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GCC launches Community Access Points in Inarajan Jan. 11

Guam Community College is launching the first of 19 Community Access Points this Friday, January 11th, at 1:00 P.M. at the Inarajan Mayor's Office. The Community Access Points are a partnership between GCC, the Guam Contractor's Association, the Guam Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor's Council of Guam, through which residents will have access to free online training via the KeyTrain component of WorkKeys, the Job Assessment and Training program offered through GCC. This program is designed to assist residents in becoming "work ready" by providing them with the tools to master the different skill levels offered on KeyTrain. The six-week CAPS program offers residents the opportunity to spend six to 10 hours a week working on online skills development, and in turn, they will spend two hours a week working on a village beautification project.

Once they complete the KeyTrain program, residents can then take the test to earn a National Career Readiness Certificate offered through WorkKeys. The NCRC is proof for employers of specific skills that the potential employee has mastered.

"We are excited about the opportunities the CAPS will bring to residents who otherwise would not have access to skills training. Our goal with the CAPS is to improve the employability level of more residents, thus strengthening Guam's workforce even further," said Victor Rodgers, GCC Assistant Director of Continuing Education & Workforce Development.

Twenty-two people attended an orientation of the project on December 13, 2012, at the Inarajan Mayor's Office. "We are really honored to be the first village to pilot this program," said Mayor Doris Lujan, who actively recruited a majority of those who attended the orientation. "I know it will benefit our people in the long run."

IT support for the program is being provided by Dynamic Technology Services.

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