

CHACHALANI



Guam Community College PDF Newsletter

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SPRING 2012 ENROLLMENT STILL AT RECORD LEVEL

Spring enrollment up another 5 percent

Students continue to have confidence in the education and training they are receiving at GCC, with 2,463 registering for spring semester postsecondary classes. That number represents a five percent increase over the spring 2011, and another record enrollment at the College. Dr. Mary Okada, GCC president, says it is obvious that students are pleased with the improved learning environment and the quality of the education they are receiving at GCC.

"The opening of the Student Center in December 2011 as our third new building on campus, combined with new programs such as Pre-Architectural Drafting and Civil Engineering Technology, send the message that GCC is progressive with regard to the knowledge and training that our students need to compete for jobs in our increasingly technological workforce," said Okada.

After a 38 percent increase in enrollment from 2007 to 2011, the College is pleased that enrollment is holding steady at this high mark.

Express Registration

Emilio Medina, COPSA Treasurer, hands out flyers to students registering for classes during Express Registration on Jan. 11. Nearly 1,000 students registered, paid, or visited the Financial Aid Office between Jan. 10-13 in the MPA, when all student services with the exception of the Health

Services were conveniently located in one area. Students had their health needs taken care of in the new Health Office in the new Student Center across from the MPA.



New Student Orientation



First time GCC students fill out their forms during New Student Orientation on January 17.

From the President

I wasn't sure we could keep up with record-breaking enrollment pace that we've had the past five semesters, but we are just above our enrollment for Spring 2011, so that's a good sign that people still have confidence in our ability to give them the education and skills they'll need to be competitive in our ever-changing economy. A big Thank You! to all who worked to make our Express Registration so smooth and successful. Also, congratulations to the newly elected PTK officers, and to the Southern High Marketing team for winning the DECA quiz bowl.

As all of you know, we are making final preparations for our Accreditation visit from March 19-22. The campus is looking refreshed, students are enjoying their new Student Center, and we have a lot of projects and grants happening. We all know, though, that what goes on inside our classrooms, no matter what they look like on the outside, is what is most important to the 11-member team that will scrutinize our learning, our operations, how we handle our funding, and how we tie it all together to make for a successful experience for our students. Dr. Ray and I appreciate all of your hard work with regard to the committees on which you sit, and the data you collect, the lesson plans, the extra hours you put in, and everything else all of you do to make GCC the successful institution that it is. Here's to a productive semester, and to a successful accreditation visit!

Bordallo tours Student Center

Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo poses with Project AIM staff, from left, James Fathal, program coordinator; Dana Santiago, counselor; Christine Sison, TRiO director; and Roslynne Ebeo, tutor, in their new office in the GCC Student Center. Bordallo and two members of her staff toured the center on January 30, stopping in the new Health Center, the Center for Student Involvement, the federally funded Project AIM and College Access Challenge Grant Program offices, and the training room and computer lab. "It's a beautiful facility," said Bordallo, noting GCC's use of \$3.9 million in ARRA funding to build the center.



Lizama Exec. Of Year nominee

President Okada, Sis Lizama, Eloy Lizama, and Lolita Reyes, DAR assistant director, celebrate Eloy Lizama's nomination as Guam Business Executive of the Year on Jan. 14 at the Hyatt Regency Guam. Lizama, a member of the GCC Foundation Board of Governors, is president & financial director of IP&E.

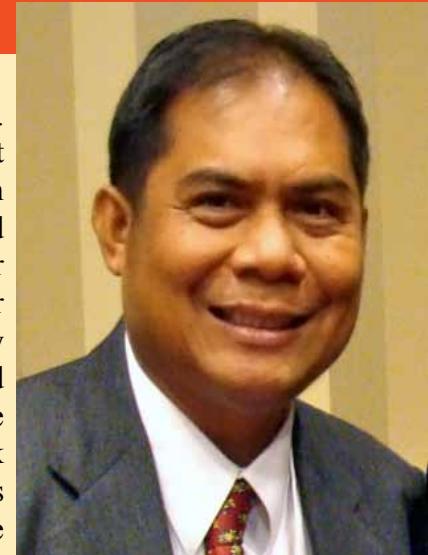
ACCJC chair visits

Dr. Roland (Chip) Chapdelaine, president of Los Angeles Trade-Technical College and the chair of GCC's Accreditation Team, slipped quietly through campus on Jan. 19 for meetings with Drs. Mary and Ray, to discuss logistics and the schedule of the 11-member team from ACCJC that will visit our campus March 19-22. Let's all be ready for their visit!

