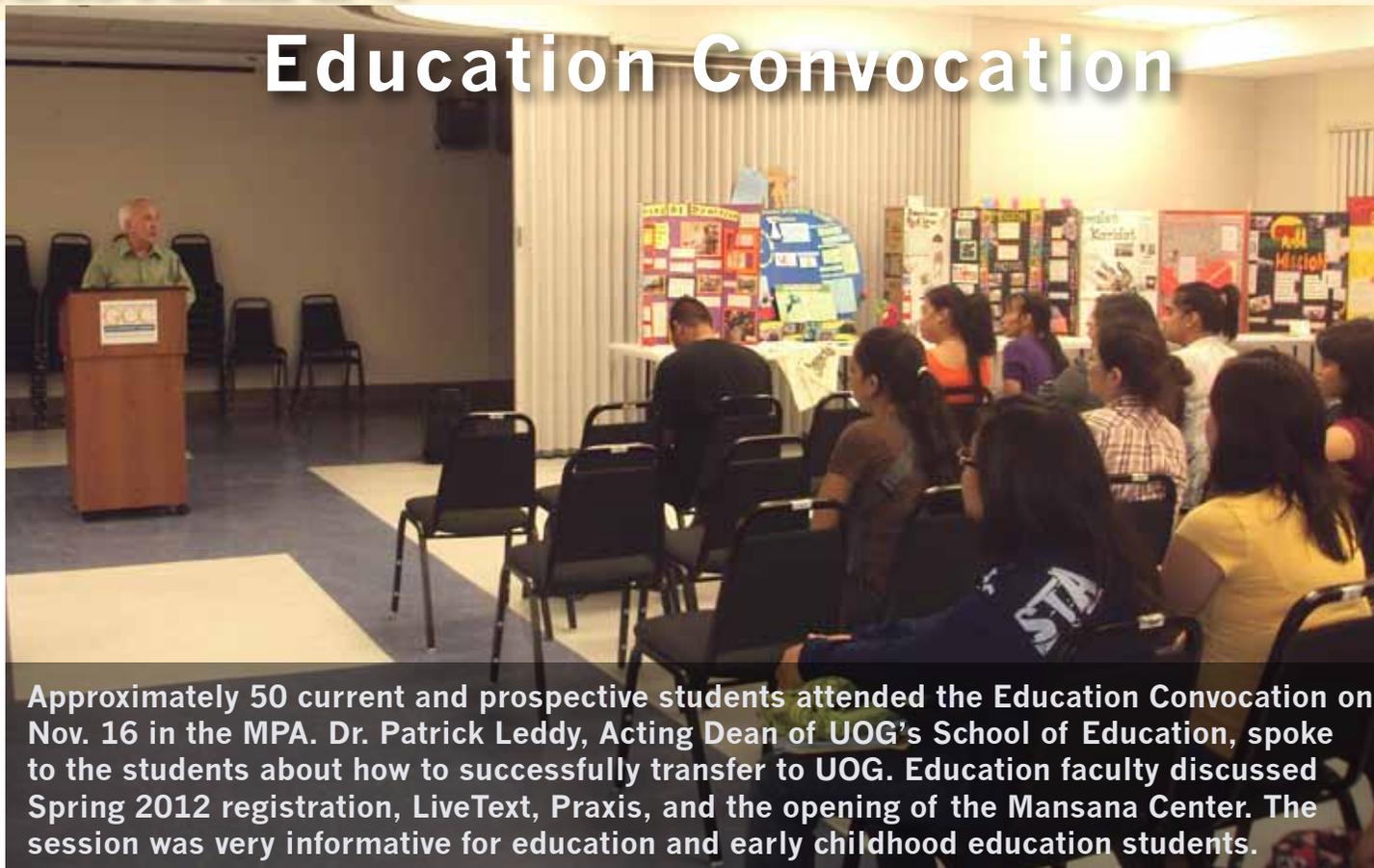
Grossmont Community College (CA)

Dr. Anthony Zambelli

Professor

Cuyamaca College, CA

Education Convocation



Approximately 50 current and prospective students attended the Education Convocation on Nov. 16 in the MPA. Dr. Patrick Leddy, Acting Dean of UOG's School of Education, spoke to the students about how to successfully transfer to UOG. Education faculty discussed Spring 2012 registration, LiveText, Praxis, and the opening of the Mansana Center. The session was very informative for education and early childhood education students.



