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Guam Community College PDF Newsletter

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Mission Statement:

The mission of Guam Community College is to be a leader in career and technical workforce development by providing the highest quality education and job training in Micronesia.



Bldg. 200 expansion under way

The aggressive pace at which GCC is upgrading its facilities continued July 19 with the groundbreaking for the renovation and expansion of Building 200, one of the four former “Butler” buildings on the east side of campus. The \$4.8 M project is being funded in part by a \$1.95 M hardening project grant from FEMA, with the GCC Board of Trustees’ Capital Projects fund providing the remainder. When finished in 2014, Building 200 will be a two-story, 22,600 square foot concrete home for the Education Department containing 10 classrooms/labs, a study room and an exercise room. Slated to be the campus’ third LEED-certified building, it will contain pv panels, a rainwater catchment system and other sustainable features.

Education, CJ articulate to UOG

Students majoring in criminal justice and education at GCC can now pursue their bachelor degrees at the University of Guam after they graduate. An articulation agreement between the two institutions formalized in June announced that students who earn their Associate of Science in Criminal Justice or their Associate of Arts in Education at GCC can transfer to UOG to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice or a Bachelor of Arts in Education, effective fall semester 2013.

Criminal Justice and Education are the second and third program-to-program articulation agreements formulated between GCC and UOG. Last fall, the GCC’s AA degree in IAS became the first degree to articulate over to UOG’s BA degree in Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences.

“It is a testament to the cooperative efforts of both our institutions that these agreements continue to be reached,” said Dr. Ray Somera, GCC Vice President for Academic Affairs. “This type of agreement provides more options for students and encourages them to further pursue their postsecondary education. It is advantageous for our students, our institutions, and our workforce.” Dr. Somera noted that several other program articulation agreements are in the works between the two institutions.

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From the President...

Dr. Mary A.Y. Okada

As usual, things do not really slow down during the summer here at GCC. With five summer programs, the first of our four procurement modules starting, two new programs articulated over to UOG, the groundbreaking for Building 200, and the announcement that the Dept. of Interior will fund the A&E design for the renovation/expansion of Building 100; we don't have time for a break! The Building 100 design will be similar to that of Building 200, with a second story that provides additional classroom and office space. Both buildings will then be concrete, which is much safer and more economical for all concerned when our next storm comes around, and they will make learning much more productive and enjoyable for our students. Dr. Ray, Norm Aguilar and I visited the Dusit Thani College in Bangkok in July to explore training and exchange opportunities for our students and faculty with this prestigious college. Our legislative budget hearing on July 29 went very well, as senators were duly impressed with all the work that the GCC team has accomplished. We can hope that positive impression translates into the full budget allotment we need to give our students the highest quality education and job training in Micronesia. Thank you all for everything you do to make that possible. Here's to a great start to fall semester 2013 (the enrollment numbers look like we will match 2012 or even top it)!



Iloilo scholarship donation

The Iloilo Association of Guam donated \$1,150.91 to the GCC Foundation for student scholarships on July 12. Presenting the check to GCC are, from left, Jesusa B. Umbrero, Iloilo Board member; Lorena B. Argallon, Iloilo Assn. president; Dr. Mary Okada, GCC president; Teresita L. Quintans, Iloilo 1st vice president; Roy Palmares, Iloilo Board member; Celia Nasis, Iloilo Board chairperson; and Danilo Bilong, GCC Alumni Relations & Fundraising program specialist.



3CP2 Training

FEMA-certified instructors Dirk, John and Debbie did a fantastic job training Doris Perez, Joanne Ige, Greg Manglona, Dennis Santo Tomas, and Bonnie Datuin the week of June 3rd on 3CP2 – the Community College Citizen Preparedness Program, a national initiative to help promote and improve community emergency preparedness and disaster response training for the public and volunteer service.



From the ALO's desk...

Dr. Ray Somera, VP for Academic Affairs

I did quite a lot of traveling this summer for GCC, to Kolonia, Yap and to Bangkok, Thailand. In Yap, I attended a week-long series of meetings to conduct a presentation entitled “Sustainability for Behavioral Health Workforce Development: A GCC-GBHWC Collaborative Model,” and learned about industry certification for behavioral-health programs in anticipation of offering a Human Services degree program at GCC in the immediate future. Examples of courses that we will try to institutionalize into the curriculum include SafeTalk, ASIST, Mental Health Toolkit, among others.

The Pacific Behavioral Health Coordinating Council's discussions on strengthening the behavioral health workforce development for the region were very helpful. I also gained more comprehensive knowledge of substance abuse issues regarding prevention and treatment confronting each of the Pacific jurisdictions, and the role of the community college in resolving pertinent issues that involve higher education programs and processes, as well as sustaining training courses that can lead



to multiple career pathways for local students interested in the behavioral health fields.