From the Desk of the Accreditation Liaison Officer

Dr. Ray D. Somera

When GCC brought former and current chair of an ACCJC accrediting team Dr. Douglas Houston to the College to review our Institutional Self Evaluation Report (ISER) last October, we learned quite a lot from that mock visit. Dr. Houston met with all four Standard Committee chairs and some of their members and had some very constructive suggestions about our Actionable Improvement Plans, or AIPs. He observed for example that we had too many AIPs in the first draft of our report. He reminded us that the commission will hold us accountable for actually implementing all of those strategies! You will be glad to know the four Standard committees have consolidated and whittled those AIPs down to a manageable number: 25. Please take a moment to click on the ACCREDITATION 2012 link on the front page of our web site. The entire Institutional Self Evaluation Report is broken down into segments on the far right. Click on the “Summary of Actionable Improvement Plans” link 4th from the bottom. There, you will find what we say we need to work on. For example, in Standard II, which is Student Learning Programs and Services, we have 10 AIPs – the most in any of our standards. This makes sense, because our students and what they learn is our main focus. The first AIP is: Increase compliance rate of curriculum revision process to ensure courses and programs are not over five years old, hence remaining current with community and industry standards. This AIP is fairly self-explanatory – it is essential that we review our curriculum often and on a timely basis to keep up with industry. I am counting on all of you to perform your designated roles to the best of your abilities. GCC functions well because we all do a great job at our individual responsibilities. Because of that, I am sure that the outcome of this upcoming visit will be a positive one that benefits our students and the community. We are all in this together, and we need everyone’s help to make GCC a Growing, Changing, Challenging institution!



FACULTY SENATE BRIEF for Chachalani

February 16, 2012

Semester is rolling along and our enrollment increased again; a sign that we are doing things right. Thanks to the many faculty present at the ribbon cutting ceremony of our new student center on December 9th. Those of you who attended the facilities briefing on 1/20 heard architects speak about the improvements being planned for our campus and buildings. So many positive changes to our campus keep popping up and what's planned for the near future is also spectacular! Given our current economic situation its amazing how we continue to be the “leader in career and technical workforce development by providing the highest quality education and job training in Micronesia!” Keep up the excellence in teaching and helping students reach their course/program SLOs. The ACCJC comprehensive is few weeks away on March 19-22nd so be sure to welcome the team and show them our campus/island pride. Also start collecting artifacts if you haven't already for the Program and Course Assessment/Service Learning Showcase on March 14-28th in MPA.

Here's a list of recent business occurring at our Faculty Senate (FS) meetings:

- Late last semester the new Travel Policy was reviewed by FS and approved by the College Governing Council (CGC).
- On 1/17/12 FS voted to support The Committee of Department Chair's (CDC) recommendations for faculty evaluation and approved final edits of the Learning Outcomes Committee's Lab/Credit Analysis.
- On 1/26/12 FS espoused the CDC's request for a tuition assistant program for GCC faculty and employees which the CGC members were amenable to and members are currently doing research on what other colleges offer.
- Early this semester the Committee on Faculty Ethics (CFE) was formed and convened for the first time following our College's Code of Ethics and procedures.

**Marsha Postrozny,
Faculty Senate President**



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Dear Faculty & Students:

Hafa Adai! On behalf of The Salvation Army Guam Corps, we would like to thank you for your generous food donation.

Your support has blessed our agency with the ability to help thousands of individuals and families on the island. As you may already know, The Salvation Army provides food boxes and toys to disadvantaged families and their children at Christmas time. During the past Christmas, we assisted 1,037 individuals with food and 1,700 children with toys.

Throughout the year, we continue to provide assistance through our Family Services Center/One-Stop Homeless Assistance Center, an emergency assistance program that helps individuals or families at risk for homelessness and those currently experiencing homelessness with rental/mortgage, utility, counseling, case management, money management, food, clothing and other life skills training.

