

# CHACHALANI



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.

## Congratulations graduates!



GCC conferred 388 degrees, certificates, and/or diplomas upon 355 graduates at the UOG Field House on May 17. The Most Distinguished Graduate is Colin Salanio Herring, 20, from Mangilao, who is graduating with an AS in Criminal Justice. Graduating as Distinguished Graduate with an AS in Early Childhood Education is Iva Kazuma Ngirarois, 29, from Yigo. A 2002 graduate of JFK, Ngirarois now plans to pursue her bachelor's and master's degrees in Education at the University of Guam.

With the news that Guam's private sector gained 1,000 jobs over the past year, President Dr. Mary Okada says GCC graduates are prepared to make their mark on Guam's workforce. "We are proud of all that our graduates have accomplished during their time at GCC. We especially thank our community and business partners that helped mentor our students in their chosen professions," Okada said.

The Commencement Speaker was Dr. Leon Richards, Chancellor at Kapi'olani Community College and the executive director for International Education at Kapi'olani.

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### Ilao is GCC Distinguished Alum

Ed Ilao, president and CEO of Johndel International Inc., was named GCC's 2013 Distinguished Alumnus on May 13. A 1979 graduate of the former GCC Vo-Tech High School, Ilao is a registered engineer and a GCC Foundation Board member. For the past 34 years he has been at the helm of Johndel International Inc. This year, his company was awarded the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Family-Owned Small Business Award for Guam.





## From the President...

First of all, congratulations to our 355 graduates, for reaching this significant milestone in your lives. Go out and do GCC proud as you secure sustainable jobs in our workforce, or continue on with your education. Either way, you are our success stories. Also, congratulations to our 2013 Distinguished Alumnus and FBOG member Ed Ilao. We are honored by your dedication to GCC. And to Rose Loveridge, who earned her master's degree in nursing this month – our fourth nursing faculty member to do so! Along with our graduates, we have several long-time employees leaving us this summer by way of retirement: Micki Lonsdale, Reilly Ridgell, and Barry Mead. Reilly and Barry are with us through June, but Ms. Micki's last day at GCC was May 23rd. Of course we will miss her expertise in financial aid, but also, we will miss her very wry sense of humor. For example, take a look below at her retirement letter. It made me laugh! Welcome to Esther Rios as the new financial aid coordinator, and to our soon-to-be new TPS Dean, Dr. Juan Flores. Both have big shoes to fill, but I'm sure they will get the job done. Thanks also to all who attended GCC's Relay for Life. Our community involvement really shines when we have that many people participate, so great job everyone! We look forward to summer programs and summer vacations now, so have fun, enjoy your families, and be safe.



**Sally Sablan**

Associate Professor, Assessment & Counseling

## Customer Service Spotlight!

Submitted by Victor Rodgers,

Asst. Director, CEWD:

“Travis Coffman, from K57 Talk Radio, caught up with me the other night, and relayed how impressed he was with the service he received from our counseling department, notably Mrs. Sally Sablan. He praised her patience, knowledge, and how she made him and his son feel important, not because he was a radio personality, but because he was a customer. He could not stop talking about how impressed he was with her, and how he would recommend her and GCC to every parent he knew. Kudos to Sally, for representing the very best of our institution!”



GCC's MIS Department migrated the College's email system over to Google mail on June 1st. Now everyone can take advantage of Google's features, and we will get less spam (only the email kind, not the SPAM that's great in fried rice!)! Great job MIS!

## GCC represented at STEM conference

Dr. Ray Somera, VP for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Jay Sunga, Asst. Professor in GCC's Science Department, created their own "wind farm" while attending the STEM conference "Engaging Minds for 21st Century Learning and Innovation: STEM in an E-Blended World," in Indianapolis, Indiana (which truly is wind farm country!) on May 21-22. Dr. Somera noted that the object of the exercise was to create a sustainability template that GCC can use in the future.

## Project AIM awards

Project AIM held their annual awards ceremony for participants on May 3 in the MPA. In front, l-r: James Fathal, Program Coordinator; Alyssa Serafico and Jonathan Rivera, tutors; Micah Carlos, tutor/graduate in Liberal Arts; Justine Bautista and Merry Grace Bataclan, tutors; Huan Hosei, director.