New bike racks

In case you are wondering, these are our new bike racks!

Joint Leadership meeting

Loli on ServeGuam Comm



Faculty and administrators met Nov. 17 in the LRC to discuss the College's budget, cost-saving measures, the status of the self-study report, the upcoming accreditation visit, and other events.



Congratulations to Lolita Reyes for being sworn in as a Board Commissioner on the Serve Guam Commission.

I Wanna Know You

by Akler Frank, a student in Bobbie Rosario's Adult Basic Education class

For once look past the color of my skin,
the outside doesn't matter – it's what's within.

First just try and get to know me,
You'll learn things the eye can't see.

Give me a change and I'll give you one too.

It's a chance to learn something new.

I'm just like you –

I make mistakes but I'll solve them, no matter what it takes.

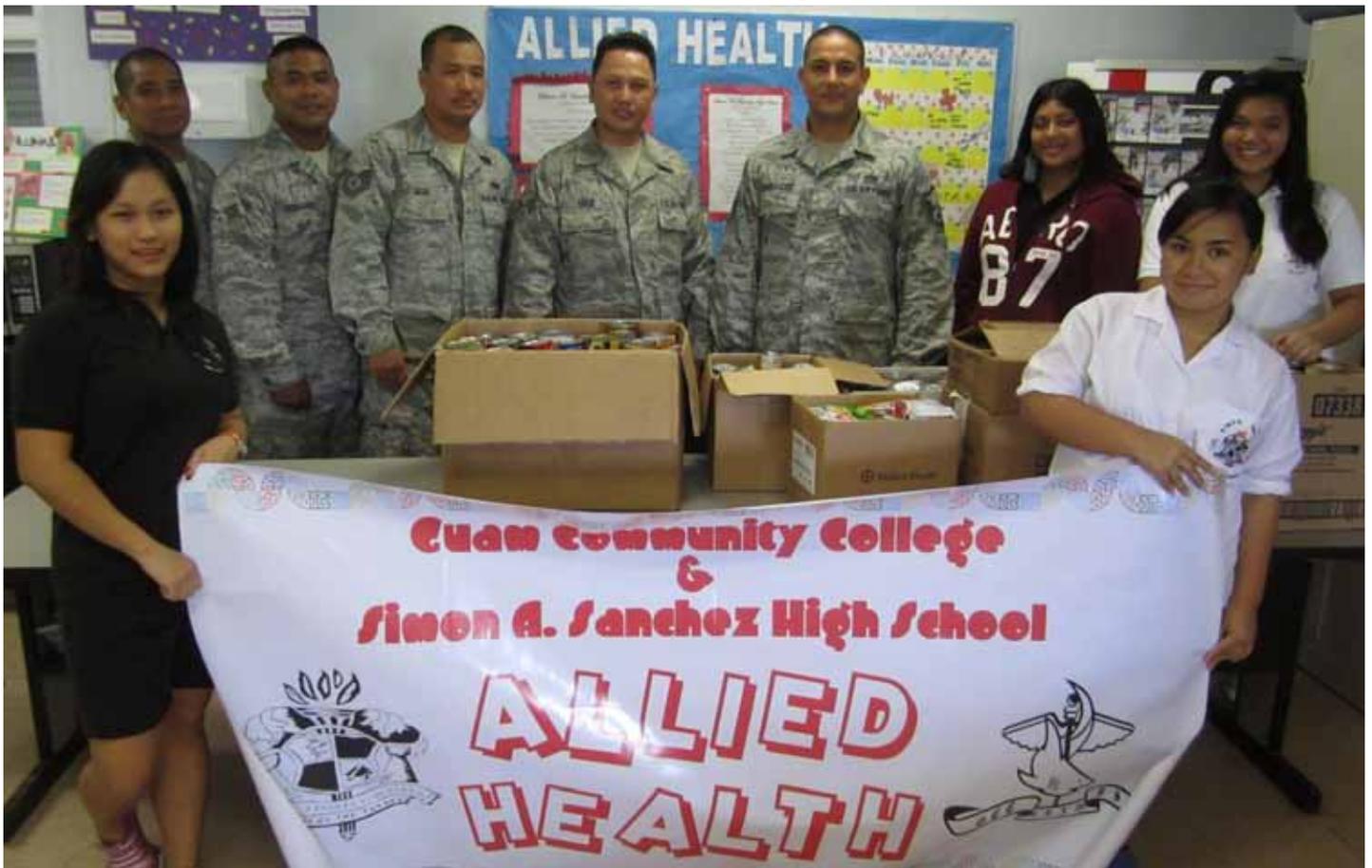
Let's face it –

I'm someone you wanna know.



