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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.

Foundation Building opens!

On Nov. 5, GCC celebrated the opening of the completely renovated Foundation Building. The official ribbon cutting honored several of the original donors.

“Over 20 years ago, several members of the community made an investment in (GCC’s) mission: Pedro D. Perez, First Savings & Loan, First Hawaiian Bank, Hawaiian Rock, and the Hotel Nikko Guam. Today, we recognize their investments by rededicating the rooms in their names,” said GCC President Mary Okada at the ceremony.

The \$5.8 million project will be the second LEED-certified building on campus. The 21,000 square foot, 2-story structure houses classrooms, an expanded GCC Bookstore, and a café on the first floor, and the entire Adult Education Office on the second floor.

“We assist over 700 students a year in our



Adult Education and GED® programs, and these new facilities will allow us to provide them even more focus and more assistance on their path to sustainability,” Dr. Okada said.



Congratulations to the 19 Practical Nursing students who graduated from the Practical Nursing program during their Pinning Ceremony on Dec. 13 at the Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort! Good luck on your NCLEX exam!



Chizuru Murayama of Nippon Travel Agency is the 1,000th tour guide trained by GCC. She is in class on Dec. 5 with, from left, GCC instructors Eric Chong and Robert Balajadia, GVB Asst. GM Nathan Denight, and GVB tour guide inspector Mike Martinez.

From the President...

After attracting over 200 people, including Congresswoman Bordallo and other island dignitaries, to the opening of our fourth new building (even though the Foundation Building is a renovation, it still counts as new!) in as many years on Nov. 5th, we headed into the holidays, with a Thanksgiving party, our employees' Christmas party, and our GCC Christmas/New Year's bash in the MPA. But before that, our students were extremely productive, not only with class work, but with the service learning projects that make us shine so brightly in the community. Kudos to all the students, especially the SMILE and ecoWarriors student organizations, who took first and second place in the Shieh Christmas Tree decorating contest, and to Supervision & Management students for their smoothly run campus 5K that generated approximately \$2,000 for GCC Foundation scholarships. Also, kudos to CJSS students, whose Giving to Learn, Learning to Give project caught the attention of the Bank of Guam and garnered \$1,300 in donations to help fund it. And to all the high school and postsecondary classes that collected canned goods, bought Christmas gifts, rang bells or gave of their time and expertise in other ways that helped the less fortunate in our community this holiday



Congresswoman Bordallo, Attorney Pete Perez Sr., and President Okada celebrate at the ribbon cutting of the Perez family room dedication in the newly-opened Foundation Building on Nov. 5.

season. Also, congratulations to our Practical Nursing graduates! All of our team efforts are proof that GCC is teaching its students what they need to know to be successful, productive members of Guam's workforce. You do us proud. I hope you all had a peaceful holiday season, and that 2013 brings continued teamwork, student successes and good health.



Nikko renews GCC commitment with 10K donation

Twenty years ago, when GCC opened its first Foundation Building, Hotel Nikko Guam donated \$50,000 to the GCC Foundation to support education and training efforts for the tourism industry. During the Nikko's 20th anniversary dinner on Nov. 15, Nikko officials renewed their commitment to GCC's tourism workforce training efforts with an additional \$10,000 donation. "We believe that our community can only grow stronger by the support it gains from private institutions contributing to the success of our future," said Joe Blas, Nikko Asst. GM. "We are more than convinced that Guam has the ability to educate and mold our leaders of tomorrow. We're grateful to be a part of that."

BOG donates to CJSS service learning project



Bank of Guam presented \$1,300 worth of Payless gift certificates to support the CJSS "Giving To Learn; Learning to Give" project on Dec. 21. For the project, students had to identify a person or family who needed assistance with food, buy the food and deliver it to the person or family. Shown are John Armstrong, GCC Assoc. Prof.; Jose Munoz, CJSS Dept. Chair; Benjamin Pablo, BOG VP/Community Development Officer; Josephine Mariano, BOG Senior VP, and J. Peter Roberto, GCC instructor.

From the ALO's desk...Dr. Ray Somera

Digesting the 12th Annual Institutional Assessment Report (AIAR)

GCC's assessment initiative has evolved over time and through the regular evaluation of the systematic assessment processes in place and the outcomes of assessment, the initiative continues to grow, evolve, and mature. The assessment evidence that guides improvements at the course, program, and institutional levels has grown more robust and richer over the years since the comprehensive assessment initiative was implemented in 2001. GCC has been publishing annual institutional assessment reports highlighting the College's assessment activities each academic year since 2001. The twelfth of such reports is available under the Institutional Effectiveness category of reports on the College's public website: <http://www.guamcc.edu/Runtime/publicreports.aspx>. (Assessment, Institutional Effectiveness & Research: aier.info@guamcc.edu)

Specifically, the 12th AIAR provides a summary of the course, program, and institutional improvements resulting from assessment activities during the two-year assessment cycle ending in AY2011-2012. Also included is an update of annual assessment compliance and Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) assessment. Additionally, the 12th AIAR highlights college-wide



Drs. Beth and Ray Somera at the GCC Disco Christmas party on Dec. 6 at the Westin. Although he is very serious about assessment, here's proof that Dr. Ray is definitely NOT all work and no play!

assessment activities through several program review components for AY2011-2012. These components include program enrollment, program completions, advisory committee meetings, and curriculum revision activities. The information provided in this report is intended for planning purposes at various levels. The 13th AIAR is forthcoming in August 2013.

GCC hosts PPEC workshop



GCC hosted a Pacific Postsecondary Education Council (PPEC) workshop for more than two dozen trustees from the various college and university boards in Micronesia Dec. 6 in the Student Center training room. "Building and Sustaining an Effective Governing Board" was conducted by Dr. Sheila Stearns, of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges.

