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CAMPUS HAPPENINGS • PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • UPCOMING EVENTS

Kapono Plays At GCC Veterans Club Luncheon

The GCC Veterans Club hosted a luncheon for veteran students and employees of GCC on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11. The highlight of the event was a performance for the vets by Henry Kapono, who was on island with his family to perform at several events courtesy of WestCare. Biba veterans, and Si Yu'os Ma'ase, Henry!



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Guam Community College is a leader in career and technical workforce development, providing the highest quality student-centered education and job training for Micronesia.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
FINIA KACHITA

Congratulations to GCC student Finia Kachita, who completed her first semester at GCC in fall 2016. Finia is blind, but with help from GCC's Accommodative Services Office, she is able to complete her work and is studying to become a social worker.

Her story was highlighted by PDN reporter Shawn Raymundo on Nov. 15:

Photo courtesy of PDN



<http://www.guampdn.com/story/news/2016/11/15/former-student-doe-stepped-up-services-blind/93784210/>



Students host Legislative Forums

Students in GCC's Supervision & Management program hosted two senatorial candidate forums on Nov. 3 in the MPA, in order to afford GCC students the opportunity to hear what the candidates for the 34th Guam Legislature had to say about the issues, and to question them about their stance on various issues just five days before Guam's general election. Twenty-five candidates took part in two separate sessions containing a mix of Democrat and Republican candidates.

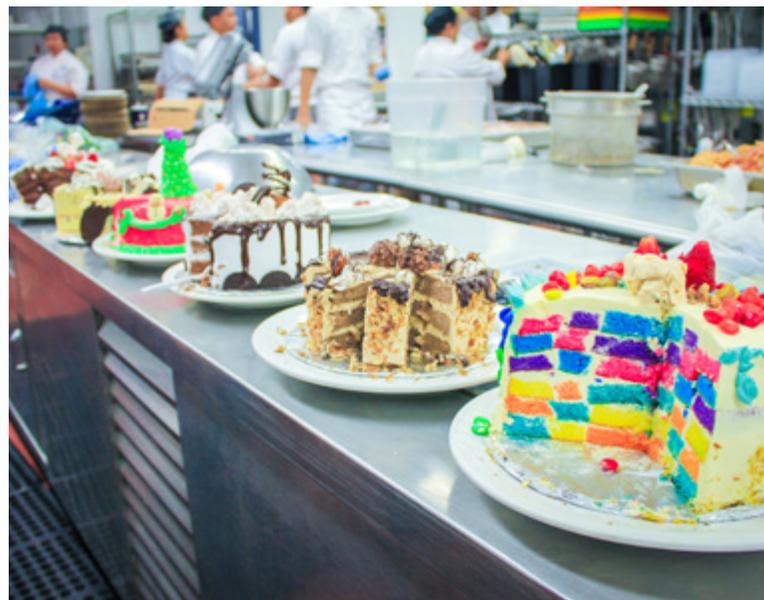
Marketing "logo" launch

Jean Cepeda's Advertising class invited college officials to their Integrated Marketing Communications Presentation on Nov. 22 in Rm. 5108 of the Student Center. Student creatives Marray and Kelsey, co-directors of the campaign, led four groups: Print, Radio, TV, and Social Media, in presenting their version of a media campaign to launch GCC's new logo.



Culinary Arts final exams

Several very fortunate administrators and staff judged the finals of Chef Bertrand Haurillon's Culinary 280 Capstone class on Nov.29 in the Culinary classroom. The students designed, prepared and served a three-course meal. Chef Bertrand judged their sanitation and proper cooking skills in the kitchen; and the guests judged presentation and taste of the students' dishes. Everyone passed with flying colors, according to the guest judges! And then on Dec. 5, students in Chef Bertrand's Patisserie class created amazing cakes for a panel of expert judges.



Culinary Arts program earns WACS recognition

GCC's Culinary Arts program was accepted into the World Association of Chefs Societies (WACS) Recognition of Quality Culinary Education program in November. Marivic Schrage, GCC Tourism & Hospitality Department chair, announced that the College had applied to be accepted into the program last year. On Nov. 3 GCC received a formal letter from John Clancy, WACS Education Chairman/Director of Education, noting that "Guam Community College meets and in some cases, exceeds WACS Standards of Quality Culinary Education." Kudos to our outstanding program instructors and students!