SHS Marketing Students Visit *Guma Trankilidat*

On Nov. 18, Southern High Marketing students visited GCC for post-secondary programs recruitment and Guma Trankilidat Senior Home for their Annual Service Learning/Community Service.



Sanchez HS Allied Health Students Help *U.S. Air Force's Christmas Drop*

Student in GCC's Allied Health program at Simon Sanchez HS collected 477 cans of food for their "Christmas Drop" donation, and on Dec. 7, members of the U.S. Air Force collected the donation for the annual drop.



Sanchez HS Marketing Students Help Salvation Army & GCC Foundation

SSHS Marketing students conducted a coin drive and donated \$400 to Salvation Army (Chachalani and PDN), sold Christmas trees for the GCC Foundation, and ran the bell for Salvation Army at Kmart in December.



Sanchez HS LMP Students Help Catholic Social Service

Post-Thanksgiving meal: 14 SSHS LMP students participated in welcoming and feeding the homeless at Catholic Social Service in Barrigada on the day after Thanksgiving.



Japan club Activities Japan CLUB members and Japanese language and Education Department students pose with visitors from Japan who demonstrated “Nankin Tamasudare,” a kind of traditional street performance, on Nov. 29. The Japan CLUB also held an origami session open to the campus community in November and posted a display of holiday origami in the SSA rotunda. Japan CLUB students also presented 1000 paper cranes to COPSA at the Student Center Opening Ceremony to wish them well in their new building.



A Writing Field Trip! On Nov. 23, English instructor Desiree Ventura took her developmental writing class on a field trip to Star Cave with the National Wildlife Refuge, to see how writing and the critical analysis of their island (and the world around them) can help them better identify as people of the Pacific. Ventura said she is proud of how the entire class wrote comments to assist the Navy in their public access plan – “using writing to help the community.”



Take a Bow! Students in Dr. Carol Galvez-Reid's first-ever Introduction to Theater class produced "Legend of the Flame Tree," the classic Chamorro version of the Romeo and Juliet love story, in the MPA on Nov. 29.



PN Pinning GCC's Practical Nursing faculty pinned 20 graduates during the Practical Nursing Pinning Ceremony on December 12 at the Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort. Practical Nursing is a year-long program at the college. Good luck on the NCLEX, graduates! Do us proud!



SimMan training Before they graduated in December, Practical Nursing students on Nov. 23 practiced their skills on their new SimMan, purchased with grants from TakeCare and the federal Area Health Education Center (AHEC). SimMan simulates a range of medical conditions for nursing students, from a heart attack, high blood pressure, pneumonia, to asthma attacks and more, all through a computer that is programmed by the instructors.



Practical Nursing Service Learning Nursing students also gave presentations on STDs and teen pregnancy, drugs and alcohol, and oral and body hygiene at JP Torres Alternative School in Agat on Nov. 9, and on Nov. 10, they conducted BMI and vision screenings for students at Truman Elementary School.



Caregiver certification Practical Nursing instructors Dee Manglona and Angela Bordallo conducted a Catholic Social Services Caregiver recertification class on Nov 19th.



CE's Project HATSA kicks off Ninety-five people showed up in the MPA on Dec. 1 to apply for 17 slots in the initial cohort of Project HATSA (Helping Achieve TANF Success through Actions), a federally funded grant project being conducted by GCC and the Guam Department of Public Health & Social Services. All of the applicants are enrolled in Public Health's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. CE Asst. Director Vic Rodgers says the year-long training program will have four cohorts of 17 people, for a total of 68 participants. They'll learn basic construction skills, heavy equipment operation, and blueprint reading, among other skills associated with the construction industry. Successful completion of the program will give participants at total of 17 college credits.

