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Guam Community College PDF Newsletter

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**Mission Statement:**

Guam Community College is a leader in career and technical workforce development, providing the highest quality student-centered education and job training for Micronesia.

## Keep Your Guard Up launches at GCC



On Feb. 18, 164 unemployed or under-employed Guam veterans who recently returned from Afghanistan gathered in the GCC MPA for their first day of class in GCC's "Keep Your Guard Up" training program. The only program of its kind in the United States, and a collaborative effort of GCC, the Calvo administration and island business leaders, it provides a 90-day certification program in one of eight areas: automotive general service technician; A+ computer networking; electrical; emergency medical technician; HVAC; supervision and management, heavy equipment/truck driving, and welding. HOO-AH! Welcome to GCC!

## Sanchez 4-peats in local ProStart competition!

For the 4th consecutive year, the ProStart team from Simon Sanchez High School has won the local high school culinary competition. Last year, the team won the national championship, and after their Feb. 28 four-peat, they are headed to Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 3-5 to defend their title.

Team captain and senior Mac Daniel Dimla is the only returning member of the championship team. Junior Abigail Pineda and sophomore Rhozlyn Javier make up the three-member team, coached by ProStart instructor Vicky Schrage. JFK took second place, GW third, and Southern High fourth in the competition. Earlier in the month, the SSSH team produced this ProStart commercial for Youtube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VO9pzxXtahU>. Watch it!



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## From the President... Dr. Mary A.Y. Okada

Collectively, as a team, GCC is amazing. Just look at what we accomplished during the month of February: a Keep Your Guard Up 90-day certification program for 164 returning veterans that is turning heads over on the mainland, where they are just now trying to implement something like this (kudos to our CEWD team and the department chairpersons for your hard work on this project!); a College Access Fair at Micronesia Mall attended by many of our faculty and staff (great job to all for this great GCC showing!); scholarships for culinary students based on their performance at the World Association of Chef's Societies (WACS) Pacific Challenge last September in our own GCC kitchen; a partnership with TSA that produced the first certificate-earners from that program; and on the secondary level, five JFK students inducted into the National Technical Honor Society, and the SSHS ProStart team winning the local competition for four years straight. Plus, we signed an articulation agreement with the University of Phoenix and had a crazy, fun night of funky footwear at our GCC Foundation Parade of Shoes fundraiser in the MPA, with support from Chef Paul and our Culinary Arts students in preparing excellent hors d'oeuvres for the event! This team is definitely focused on the mission. All of you, keep up the great work, and si Yu'os ma'ase for what you do for our students and our community!



## President's Parade of Shoes!



GCC's annual President's Parade of Shoes drew nearly 100 people to the MPA on Feb. 7 to celebrate funky, far-out footwear and raise scholarship money for the GCC Foundation. Culinary Arts students prepared awesome, mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres and GCC Talent Club students performed. Hit Radio 100's Rick Nauta was hysterical as the night's emcee, and Daniel Okada, Marlana Montague, Emelianne Guerrero, Christine Sison, and The Purple Machine (think better half of the prez!) won the shoe contests. Be on the lookout for funky footwear for next year!

## From the ALO's desk... Dr. Ray Somera, AVP



At the 14th Annual Texas A&M Assessment Conference, Vice President of Nuventive (developers of TracDat) Scott Johnson informed Dr. Ray that as of 2014, there are now 41 ACCJC institutions in both California and the Pacific that utilize TracDat. GCC was the first ACCJC institution to adopt and implement this assessment software in 2003!

I attended the 14th Annual Texas A&M Assessment Conference Feb. 15-21 in order to gain insights on national assessment and accreditation trends in community college campuses, and to network with colleagues to discuss CAO-related issues. I also met with a TracDat representative to discuss GCC's current use of the software and upcoming features and updates that will impact our institutional assessment process, and met with an IDEA representative to discuss updates and research that has been conducted on faculty evaluation processes nationally. The possibility of adopting an IDEA digital version for students was a highlight of our discussion!

Here are some other actionable items from the conference:

I met up again with folks from Tennessee Technological University (TTU), which provided the \$3000 grant for GCC to implement a scoring session for the NSF-funded Critical Thinking Assessment Test (CAT) completed by our students. TTU just submitted another application for NSF funding, and is again interested in including GCC among the list of participating institutions.

I attended the keynote speech on Degree Qualification Profile (DQP), an initiative that I would like to pursue with ACCJC in its next round of Lumina funding. It will prepare us well as an institution, once President Obama's College Ratings System becomes a mandate for colleges to follow, as tied to Title IV funding.