Upon the invitation of the Dusit International executives based in Bangkok, Thailand, Dr. Okada and I, along with Tourism Chair Norman Aguilar, met with school officials of Dusit Thani College in Bangkok to explore possible areas of educational exchange and articulation that would enrich GCC's program offerings in Tourism and Hospitality, to include Culinary Arts, Food and Beverage, and Hotel Industry

Management, and to learn more about Dusit International operations, in anticipation of the opening of Dusit Thani Hotel – Guam which is expected to open on island in midyear 2014. We discussed the possibility of a faculty exchange, a student enrichment experience, and a 2 + 2 degree pathway, where students of GCC, after receiving their two-year Associate of Science, or Associate of Arts degree, can continue to spend two more years at DTC, where they will eventually earn their Bachelor's degree. As a result of our visit, a general Statement of Intent for Educational Exchange and Cooperation was signed by President Okada and Dusit Thani College Rector Veera Pardpattanpanich.

Plus, the food was delicious! So all in all, it was a very productive summer!



Procurement Training

GCC's CEWD Office started its four-module procurement training in July with “Fundamentals and Principles of Procurement.” One of the course's more notable students was Sen. Tom Ada. The Solicitation Process module is scheduled for August, Procurement Review and Remedies for September, and Management and Administration of Procurement will run in October.

Summer Programs!

CACGP's Summer Bridge



GCC's CACGP program hosted two sessions of its Summer Bridge program from June 10 – July 19, providing a total of 120 students with career exploration activities, cultural and career field trips, and computer, math, English and science classes. Educational supplies, field trip fees, and breakfast & lunch were included.

Citi-GCC PSEAI

The Citi Foundation again teamed up with GCC to offer up to 20 high school graduates or incoming juniors or seniors the opportunity to prepare for college and possibly earn college credit at GCC. The PSEAI program ran from June 7 – July 19 and provided the selected seniors or graduates with English and math instruction, textbooks, tutors, financial aid counseling, college coping skills workshops, budgeting and career workshops conducted by Citi employee volunteers, placement tests and career interest inventories.



GCC-DPW Nat'l Summer Transportation Institute



GCC teamed up with the Dept. of Public Works and CACGP this summer for a National Summer Transportation Institute (NSTI) grant that allowed middle and high school students to explore careers in the transportation industry through field trips to transportation sites around the island and practical, hands-on activities using math skills needed to succeed in the industry. The two-week programs for each level ran from June 17-July 15.

More Summer Programs!

Project AIM Summer Success

The Project AIM Summer Success program helped 20 students to prepare for college from June 17 – July 5. The program focused on preparing students for college level math, familiarizing them with the financial aid application process, and focusing on time and stress management, reading skills, career choices and setting goals.



AHEC Summer Academy

GCC's Area Health Education Center offered a free two-week summer academy for 35 high school students interested in careers in the health field from July 23 - Aug. 2. Participants learned about careers in the medical and health fields, built math, science and English skills, and learned life skills that will help them be successful students and professionals.

Agueda MS tour

On July 3, over 100 students from Agueda Johnston Middle School's summer program toured our campus. The students were so impressed with GCC that they sent us thank you notes. Thank YOU to the following people for assisting with the tour: Bobbie LG, Donnie Lizama, Stephen Ray Alvarez and the COPSA officers, Liz Duenas, Chris Sison, Christine Matson, Christopher San Nicolas, Tanya Marie Santos, John Jocson, Ely Damian, Esther Rios, John Payne, Dee Manglona, Sue Joseph, and Winona Flores.



Results: 5 Inarajan CAPS completers earn NCRCs/jobs



Three of the five people who participated in the initial cohort of GCC's Community Access Points (CAP) program at the Inarajan Mayor's Office attributed their new full-time jobs to having earned their National Career Readiness Certificate through the program. The CAP is a partnership between GCC, the Guam Contractor's Association, the Guam Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor's Council of Guam, through which residents have access to free online training via the KeyTrain component of WorkKeys, the Job Assessment and Training program offered through GCC.



From right: Paris Blas of Guahan Admin. Training Services, Tom Roberto of Island Tinting, Jesse Taimanglo and Thomas San Nicolas (holding their NCRCs), and Victor Rodgers and Chelsa Muna-Brecht, celebrate the employment of Taimanglo (who scored a Gold on his NCRC) and San Nicolas at Island Tinting through the CAPS program. Not shown: Marla Reyes also scored gold and secured a higher paying job with benefits as an inventory control clerk at the Navy Exchange.

JFK student scores WorkKeys Platinum!

Jordan Elizaga still has six more years of schooling before he earns his mechanical engineering degree, but according to the WorkKeys assessment administered by GCC, he's already at the skill level needed for that profession. Elizaga, a junior at John F. Kennedy High School, is the first high school student on Guam to score at the platinum level on the WorkKeys assessment. He is one of 54 JFK students who completed the assessment this school year.