Japanese Street Performers

The Education Department and Japan CLUB sponsored a visit by traditional Japanese street performers on Nov. 21 in the MPA. The Nankin Tamasudare performance entertained students, faculty and staff with chanting and the manipulation of items from bamboo screens to tea cups, and allowed the audience to try out the different manipulation acts themselves. The event, which also included a samurai sword demonstration and traditional song performance, marked the Japanese group's 9th visit to the GCC campus.

The Japan CLUB hosted a holiday origami (traditional Japanese art of paper folding) design session Nov. 10 to show students and employees how to decorate their office or home for the holiday season.



Supervision & Management students host another successful FHB John K. Lee 2K/5K

Kenta Togashi and Dianne Sarida took advantage of perfect running weather to be the first man and woman to cross the finish at the GCC/First Hawaiian Bank 4th annual John K. Lee Jr. Scholarship Fund 5K Run/Walk at Chamorro Village on Nov. 5. GCC Supervision and Management students hosted the event as a class project, with valuable assistance provided by the Guam Running Club. The GCC Foundation and First Hawaiian Bank jointly sponsored the event in honor of the late John K. Lee Jr., former First Hawaiian Bank Guam and CNMI Senior Vice President/ Region Supervisor, former GCC Foundation board member and avid supporter of Guam Community College. The 5K raised \$10,000 in scholarship money for GCC students, Major race sponsor United Airlines provided one economy-class round-trip ticket to Asia as the grand raffle prize.



Sports and Recreation Club hosts first Fitness Circuit Challenge

The GCC SPARC student organization hosted its first Fitness Circuit Challenge on Nov. 4 in front of the Student Center. The challenge consisted of push-ups, burpees, hula hoop, squats, jump rope, lunges, etc. The winning student organization earned \$100 for their fundraising account.



English ON AIR

ON AIR, the English Department's student showcase, took place Nov. 8-9 in the MPA. GCC students demonstrated their mastery of SLOs in various English classes and highlighted their voices and talents in the visual, literary and performing arts. The showcase also featured a book swap!

The English Department Convocation (for Liberal Studies majors) also happened in the MPA on Nov. 9 from 2-6 pm. Students could stop by to discuss course scheduling and concerns such as whether to take online classes and what to expect from their next English class.

Theater 101: It's all Greek to me!

Students from the Introduction to the Theater classes presented their final projects, "It's All Greek to Me" on Dec. 2 in the MPA. The students delighted their audience with modern interpretations of Greek theater and Italian comedy, with allusions to Game of Thrones, Scandal, and cult comedies such as Futurama and It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing students visit GCC

On Nov. 17, students from the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) Program at GDOE visited GCC, assisted by GCC's American Sign Language (ASL) classes. The ASL students hosted several interactive activities with the DHH students to practice and apply their signing skills, including a Thanksgiving lunch in the MPA.

Practical Nursing students attend suicide prevention conference

GCC Practical Nursing students attended a Guam Behavioral Health Suicide Training Conference on campus on Nov. 14-15. The training certified the 23 LPN nursing students to address and respond to suicide crisis. At the end of the 2-day session, the students were certified and trained as Suicide Interventionists. Nursing faculty are encouraging their students to volunteer for the Guam suicide hotline after graduation.





Business and Visual Communications Department

The Business and Visual Communications Department held its Student Convocation on Nov. 15 in the MPA. Students learned about GCC's Accounting, Marketing, Supervision & Management, and Visual Communications programs, received advisement and were able to pre-register for spring semester.

Congratulations AMATYC GCC Students!

The following GCC students were declared winners in the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC) Student Math League at GCC in November:

1st (tied) Nesia Aguon & Robert Owens | 3rd Lester Pasion | 4th Randy Babauta | 5th Anthony Reyes

All GCC students are invited to join Round 2 in March/April 2017. See you then!

Secondary NEWS & EVENTS



STEEP students design sustainable container homes

This year's GCC Sustainable Technologies & Environmental Education Program (STEEP) had 19 high school students ages 14-17 years old learning about the world of sustainable technologies in a very "hands-on" way. From Dec. 27 - Jan. 6, the students built miniature sustainable home models with moving parts, and had a competition and showcase on the last day in the Student Center Training Room. Maria Silvestre from St. John's School, Jennifer O'Brien from JFK, Lelamay Manglona from Southern, and Ramon Cruz from GWHS - Team Avatar - won the competition with their container home tribute to Guam's veterans. It featured solar panels, a water catchment system, natural lighting features, and a fish pond that fed an aquaponic garden. All four teams had awesome entries!