We will need to implement meta-assessment - the formal process of evaluating the quality and maturity of an institution's campus-wide assessment process as a whole - in time for the 2015 ACCJC midterm report. This is something that AIER conducts every 3-4 years.

It became increasingly clear to me, after attending several sessions at the conference, that we are on the right track regarding the PLA initiative I introduced. Once the SOPs are finalized by the task force, there will be a more concerted effort to promote PLA among our staff, faculty, students, and GovGuam workers.

### LOC curriculum writing workshop



The Learning Outcomes Committee held a Curriculum Writing workshop Feb. 11, presented by former LOC chairs Amada Manzano and Eric Chong, pictured with Patty Terlaje, Chair LOC 2013-14.

### Simpson Strong-Tie workshop



Contractors, engineers & architects met Feb. 19-20 in the MPA for a Simpson Strong-Tie® certification workshop highlighting epoxy injection systems and coordinated by Gil Yanger, Const. Trades Dept. chair.



### GCC partners with TSA for training

The first cohort of Guam Transportation Security Administration employees to earn a Certificate of Achievement in Homeland Security were honored on Feb. 18 at the Guam Marriott Resort & Spa. In fall 2010, the TSA partnered with community colleges around the nation to enable security officers to earn a TSA Certificate of Achievement in Homeland Security. TSA Guam, in partnership with GCC, launched this first cohort of students in the fall of 2012. They can now use the nine credits earned in this program toward an associate's degree in Emergency Management at GCC.



### Japan CLUB offers calligraphy session

The Japan CLUB hosted a Japanese calligraphy activity on Feb. 26 in Rm. A30. Students demonstrated how to write Kanji characters using traditional Japanese ink and brush materials and encouraged onlookers to try their hand at the art. In the photo, Ellis White practices the characters "yuujuo," meaning friendship.

### Japanese culinary students visit

Nearly two dozen culinary students from Tokyo Business College in Japan cooked Chamorro food with some up and coming local culinary talent at GCC on Feb. 4. The 21 students are on a tour of Guam with Nippon Travel Agency, to learn about and experience the island's culture.



### MBI awards scholarships to Culinary Arts students



GCC Culinary Arts students Grace Enriquez, Felicia Thomson, Elysa Santos, Philip Kelvin Callas, and Joshua Mondia received some substantial help outside the kitchen on Feb. 10 from Micronesian Brokers Inc and Fonterra Brands out of New Zealand, in the form of a \$2,000 scholarship each, to help them finish their schooling. Mike Brown, MBI vice president, said the scholarships are the result of the students' performances during the World Association of Chef's Societies (WACS) Pacific Challenge last September. GCC and the Micronesian Chefs Association hosted the event for the first time on Guam, and MBI and Fonterra, the world's largest exporter of dairy products, were the event's sponsors. "They were plating some amazing food," Brown said of the students. "We are a local company," he added, noting that MBI is a subsidiary of Jones & Guerrero, "and we wanted to support our local talent."

### Notable!

The Rotary Club of Tumon Bay presented GCC with a donation for the Talofofu Mayors' Office Community Access Point learning site on Feb. 4 at the Marriot Hotel. The CAP program allows residents to earn a National Career Readiness Certificate through the GCC WorkKeys program in their village mayor's office on computers donated by island businesses.



### Students pass Hospitality Accounting exam

GCC students Rita Indalecio, Lowell Caburian, and Helen Romero (not pictured) passed the AC225 Hospitality Accounting exam for Fall 2013. Rita works at GTA, Lowell at Onward, and Helen at the Westin.

### Notable!

Five Project HATSA students graduated from the Allied Health Dept.'s special project class for med-term, Basic Life Support, and Nursing Assistant classes on Feb. 26th.

COPSA, GCC's Postsecondary Council on Student Affairs, revived its Entertainment Night on Feb. 20!

## College Access & Community Resources Fair

GCC's College Access Challenge Grant Program and its community partners hosted a College Access & Community Resources Fair on Feb. 22 at Micronesia Mall, meeting with over 100 students and parents to inform them about the GCC College Access Challenge Grant Program's FREE services, admission and financial aid assistance, and community resources to help prepare for college. They also informed people about CACGP's FREE \$500-\$1,000 grant aid for college. Faculty and students from GCC postsecondary programs were also available, and GCC cosmetology students gave very popular free manicures and haircuts!