Medical Assisting Open House

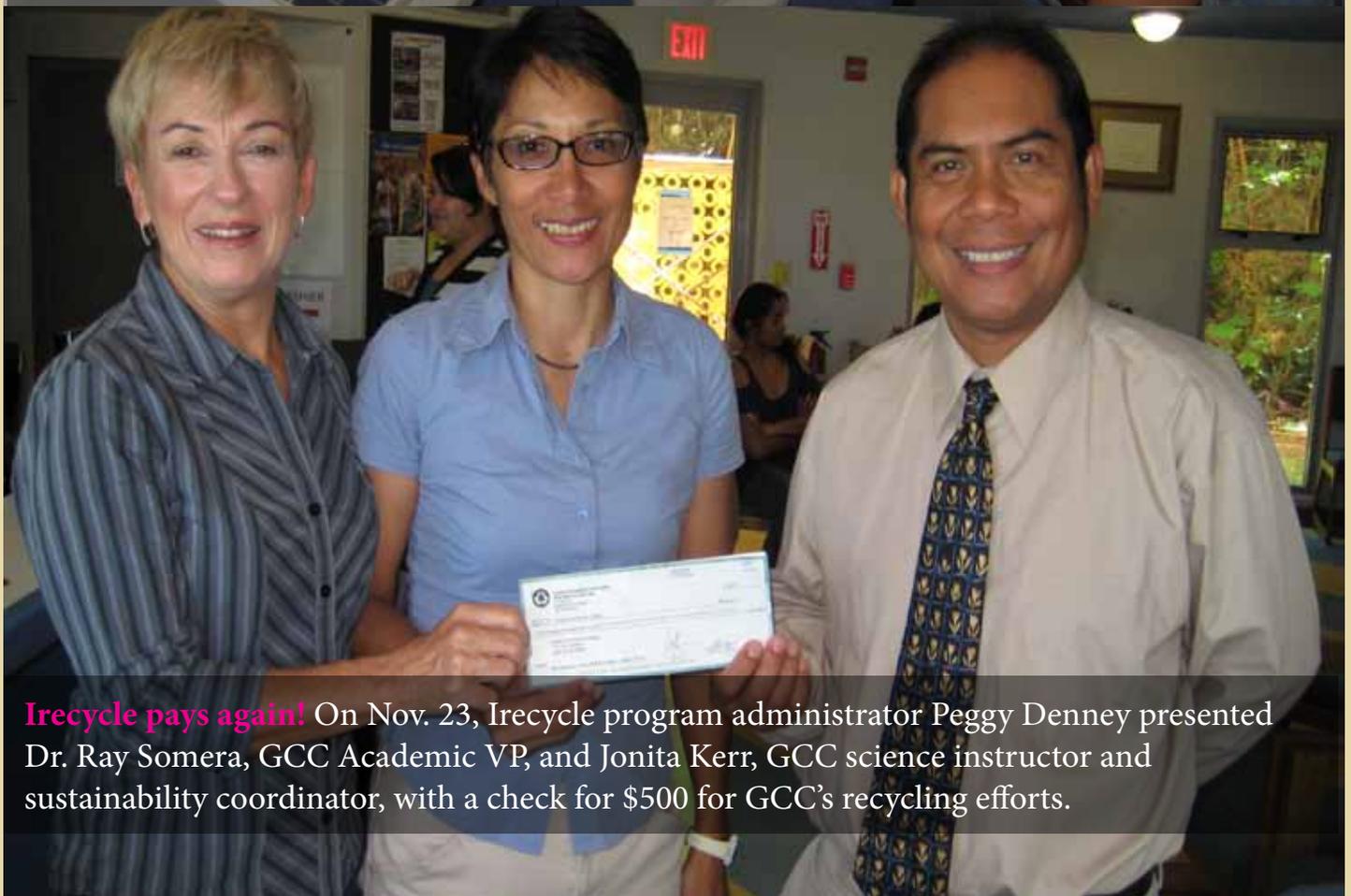


Vice Speaker BJ Cruz and Sens. Dennis Rodriguez and Mana Silva Taijeron joined members of the community in having their blood pressure, blood sugar, and Body Mass Index (BMI) levels checked by students in the GCC Medical Assisting program during a Medical Assisting Open House on Dec. 28. The three lawmakers are now more informed about GCC's MA program, which is nationally accredited and trying to gain local recognition as a profession through legislation. MA students partnered with Department of Public Health officials to offer the volunteer health screenings from 9:00 A.M. to noon in the Allied Health Center, in order to highlight MA training and the tasks and duties of a certified Medical Assistant.





Photovoltaic Instructors Terry Kuper and Adrian Atalig are now photovoltaics instructors, thanks to a course provided by consultant Bruce Best in November that trained the GCC Electronics instructors in teaching photovoltaic (PV) installation. Kuper and Atalig completed two weeks of intensive training in order to be able to teach PV installation. The training also allows them to take the certification test to become North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) photovoltaics installers, the gold standard, according to Best. GCC plans to add a photovoltaic installers course to its curriculum in the near future.