Back row, l to r: Maria De Guzma, graduate; Criminal Justice; Carmelita Gabertan, graduate, Medical Assisting; Norielyn O'Connor, Floregine Dela Cruz, James Pangelinan, and Nick Diaz, graduates, IAS; Rustan Estrallado, graduate, Visual Communications; EJ Sto. Domingo, graduate, IAS; and Michelle Tapang, graduate, Criminal Justice.



## Project AIM students' college transfer tour to UOG

On April 19, GCC Project AIM students toured UOG to learn about how to transfer credits from GCC to UOG in order to further their postsecondary education.



## Congratulations Rose!

On May 4th, Rose Loveridge became the 4th member of the GCC nursing faculty to earn her master's degree from the University of Phoenix, thanks to a grant from TakeCare. Great job Rose, and thank you, TakeCare. You are a great Allied Health partner!

## Largest accounting conference to date



The Guam Society of CPAs and the Association of Government Accountants Guam Chapter sponsored the 3rd Accounting Conference on May 10. It was the largest accounting conference ever, with 111 students attending - 54 from GCC and 57 from UOG. It was also the first conference jointly attended by accounting students from the two institutions. Left: GCC Accounting student Chona Angeles selects her prize from the Jackpot game with Pilar Pangelinan, GCC accounting instructor.

Right: Monty McDowell, CEO of Advance Management, with Solae Malig, Junior Accountants Society, GCC accounting graduate and now UOG accounting student, gave the keynote address.



## College & Career Readiness Workshop



GCC hosted a College and Career Readiness workshop on May 10 in the MPA for the over 30 partner employers who hire students in GCC CTE High School Work Experience Program each summer. James Martinez, President of the Guam Contractors Association, gave the keynote address, and the luncheon featured the national champion SSHS ProStart team's menu. The national second place Lodging Management Program team from Okkodo High School also assisted with the event.

### GCC Culinary students featured at May Harvest

Chef Kevin Dietrichs' Buffet and Catering students prepared the feast for the Dept. of Agriculture's 9th Annual May Harvest on May 8, cooking only locally grown foods.

### GW VisCom digital presentation

The GCC CTE Visual Communications 2nd year class from GWHS presented their semester promotional campaign project, a digital media presentation entitled, "Create Yourself," to their peers, instructors, mentors and special guests on May 9 in the MPA.

## 1st Annual “Gupot GCC”

On May 11 at Ypao Park’s main pavilion, GCC employees, their spouses, children, and other friends gathered for the 1st annual GCC picnic dubbed “Gupot GCC.” The organizing committee of Dr. Ray Somera, Jose Munoz, Gary Hartz, Robin Roberson, Ava Garcia and Bobbie Blas thank everyone who contributed to the food, games, raffles and entertainment provided. Prizes were handed out to our Biggest Loser winners (see below), to Edgar Masnayon for winning the Kelaguen Contest with his awesome fish kelaguen, and honors given to Dean Reilly and Micki Lonsdale for their impending retirements!

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## Being a Biggest Loser pays off!

The three people who are much slimmer after our annual Biggest Loser contest that happens over the first three months of the year are (drum roll please!):

Dorothy Manglona, with 9.32% percent loss. She received \$275 and a trip to Saipan. Dr. R. Ray Somera with a 6.67%, loss. He received \$150, and is scheduled to receive from Guam Regional Medical City a certificate for a basic check up and overnight stay at the GRMC guest suite ( \$375 value!). Ann Cruz came in third place with 6.53% percent loss. She received \$100. All three winners also received a one-month membership to Paradise Fitness Center. So it pays to lose big and get fit at GCC!