SSHS seniors in the GCC CTE ProStart and Lodging Management programs presented three-minute TED-style talks on Nov. 15 as a culminating activity of a month-long unit of instruction on "Communication and Public Speaking." Each student used the TED-style model to tell a 3-minute story about a personal struggle, passion, or life-changing event to an audience of fellow students and a panel of English teachers, administrators, and guests. Great job students, and instructors Eric Chong and Patricia Torrella!





FACULTY FOCUS

ERIC CHONG

Kudos to Eric Chong, GCC SSSH LMP instructor, who attended an NCAC conference at Waipahu High School in Hawaii, and was interviewed for the Waipahu Insight/Onsite video featured on the National Career Academy Coalition (NCAC) website. NCAC is focusing on the Pacific Rim for its conference in Hawaii in February. Check the video at: <https://vimeo.com/190684206>

Chong also presented at GDOL's Registered Apprenticeship Industry Forum on Nov. 10 along with DOE's Eloise Sanchez and Frank Leon Guerrero at the Hilton. GCC student and apprentice Chyryll Crisologo shared her story about her journey to apprenticeship. Chyryll is a Hilton employee and, according to Chong, the star of the presentation! Chong spoke of GCC's CTE programs at GDOE and how the work experience program prepares young people for college and career, and some for apprenticeship.

From left: Eric Chong, Eloise Sanchez, Chyryll Crisologo, and Dr. Sam Mabini, GDOL Director. Frank Leon Guerrero is in back.

FROM THE President

DR. MARY A.Y. OKADA

Hafa Adai and Happy New Year! I hope your Christmas season was a happy and peaceful one. At GCC, November was filled with final exams, presentations, events and election activities; and December, with parties. A November highlight was when the GCC Veterans Club hosted a luncheon on Veteran's Day for veteran students and employees. Henry Kaponu, on island for several WestCare events, graciously agreed to attend the luncheon. It was wonderful to see him perform for our vets, and interact with them afterward. We thank him for his time, and thank our student veterans in the Veterans Club for organizing this special event. Our Supervision & Management students gave the student population at GCC an opportunity to hear senatorial candidates' stances on the issues at two candidate forums hosted on Nov. 3, and then on Nov. 5, SM students hosted the 4th annual John K. Lee Jr. 5K, raising nearly \$10K for student scholarships. Congratulations to the Culinary Arts students on their gourmet meal and dessert final exams, and to the entire Culinary Arts program for gaining World Association of Chef Societies recognition! Congratulations are also in order for our MagPro winners, and for another successful STEEP program in which high school students designed and built models of sustainable container homes, garnering considerable media attention for their efforts. Students in English, Japanese, and theater courses also gave performances - our students were busy this semester, which is a great sign of student success! Si Yu'os Ma'ase to all of you for your efforts in helping our students to reach their potential!

President Okada, along with Joe Diego, USDA Rural Development Area Director; Lorraine Okada, GCC Foundation Board Chair; Carmen Santos, Finance & Admin. VP; and Doris Perez, Asst. Director, Planning & Development, finalized the \$5M loan that is enabling GCC to renovate and expand Building 100 and construct a classroom at the Gregorio G. Perez Crime Lab at a considerable interest rate savings, on Dec. 28 at GCC.



ALO's Desk

DR. RAY SOMERA

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

I traveled to the National Summit on Student Retention in Norfolk, Virginia, and the Integrated Learning Conference in Pennsylvania from Oct. 30 - Nov. 4, to learn about new tools and methods in student retention that can strengthen GCC initiatives in this regard; and to participate in workshop training that demonstrates school-to-career connections.

Two important lessons I learned were to build coalitions among departments; and to strengthen alliances -both vertically and horizontally- within our GCC organization itself. This will greatly assist me in pushing the narrative that there are multiple pathways to student success at the college.

In the retention conference keynote address (Beyond Grades and Graduation: Thriving as a Retention Strategy), Dr. Laurie Schreiner emphasized a Strengths Development approach to helping students achieve success in and out of the classroom. This strategy includes faculty and administrators asking the questions: What part of your work would you do for free? What energizes you? When faculty and administrators reflect on these basic questions, and answer them honestly, then they are in the best position to help students develop their strengths as well. In other words, we need to shift away from a Deficit Remediation perspective so that we can begin adopting a strengths development approach toward student success. She concludes that we must focus on activities we do so well and those activities that truly energize us because these are real clues to our personal strengths.