## Education Dept. workshops

The Education Department has been busy this semester with Year 2 activities under a contract with the Department of Public Health and Social Services. Activities include college courses and workshops for those working with young children. On Feb. 8, a Smart Start workshop taught participants how to use children's books to promote positive cognitive and language development, including building reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. On Feb. 22 a Rainy Day Activities workshop engaged participants in activities that develop physical skills indoors with limited space.



## MA past president visits

On Feb. 3, Ivy Relkin, the past president of the American Association of Medical Assistants, visited GCC's MA students while on a stopover on Guam.



## Notable!

The GCC Ecowarriors were busy in February with a Fire Prevention Clinic on Feb. 15 at Santos Memorial Park in Piti; assisting with composting and rhino beetle demonstrations; and at a re-using/re-purposing crafts table to show alternatives to burning garbage. Also welcome to new and continuing officers: Natividad Rosario, President; Rhia Jimenez, VP; Jalene Fejeran, Historian; Gabe Guerrero, Treasurer; and Heather Dela Cruz, Secretary.

## CTE Secondary Programs - February activities

### JFK inducts 5 into Nat'l Technical Honor Society

Five students from GCC's CTE programs at John F. Kennedy High School became the first-ever inductees to the National Technical Honor Society on Feb. 8 at the Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort. Congratulations to Breanna Rae Tainatongo, Marissa Aguon, Mariel Sacayan, Bryant Santos, and Etheline Alviz. NTHS is a non-profit, nationally recognized educational organization established in 1984 to honor excellence in career and technical education. JFK has been a member of NTHS since 1995 and was just recently activated.



### DECA State Event includes role plays w/ professionals



Students in GCC's CTE Marketing classes in the five island public high schools dressed for success on Feb. 21, competing in the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) State Event in the GCC MPA. A total of 112 students took a comprehensive marketing exam and competed in a marketing role-play in which they were given different marketing scenarios that they had to present to a professional from one of 11 island businesses or the University of Guam.

## Notable!

Students in GCC's CTE program at SSSHS completed the first Guam Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training in November 2013, and they were featured in the February national FEMA newsletter! Check it out at [http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1844-25045-8245/cert\\_newsletter2\\_1\\_042709.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1844-25045-8245/cert_newsletter2_1_042709.pdf)

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### Crisis prevention training

On Feb. 7, nearly two dozen GCC employees attended Non-violent Crisis Training in the AALG Allied Health Center's Lecture Hall. Peter Cruz of the Guam Behavioral Health & Wellness Center conducted this very valuable training session.



### New employee orientation

GCC's HR Dept. conducted new employee training for nine new employees on Feb. 21. Welcome to GCC!

## Malago' i Kulehon Kumunidat Guahan Mandiseha gi i empleao siha un Minagof yan Biba Kompli'anos para Fibreru 2014!

The Guam Community College would like to wish the following Employees a Happy Birthday! February 2014

Angela Bordallo  
Antonia Cabatic  
Sheena Camacho  
Theresa Datuin  
Darlynn Cruz  
Margarita David  
Kevin Dietrichs  
James Fathal  
Jose Lopez

Dorothy-Lou Manglona  
John Quintanilla  
Apolline San Nicolas  
Linda Santos Torres  
Juanita Sgambelluri  
Yvonne Tam  
Fredrick Tupaz  
Jon Tyquiengco  
Jovita Valenzuela

**MINAGOF HA'ANEN UMAGUAIYA!**

## February 2014 New Employees



Chad Palomo  
Instructor  
TSS, CACGP



Larissa Camacho  
Program  
Coordinator II  
TSS, CACGP



Pamela Mabazza  
Program  
Coordinator II  
TSS, CACGP



Lorenzo Eduvala  
Program  
Coordinator I  
AAD, CEWD



Eva Mui, LPN  
Licensed Practical Nurse  
TSS, Health  
Services Center



Benedict Rachielug  
Records &  
Registration Technician  
F&A, Financial Aid



John Camacho  
Buyer I  
F&A, Materials  
Management



Golder Joshua  
Tool Mechanic  
TPS, Automotive  
Technology



Jolina Anderson  
Administrative Aide  
TSS, CACGP



# Sinangan Siha para Fibreru/Maimo'

February 2014 Chamorro Phrases



**Angokkuyon na taotao si Chris.**

Chris is a dependable person.

**Annok esta i matmot uchan.**

The rain clouds can already be seen.

**Ansianu si Ana tinigo'-ña.**

Ana has knowledge and practical experience.

**Ti hu hungok i anunsio put i pakyo.**

I did not hear the announcement about the typhoon.

**Si Jose ha anunsia na para u halom gi setbisio.**

Jose announced he will join the service.