## 56th Tour Guide training

Instructor Eric Chong reported another successful Tour Guide training this month - the 56th so far in a collaborative effort between GCC and GVB. Trained were: Front row (L-R): Isabel Mendiola, Yong Suk Ji, Jong Sung Park, Yuji Harada, Renato Dionisio, Lin Lin, Olga Green, and Yukari Ueki. Back row (L-R): Mike Kim, Nadia Babauta, Quan Wei Sha, Ed Feely, Masao Tosaka, Jewelyn Vazquez, Min Sook Im, Wenwei Nian, Mario Japitana, and Franklin Babac.

## GCC strong at Relay for Life!

Kudos to all the GCC people who showed up to fight cancer at Relay for Life May 24-25 at the GW field. GCC beat its goal of contributing \$5,000 to the effort. Thanks to Victor Rodgers and his Relay for Life team for all of their fundraisers, and to everyone who contributed to the effort in any way. Special thanks to the GCC Ecowarriors for recycling on site at the Relay for Life!



## GCC Counselors at SRP

Kudos to GCC Counselors who set up an information station at the Guam Army National Guard's Soldier Readiness Processing Event May 4-5 at the Army Reserve Center in Barrigada. They answered soldiers' questions about their educational options and benefits. Thanks for promoting GCC to our returning soldiers!

## Best retirement letter ever!

Micki Lonsdale, GCC’s Financial Aid Coordinator for 21 years and 9 months, retired with her typical priceless humor on May 24, about a month after she had initially planned to retire. In her letter to President Okada, Micki referred to having been convinced to stay an extra month due to “crying, begging, and general sucking up” by many of her coworkers!

Right: Here she is with Ken Terlaje and Vivian Guerrero of the Financial Aid Office.



Check out the crown on Micki’s head here! We will miss you, Micki!



In addition to losing longtime Financial Aid Coordinator Micki Lonsdale this month, next month GCC will also lose longtime TPS Dean Reilly Ridgell, who is set to retire on June 28th after almost 33 years of actual service, and former longtime Tourism & Hospitality Dept. chair and current Adjunct Dean Barry Mead, who is also retiring on June 28.

Dr. Juan Flores joined GCC in May as the incoming Dean of the School of Trades and Professional Services, and Esther Rios, former CTE counselor, is the new Financial Aid coordinator. We will miss you, Micki, Reilly and Barry, and welcome to your new positions, Dr. Juan and Esther!

## Lonsdale, Ridgell, Mead retire; Flores is new TPS dean, Rios new Financial Aid coordinator



Ridgell and Lonsdale were all smiles at their last “Meet the President” session back in February!



Dr. Juan Flores  
new TPS dean



Esther Rios, new Fin. Aid coordinator (on right), with Vivian Guerrero, FA program coordinator



The inimitable Barry Mead, GCC Adjunct Associate Dean.

# Important Dates:

**June 28 - Reilly Ridgell & Barry Mead**  
**Retirement Luncheon 11:00 AM**  
**Student Center Lounge & Training Room**

**July 4 - Independence Day**  
**21 - Liberation!**

**August 12 - Convocation**  
**Monday, 6:00 PM, LeoPalace Resort**



## **Malago' i Kulehon Kumunidat Guahan Mandiseha gi i Empleao siha un Minagof na Kompliaños!**

**Mayu/Makmamao 2013**

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

May 2013

**Norman Aguilar**  
**Evangeline Aguon**  
**Jennifer Artero**  
**Kirsten Bamba**  
**Danilo Bilong**  
**Antonia Chamberlain**  
**Katherine Chargualaf**  
**Marilyn Concepcion**

**Benedict De Leon**  
**Troy Lizama**  
**John Payne**  
**Marsha Postrozny**  
**Benny Quenga**  
**Josephine Rojas**  
**Anthony Sunga**  
**Renato Valenzuela**  
**Evon Wong**

# Sinangan Siha para Måyu/Makmamao

## May 2013 Chamorro Phrases



*Downtown Agaña - 1953*

**Håfa i chináthinasso-mu?**

What is the matter?

**Taimanu na siña hu na'maolek i hinasso-mu?**

How can I make you understand?

**Kao siña uma'li'e' hit?**

Can I have a meeting with you?

**Håyi ali'e'-mu pã'go?**

Who did you see today?

**Håfa ta ginagao sinangan?**

What is the subject matter?