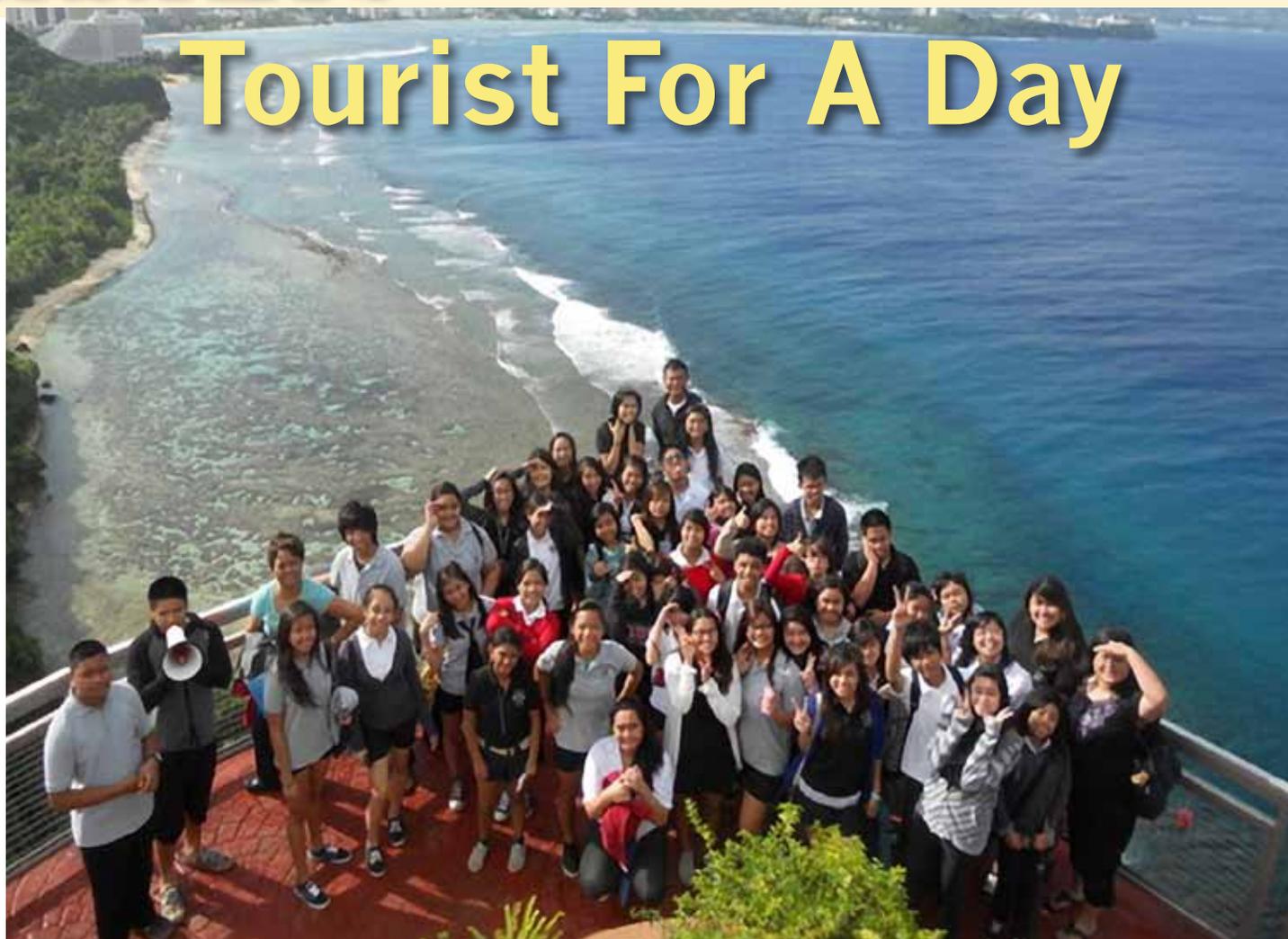
Irecycle pays again! On Nov. 23, Irecycle program administrator Peggy Denney presented Dr. Ray Somera, GCC Academic VP, and Jonita Kerr, GCC science instructor and sustainability coordinator, with a check for \$500 for GCC's recycling efforts.