Thank you for your support and joining our efforts to bring hope and comfort to persons in need during the holidays and throughout the New Year!

God Bless You,

Simion Kihleng
Family Services Center, Director

Captain Thomas T. Taylor
Corps Officer

O.C. Ass't Dir. Chancery

Salvation Army "Thank you!"
GCC received a beautiful note from the Salvation Army in January thanking students in the Supervision & Management 220 class for their donation of canned goods collected during a food drive on campus last semester.



PTK elects officers

GCC's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Chapter, Beta Beta Xi, met on Jan. 24 to elect officers. Tommy Cruz is the new PTK president, and Derek Frank Rubic is the new treasurer. Here, Rubic (left), and Cruz help out at Express Registration.

Point in Time Count training

As part of the Point In Time Homeless Count, Criminal Justice & Social Sciences students participated in the "Gift Bag Prep" at the Salvation Army Family Readiness Center on Jan. 25. The students prepared over 450 gift bags that were distributed as part of the count. In all, 27 GCC students took part in the Point in Time Count in-class training that was conducted Jan. 25. The training was conducted by April Manibusan of the Salvation Army.



Fall Service Learning Poster Session Winners!

Congratulations to Vera Ferrera, a student from Yvonne Tam's Nutrition class, for her winning Service Learning poster creating an avocado as part of her Garden Project. Also to Claire Abulencia, Victoria Camacho, Heather Dela Cruz, Oscar Ledesma, Dodd Mortera, James Pillman, Alyssa Seraficio, and Gabby Villagomez, students from Joni Kerr's biology class, who won as a group in creating their poster made of used recyclable materials, called "Clean Marine." The Center for Civic Engagement (CCE) organized the Fall 2011 Poster Session Display, in which GCC students displayed over 90 posters with information that links to their course of study and the services that the Community Based Organization provides to the community.



Southern reigns at DECA Quiz Bowl & Conference

Southern High School's CTE Marketing team edged out competitors from the four other high schools to win the annual Guam DECA Quiz Bowl on Jan. 20 in the MPA. Juniors Nick Aquiningoc, Trebor Aguerro, Michael Santos, and sophomores Brittany Muna and Mykel Lizama are now one step closer to attending the national DECA conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, on April 28th. They'll compete again locally in the DECA State Event in March, where CTE students will perform in role-play events judged by local marketing professionals and take a comprehensive exam that tests their marketing knowledge and skills. Nearly 200 students took part in the Quiz Bowl and Leadership Conference.



Autobody's new paint booth almost ready

Students in GW's GCC Auto Collision class pose with their instructor, Erwin Tudela, inside the Automotive program's new \$75,000, ARRA-funded paint booth that is 95% installed. Tudela says they are waiting for a few more parts. (Tudela and the students also need a new air conditioner in their classroom in Bldg. 900 – it's been out for a while, they say, and it is HOT in there!)

AAUW's Ho meets with GCC/UOG students

"It's important for women to be self-sufficient." Patricia Fae Ho, vice president of the national board of the American Association of University Women, encouraged women students enrolled at GCC and UOG to use their education to become financially self sufficient and to be leaders in the community when she met with them on Jan. 27 in GCC's Student Center. Ho spent three days on Guam as the honored guest of the AAUW Guam Chapter, met with several dozen students, faculty, and administrators of Guam's two higher education institutions to talk about women using their education to break through the barriers they face in the workplace and as Pacific islanders, and about scholarship and grant opportunities



Education trains the trainers

The Education Department hosted a "Train the Trainers" for the Time to Sign, Inc., curriculum on January 4, 5, and 6. Then, on Jan. 7, the trainers provided workshop for caregivers, staff and parents using the Time to Sign curriculum they had learned. Participants had a great time learning to sign using children's songs, activities and books!



Front Desk Training

Eight GCC hotel interns participated in a Front Desk Training on January 14 and 21 at the Fiesta Resort. After completing the 10-hour training, the interns then took the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute's Certified Front Desk Representative exam. Tourism Faculty Evon Wong and Eric Chong, former hotel front office managers, facilitated the training.