HATSA CNA Completers

Ten TANF clients received Certificates of Enrichment from GCC and DPHSS on July 31 at the Hyatt Regency Guam after completing the 180-hour Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training at GCC to address the shortfalls in this critically needed area in the health industry. GCC and DPHSS provide vocational, educational, and skills training for these clients through the Project HATSA (Helping Achieve TANF Success through Actions).



Education Dept. summer workshops



The GCC Education Department was busy this summer! Through a grant from DPHSS, caregivers from centers around the island participated in three workshops in June:

The Project Approach – June 1
Fun and Learning – June 15
Nutrition & Health – June 29

to help build their skills and knowledge.

On July 13, the Ed. Dept. sponsored "Circle Time and Centers" training for daycare providers at which participants set up, demonstrated, and engaged in learning and interest centers for infants, toddlers and preschoolers.



Family & Human Services conference

The Ed. Dept. also sponsored the first Family and Human Services Conference on Friday, June 21, to kick off the re-institution of the Certificate in Family Services. Guest speakers included Esther Rios, GCC Financial Aid Coordinator; Dr. Tricia Lizama, UOG Social Work program; and Elsa Perez and Christine San Nicolas from DPHSS. Topics included: becoming a GCC student, the new program in Family Services, team work, conflict resolution, the social work profession, transferring to UOG, and benefits for current and future clients. Kudos to Clare Camacho and Pete Roberto, who co-chaired the event.



ASL workshop

GCC's American Sign Language class students welcomed deaf interns from Washington State Gallaudet University to campus in June to share ASL activities.

From left: Tina Artero; Asia, deaf intern; Ethan Zimmerman, ASL student; Mr. Pedro, deaf friend; Kirsten Bamba, ASL instructor; Heather Zimmerman, ASL coordinator for interns; Bridget, deaf intern; and Sarah Leon Guerrero, Education Dept. chair. Kudos to Sarah, Jeannie Hollis, and John Russell on the success of the ASL program, which will start up in January!





Students give Gift of Life

Three GCC students were recognized in June by the Gift of Life organization (of which GCC Associate Professor Pilar Pangelinan is a board member) for donating their time and precious blood platelets. From left, Teann Aguon, Almia Fernandez (standing, from GMH), friend of Sharmaine, and Sharmaine Peregrino.

Students place 15th in international business game

Five GCC students who took part in an international business simulation game as part of their spring semester Economics 110 course ended up in 15th place overall, competing against 41,248 students that comprised 14,654 companies in 405 schools throughout 35 countries in the world. The members of the GCC company, “Fortis,” are Marina Aguilar, Charisha Hualde, David Kim, Verlyne Macaraeg, and Cyaundra Shimizu. In their final week of the game, they ended up in a 15-way tie for second place, ranking 8th out of the 15. Nine companies tied for 1st place, ranking Fortis 15th over all in the top 100 companies.

“This is the second time we’ve integrated this business simulation game into our curriculum,” said Fred Tupaz, GCC instructor. “The outcome really reflects the quality of students that attend GCC. Employers are looking for employees that can make key decisions, and this simulation covers the whole gamut of the management process. It allows our students to directly apply what they learn in the classroom in a business environment.



GCC hosts Indigenous Fellows Institute

GCC hosted 15 STEM faculty from two-year Tribal and Pacific Rim colleges and high schools, including those on Guam, for an Indigenous Fellows Institute June 3-7. “Natural Resource Management,” was funded by the National Partnership for Environmental Technology Education’s (PETE) NSF ATE grant Connecting Tribal and Pacific Rim Colleges to Improve Indigenous Environmental Technology Education. The week-long institute featured 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.

EcoWarriors recycle at Liberation Day Parade!

Kudos to the GCC Ecowarriors who recycled during the Liberation Day parade and won the organization \$150 for their efforts!

GCC says farewell to Dean Reilly Ridgell, Adjunct Dean Barry Mead



Two people were missing from our campus this summer – two that have been here every year – one for over two, and the other for over three decades. Dean Reilly Ridgell and Adjunct Associate Dean Barry Mead. Dean Reilly is an institution in and of himself, having worked at GCC for 33 years, and written several books in the process. Barry Mead poured his heart and soul into the GCC Tourism & Hospitality program and is part of the reason it is so successful today. We will miss them both, and we wish them well as they enjoy these sunset years – hopefully many of them, with their families!





