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Judiciary's Joseph J. Leon Guerrero is GCC 2018 Distinguished Alumnus

Guam Community College has named Joseph James Leon Guerrero, Deputy Chief Marshal/Colonel for the Judiciary of Guam, as its 2018 Distinguished Alumnus. Leon Guerrero will be honored at the 41st GCC Commencement on Friday, May 11, at 4:00 p.m. at the UOG Calvo Field House.

"It is a great honor to have been selected as the 2018 GCC Distinguished Alumnus. I am humbled to be recognized for the hard work and commitment that I devoted to my professional career and community involvement," said Leon Guerrero. "A true accomplishment but not done alone," he added. "First and foremost, I thank God for his blessings. I am grateful for GCC's Vocational Trade program that laid the foundation; my superiors, for their trust and confidence; and my family that continues to support and believe in me."

Joseph Leon Guerrero graduated from the GCC Voc-Tech High School in 1987 with a focus on Electronics. That set the stage for a career in criminal justice in which he focused on technology. After receiving his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Guam in 1991, Leon Guerrero became a deputy marshal at the Superior Court of Guam. He returned to GCC in 1992 to complete the 33rd Police Cycle, and in 1999, earned a master's degree in Public Administration from UOG.

Leon Guerrero was selected to serve as the Deputy Chief Marshal/Colonel for the Judiciary of Guam in 2001. Combining his technological expertise with his law enforcement skills, he became the Criminal Justice Information Systems CJIS Systems Officer for Guam, providing training and certification to local, federal, and military law enforcement personnel on the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), as well as the virtual Computerized Criminal History system. Leon Guerrero also serves as the first vice chair for the Western Regional working group of the FBI CJIS division advisory policy board, covering 14 states and Guam. In 2010, he became the first Superior Court Marshal to graduate from the FBI National Academy. He then served as Operations Chief/Deputy Director for the Mariana Regional Fusion Center of Guam Homeland Security from 2013 to 2016, where he spearheaded the creation of the web-based Mariana Law Enforcement Regional Information Network, and created the Pacific's Most Wanted site.

Leon Guerrero also serves with the Guam Air National Guard, and has done so since 2004. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, a Basic Life instructor for the American Heart Association, and volunteers for numerous other community activities. He is married to Michele Leon Guerrero, and they have four children.

Past GCC Distinguished Alumni Award winners include:

Ms. Erika Sotto Cruz (2017)
Mr. Eduardo Dela Peña, Jr. (2016)
Mr. Don Muna (2015)
Mr. Joseph Quitano (2014)
Mr. Eduardo Ilao (2013)

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Dr. Kimberly Bersamin (2012)
Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez (2011)
Mr. Jeffrey John Ibanez (2010)
Mr. Phillip Ada and Ms. Mary English (2009)

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