Thank you G4S G4S Security Systems donated an intrusion alarm system to the GCC Electronics classroom at Okkodo High School, which has been besieged, along with the rest of the school, by break-ins over the past year. “The donation was to show the students the latest in alarm technology and also to serve as a deterrent to our break-ins,” said Adrian Atalig, electronics instructor. Atalig also teaches Apprenticeship classes in the evenings, and G4S has 10 people enrolled in the Apprenticeship program.



Mind mapping Michelle Bengco, Marketing Manager at Coast 360 Federal Credit Union, conducts a mind-mapping exercise with 54 students in the GCC CTE Marketing program from Okkodo High School on Nov. 15. The students learned about mind-mapping as a marketing tool as part of a field trip to Coast 360 in Maite, during which they toured the eco-friendly facility and studied Coast 360’s marketing techniques.



The SSHS Tourism Academy held its annual “Be A Tourist” field trip on Dec. 6, visiting Two Lovers’ Point, the Latte of Freedom, South Pacific Peace Memorial, and the AAFB terminal museum and learning first hand about what tourists experience on our beautiful island. LMP students researched the different sites and served as tour guides by presenting the main points about the locations. ProStart students conducted a health inspection at the Micronesia Mall food court.

Supervision & Management Activities

The SM225 Leadership class took 9 names off of Sugar Plum Tree and raised money to include 4 more recipients. On Nov. 28, they held their class “big wrap” and presented the gifts to Sugar Plum director Kathy Kernaghan.

SM208 students participated as Salvation Army bell wringers on Dec. 2, and the SM 220 class conducted a food drive from Nov. 23 – Dec. 1 on campus to collect canned goods for the Salvation Army.

Tour Guide Training



Eric Chong conducted the 53rd GVB/GCC Tour Guide Training on campus from Nov. 15 - 26, for a record number of 33 tour guide candidates!

Eric Chong receives CTE Certification

Congratulations to Eric Chong for obtaining his Professional Educator for CTE from the Guam Commission for Educator Certification in December! PL31-50 on Educator Certification Rules and Regulations has a CTE category, and Chong is the first CTE faculty to get this teaching certification since the law's inception.

November 18 Thanksgiving Luncheon



Accreditation briefing



Dancing!

December 7 Adult's Christmas Party



President Okada and her husband Dave share a laugh with hilarious emcee Dr. Clare Camacho at GCC's Christmas party at the Westin on Dec. 7th.

CHACHALANI December 23

Kid's Christmas Party



December 30 New Year's Eve (Ou-la-la!)



December 30 Lou Bautista's Retirement party (Sniff!)

We will miss your smile, your companionship, your willingness to help whenever help is needed, your 29+ years of institutional knowledge, lunches, laughter, and so much more! Happy Retirement, Lulubelle!!!



Notable Events

- Jan. 10-14 Express Registration, MPA
- Jan. 17 New Student Orientation
- Jan. 18 First day of classes
- Jan. 20 DECA Quiz Bowl
- Jan. 30 Congresswoman Bordallo tours Student Center
- Feb. 10 GCC President's Parade of Shoes – GCC Foundation Fundraiser at Riverside
- March 19-22 ACCREDITATION VISIT!

FINO' SIHA PARA DISEMBRE

Chamorro Words for December

Kãmpana - bell

Madandan i gi *kãmpana* i Ha'anen Felis Pasgua yan Anu Nuebu.

The bell is rung on Christmas and New Year's day.

Tanken basula - trash can

Mabatsala i *tanken basula* gi chalan gi ha'anen anu nuebu.

The trash can is dragged on the streets on New Year's Eve.

Bonelos Dagu - yam doughnuts

I *bonelos dagu* mafatitinas gi duranten tiempón Pasgua.

Yam doughnut is usually made during the Christmas season.

Estreyas - stars

Meggai *estreyas* gi painge.

Last night the stars were plentiful.

Binadu - deer

Yaña si Rosa kaddon *binadu*.

Rosa likes to eat deer soup.

Regalu - gifts

Hu na'i i *regalu* para todo I famagu'on gi eskuela.

I gave all the kids at school gifts.

Huegu - games.

Meggai na *huegu* masusede gi gipot agupa?

There will be a lot of games anticipated for the party tomorrow.

Ginen i Ofisinan Go'ti yan Adahi i Fino'ta Chamorro yan i Ofisinan Guinahan Cho'cho' Taotao



Biba Ha'anen Manna'i Grasia!

