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GCC hosts Indigenous Fellows Institute

Guam Community College will host 15 STEM faculty from two-year Tribal and Pacific Rim colleges and high schools, including those on Guam and in the region, for an Indigenous Fellows Institute June 3-7. The Institute, "Natural Resource Management," is being made available through the National Partnership for Environmental Technology Education's (PETE) NSF ATE grant *Connecting Tribal and Pacific Rim Colleges to Improve Indigenous Environmental Technology Education*. According to Institute coordinator JoNita Kerr, Assistant Professor of science at GCC, the week-long institute will feature 18 presenters and include workshops on freshwater ecology, marine resources, watersheds and GIS/GPS methods that are aligned to the needs of Tribal and Pacific Rim Colleges, and that will strengthen STEM education in environmental programs.

The institute will include classroom, fieldwork and hands-on elements, including presentations on low-cost, hands-on, practical research projects and indigenous case studies. Classroom work will take place in Room 3111 of the GCC Anthony A. Leon Guerrero Allied Health Center. Institute field trips will include touring the Masso Reservoir/Watershed in Piti, the limestone forest on the GCC campus, and La Sa Fua Bay in Umatac.

To help increase teaching effectiveness and cross cultural understanding, the Institute also offers a half-day workshop on indigenous pedagogy, as well as opportunities to interact with tribal and Pacific Rim educators. Institute attendees were selected via competitive application.

See the attached agenda for more information.

Individuals requiring special accommodations, auxiliary aids, or services please contact 735-5597.
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