Joann Muna
HR Administrator

Customer Service Spotlight

“I wanted to take a moment to recognize and thank Joann Muna for her professionalism and outstanding customer service. Twice in the last month, I’ve experienced her customer service being a model of decorum and professionalism. She insured that all concerned understood the institutional priorities involved with the matter, as well as the human element. She was patient, looked at all angles of the problem, and then guided those involved toward the most equitable solutions possible. As someone with a degree in HR and extensive time in managing Equal Opportunity, I recognize someone who excels in both. We often talk about serving our “internal customers,” and her ability to do so is a model for the rest of the College to follow. We often fail to recognize the outstanding job that our senior administrators do, because we see it as just “part of the job.” I believe in this instance she went above and beyond, and I feel that I am a better manager due to her guidance. Submitted by Victor Rodgers, Asst. Director, CEWD

GCCEA FUNdraiser at Danny’s:

Kudos to all who attended the GCCEA Fundraiser on July 18 at Danny’s in Mangilao. A good time was had by all in raising money for employee events!

Health Spotlight on Shingles: What you need to know

by **Maria Cecilia H. Delos Santos, RN**

Shingles is a disease caused by a virus. It is also known as herpes zoster, zoster, or zona. Shingles is characterized by skin rash which is painful, blistery, and located in a limited area on one side of the body. Usually, the rash heals within 2-4 weeks, but scarring and skin discoloration from the rash can occur. Some individuals may experience residual pain for months or even years. A painful condition called post herpetic neuralgia, which is often difficult to manage, can happen to one in five patients.

Before the appearance of rash, nonspecific symptoms such as headache, malaise and fever occur and may lead to incorrect diagnosis. These are usually followed by sensations of burning pain, itching, tingling, pricking or numbness. Direct contact with an active rash of shingles may spread the virus to someone who lacks immunity to the virus possibly, leading to a chicken pox infection.

Shingles is caused by the same virus that causes chicken pox. After the chicken pox infection, the virus is not eliminated from the body. Instead, the virus after years of infection can get reactivated and cause another viral infection called shingles. This means that shingles occurs only to those individuals who have been ill previously with chicken pox. Shingles can occur at any age, but it usually affects those who are 50 years old and older, and those with impaired immune system caused by aging, medications, psychological stress, and other factors.

For treatment, antiviral drugs can reduce the severity and duration of shingles. Also, analgesics (over-the-counter and prescribed) may be used to relieve pain and discomfort. For prevention of shingles, a live vaccine marketed as Zostavax exists and is recommended for use in individuals 60 years old and older. Know the facts and take the mystery out of shingles!



Malago’ i Kulehon Kumunidat Guahan Mandiseha gi i Empleao siha un Minagof na Kompli’ años!

Huño/Manānaf 2013

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

June 2013

Kenneth C. Bautista
Antonita F. Cabrito
Johanna L. Camacho
Elizabeth J. Duenas
Bertha Guerrero
Teresita C. Guerrero
Paul N. Kerner
Terry Kuper

Bobbie Leon Guerrero
Tish Leon Guerrero
Marlena O. Montague
Daniel Okada
Doris C. Perez
Rowena Ellen Perez
Dennis Santo Tomas
Vicky Schrage



Mark your Calendars!

Sept. 1 - GCC Labor Day Picnic at Ypao Park - all are invited!

Sept. 14 - GCC Par Excellence Golf Tournament at LeoPalace Resort

Oct. 9 & 10 - Students “Meet the President” in the GCC MPA

Oct. 11 EA fundraiser at Tasa, Legacy Square, Mangilao (next to KFC)

Oct. 26 - Leadership Dinner

Oct. 31 - GCC Halloween!

Sinangan Siha para Huño/Manānaf

June 2013 Chamorro Phrases



Ngai'an i inali'e'?

What day is the meeting?

Goftakhilo'.

It is very important.

Manmahuchom ham pa'go.

We are closed today.

Manmababa ham pa'go.

We are open today.

Kao siña un na'ma susedi?

Can you make it happen?

Malago' i Kulehon Kumunidat Guahān Mandiseha gi i Empleao siha un Minagof na Kompl'iños!

HULIO/SEMU 2013

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

July 2013

Marina Aguilar
Joe Benavente
Ann Cruz
Harold Cruz
Karen Dumchus
Joleen Evangelista
Jeff Fabro
Diana Inclano

Edwin Limtuatco
Brian Muna
Jonathan Perez
Tonirose Realica
Sally Sablan
Cheryl San Nicolas
Rose Marie Siguenza
Phyllis Yurko

Minagof Ha'anen Libirasion!

Sinangan Siha para Hulio/Semu

July 2013 Chamorro Phrases

Gefmaolek na cho'cho'.

Great job.

Maolek ha' hao?

Are you good?

Asi'i yu' nu i minaleffa-ku.

I am so sorry I forgot.

Kao siña hao humānao pa'gogo?

Are you ready?

Amānu malago'-mu humanaogui?

Where do you want to go?