One session that stood out for me was the session on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and STEM. This was referred to as CTEs ray of hope since it replaced the law, No Child Left Behind (NCLB). It is a very new law, signed by President Obama in December 2015. Full implementation will begin in the school year 2017. In this new law, control (including funding, to a certain extent) returns back to the state; how far states will have control remains to be seen, however. ESSA is the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), and ESSA now mandates the inclusion of CTE in the public school system. Unlike NCLB, where college and career readiness truly meant college readiness, ESSA is now focused on the whole child approach to education. We - including all administrators and faculty working in the secondary environment - need to be educated on the provisions of ESSA and how this new mandate will impact our CTE programs and offerings in the secondary environment. ESSA, as one of the presenters revealed during his presentation, is truly a huge law, numbering almost 1,000 pages in all. The extent to which the implementation of ESSA in Guam will influence or impact our CTE programs in the six Guam GDOE high schools remains to be seen. We now need to be sensitive to how we relate to GDOE in light of this new law that will surely revolutionize CTE education on Guam.



GCC PROFESSOR TESTIFIES IN DC FOR MARINE MONUMENT

Jonita Kerr, GCC associate professor of science, was part of a determined delegation of Mariana Islands residents that traveled to Washington D.C. Nov. 28 - Dec. 2 to lobby for the marine sanctuary designation of the Mariana Trench Marine Monument. Kerr joined Senator Paul A. Manglona of Rota; Saipan resident Ignacio 'Ike' Cabrera, Chair of the Friends of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument; and Harry Blalock, owner of Axe Murderer Dive Tours in Saipan, in hand-delivering a petition signed by 1500 people from the CNMI and Guam, along with letters of support from elected officials and nonprofit organizations, for the sanctuary designation. The group met with White House officials on the Council of Environmental Quality, and with representatives of the Department of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior, NOAA Sanctuaries, NOAA Fisheries, and the Department of Commerce. They also met with Matt Herman, Chief of Staff for Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo, and Congressman Gregorio Kilili Sablan of the CNMI. At the end of a busy week, the group submitted an official nomination for sanctuary designation, which Kerr reports was accepted the following week.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

GCC Association of Junior Accountants ring bells for Salvation Army

GCC AJA students Elaine Borreta, VP; Aimee Encarnacion, Pres.; Pilar Pangelinan, associate professor; Janis Caraig, PRO; and future AJA & AGA members rang bells for the Salvation Army on Dec. 17 at Micronesia Mall.



Advanced Carpentry students of John Quintanilla presented a name plaque made of wood and coconut materials to Dr. Ray Somera, our AVP, on Dec. 23. Other Academic Affairs Division administrators also received similar name plaques from this class project.



Cabras Marine Job Fair

Kudos to our Continuing Education & Workforce Development Office for manning a GCC table at the Cabras Marine Job Fair on Dec. 3 at GPO. GCC has several dozen Cabras employees enrolled in our Apprenticeship program!

Congratulations 2016 MagPro winners!

On Oct. 29, the Government of Guam honored the following GCC employees for excellence in government service! We are so proud of:

John Jocson, Assistant Professor – Excellence in Higher Education

GCC Volleyball Team – Sports Team of the Year

Angela Cabrera, Graphic Artist Technician – Photo of the Year:
Funny Moments of Public Servants

Supervisor of the Year

Francisco Camacho, MIS Administrator

Joann Muna, HR Administrator



GCC Joint Boards retreat

Members of the GCC Board of Trustees and Foundation Board of Governors gathered in the Student Center Training Room on Nov. 26 to map out 40th anniversary events scheduled for 2017, to go over college financial information, and to receive an update on reaffirmation of accreditation efforts ongoing at GCC in preparation for the March 2018 visit by ACCJC.

Happy Thanksgiving!

GCC employees celebrated Thanksgiving at a luncheon in the MPA on Nov. 18.



Merry Christmas!

GCC was featured at the train displays at both the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa, where Jean Cepeda's Marketing class helped set up the display, and at the Quinata family's train display in the Agaña Shopping Center. The College also hosted the First Lady's Peace Festival at Government House on the night of Dec. 17.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES!

The Westin Resort was the place to be for the GCC Employees Association Christmas Party on Dec. 10.



GCC administrators hosted a Staff Appreciation Christmas party for the amazing staff at GCC on Dec. 30 in the MPA.

Gingerbread Hut Contest Winners
Barbara Blas
Vangie Aguon
Doris Manibusan