L-R Evon Wong, Southern High LMP instructor; Atsushi Nozaki (Onward); Eri Sato (Outrigger); Tomomi Hayaashi (Guam Plaza); Yurie Yoshitomi (Outrigger); Ahyoung Min (Fiesta); Asuka Ueyama (PIC); Sayumi Takahma (Fiesta); Yukiko Tabuki (Westin); and Eric Chong, Okkodo LMP instructor.

Free Microsoft Training

Certified Microsoft trainer and GCC instructor Elaine Fejerang took time out of her schedule to provide free training to GCC personnel, who learned about Microsoft Windows 7 and Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook, on Jan. 9, 10 & 11. Thank you, Elaine!



“People love, this campus.”

Those are the words of Mike Makio, principal architect for Taniguchi Ruth Makio Architects and the person responsible for the design of

GCC's new buildings. President Okada asked Makio to update faculty regarding the GCC Physical Master Plan on Jan. 20. Makio and TRMA's Cedric Cruz did the honors. A link to TRMA's presentation is available on Group Studio, where comments on the plan are now being accepted.



Cuthbert project assists Chuuk schools

As of Jan. 25, students at WeiPat High School on Namonuito Atoll in Chuuk have a fully functioning computer lab, thanks to a partnership between GCC and the Cuthbert Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping build capacity and increase opportunities for students in Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia. The partnership is funded by an \$85,874 grant from the Department of the Interior, and will provide essential developmental English language skills and supplement Chuuk's efforts to establish the necessary infrastructure to provide educational opportunities to students. GCC is the grant fiscal agent. Materials purchased or donated on Guam allowed project coordinators to convert an abandoned classroom into a fully functioning computer lab for the high school's 200 students. Power for the computer lab is being furnish by a large photovoltaic solar array installed several years ago by the European Union.



GCC President Okada, DAR asst. director Lolita Reyes, and Cuthbert project director Bill Hagen load a container headed for Chuuk on Jan. 10.



Students at WeiPat High School, Island of Onoun, Namonuitoes, Chuuk, enjoy their new computer lab, built by the Cuthbert Project.

CE kicks off Project HATSA

Work readiness training was on the agenda for 17 people enrolled in the initial cohort of Project HATSA (Helping Achieve TANF Success through Actions). The federally funded grant project being conducted by GCC and the Guam Department of Public Health & Social Services started Jan. 30, with the goal being to provide clients enrolled in Public Health's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program with skills they can use to become gainfully employed.



Puedi i Tinituhon i Sakkan u fatto' minaolek siha para todus hamyu.

May the New Year bring good things to you all.

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Chamorro Words for January

Ancient Chamorro Months	English	Modern Chamorro
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Some months have known meanings

TUMAIQUINI : "Thus, In this way, Like This"

MAIMO'

UMATÅLAF: "To go catch Gatafe fish"

LUMUHU': "Time to Return or Resume One's Route"

MAKMAMAO

MANÅNAF: "Signifies to go on all fours, to crawl"

SEMU:

TENHOS: "Stormy or Angry"

LUMAMLAM: "Season of Lightning"

FANGGUALO': "Planting Season"

SUMONGSONG: "Season to repair the nets, stay in the villages"

UMAYANGAN: "Unsettled or Weepy"

UMAGÅHAF: "To Catch Shrimp"

January	Ineru
February	Febreru
March	Måtso
April	Abrit
May	Måyu
June	Huñio
July	Hulio
August	Agostu
September	Septembri
October	Oktobri
November	Nubembri
December	Disembri

"The beginning of a month in the traditional Chamorro calendar is marked by the appearance of a star belonging to a particular group at about forty-five degrees above the horizon just before dawn in the east. The year starts with the rising of Antares and ends with the Corona Borealis. Because different constellations occupy a greater or lesser part of the sky, the months are not of uniform length. Ancient Chamorro petro glyphs can also be found in several places on the island of Guam. The most well known cave drawing is at Gadao's Cave in the southern village of Inarajan. The sketches show human figures, animals, sea creatures and weapons. The colors are white, brown and black." (Murphy, Shannon, Guampedia.com).

Ancient Chamorro Months and written notes citation: Shannon J. Murphy, "Ancient Chamorro Calendar", referenced March 17, 2010 @ Guampedia.com.
[url: http://guampedia.com/ancient-chamorro-calendar/](http://guampedia.com/ancient-chamorro-calendar/).

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