CTE Conference



GCC faculty hosted a free CTE conference on Nov. 2-3 for teachers and those interested in career and technical education. Over 90 people attended! Among the many topics included Enhancing CTE programs, Establishing Seamless CTE Systems, and Using Technology in a CTE classroom. The guest speaker was Dr. Frankie Laanan, Dean of UOG's School of Education.

SMILE & ecoWarriors' winning Christmas trees!



GCC's SMILE organization and ecoWarriors took first and second place in the Shieh Su Ying Charity Christmas Tree decorating contest on December 16 at GPO. SMILE's tree was a beautiful pink-themed tree in honor of the beneficiary of their October Bone Marrow Drive, 16-year-old Kaila Garrido. SMILE advisors Fred Tupaz and Gary Hartz joined students Daphne Babauta, Cherie Munoz, Jesse Munoz, Lisa Ibanez, Terry Camacho, Suann Manibusan, Tanya Santos, Josh Duenas and Oliver Cases in the effort.



The ecoWarriors focused on "Christmas Stories Around the World Now"- sobering decorations that depicted U.S. soldiers in the Middle East celebrating Christmas, a desperate family in the Horn of Africa, homeless people, sea levels rising in Kiribati, balanced with pictures of a baby's first Christmas, polar bears romping in the Arctic, penguins in the Antarctic, whales in the ocean, and Christmas on Guam. EcoWarrior participants included Jacob Fathal, Dodd Mortera, Angel Gutierrez (president), and Marijoy Viernes (VP), along with advisor Jonita Kerr.

SM 5K Run for scholarship



Supervision & Management students attracted over 60 runners to their 5K Race for Scholarship around campus on Nov. 17, raising \$1,000 to the GCC Endowment Foundation for two scholarships worth \$500 each.

Thanksgiving - Christmas Service Learning



Accounting students display the business plan they prepared for Island Girl Power.

(Below) SSHS Marketing students present a \$500 donation to Salvation Army from their school coin drive.

The CJSS Department was invited by the Guam Homeless Coalition to their awards dinner at the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa on Nov. 1 to receive an award for their assistance in the 2012 Homeless Count in January 2012.

SM 225 students collected more than 3,000 food items and over 70 cases of water during their October-November Canned Food Drive. They donated the items, along with 100 p38 can openers, to Kamalen Karidat on Nov. 16, in time for distribution for Thanksgiving.

The AC212 Accounting Principles II class assisted Island Girl Power with a project the organization is working on by producing a business plan and presenting it to Island Girl Power's Juanita Blaz on Dec 3.

The Adult High School Student Organization conducted a toy drive and on Dec. 18 handed over the toys they collected to the Salvation Army.

The SSHS CTE Marketing classes conducted a coin drive for Salvation Army, raising \$500 and presenting it to the Salvation Army on Dec. 21. Students also rang the Bell for Salvation Army, and collected canned goods to donate to Kamalen Karidat.



SM225 students (above) and SSHS CTE Marketing students (below) donate to Kamalen Karidat.



EcoWarriors recycle and clean house with help from Automotive!

The ecoWarriors “Clean Our House Day” on Nov 10 was one of the most “hardcore cleanups that the ecoWARRIORS have had thus far,” according to advisor Joni Kerr. They decimated the plastics pile and removed most of the trash from the blue dumpster. Kudos to Erwin Tudela, Automotive instructor, whose class modified the blue dumpster so it can now hold plastic recyclables. The job involved tipping over the dumpster with a forklift to empty out the disgusting leachate that had collected in it (NOT fun!). They cut an access door and drilled drainage holes – all within a class period! The Center for Student Involvement and the Ecowarriors congratulate Mr. Tudela and his students for a job well done! Also, kudos to Yvonne Tam’s students: Jenny, Brittney, Victoria, Rhenia, and Breedyn; to ecoWARRIORS Dodd, Heather, Ashley, Marijoy, Ray, Tina, Angel, Michael, Jacob and Norman, and again to Norman and Ms. Peggy Denney for hauling three truckloads of recyclables to Pyramid!



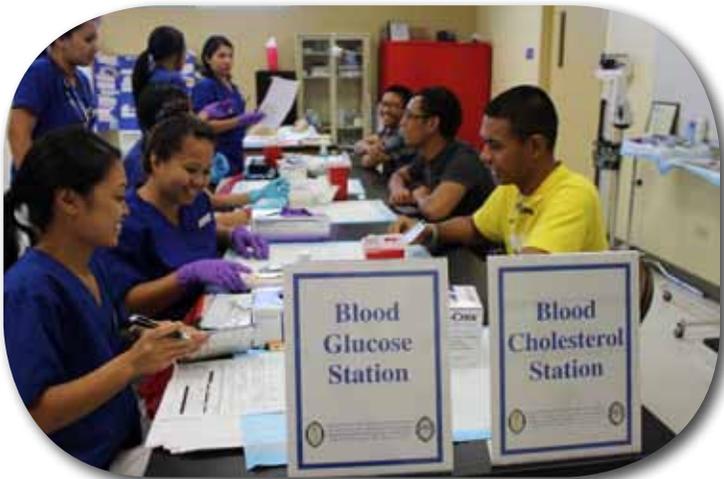
EcoWarriors also spearheaded the recycling effort at the Christmas Festival at Skinner Plaza and helped out with recycling at the Japan Festival at Ypao Beach on Nov. 24 (yes – two events on the same day!). AND they were at

the Pig Derby on Dec. 1 & 2 at the Yigo Gymnasium, the Talofof Basketball Court, Mangilao Community Center and Merizo Senior Center; AND at Pork in the Park at Ypao Beach on Dec. 9!



CACGP orients community partners

On Nov. 15, the College Access Challenge Grant Program hosted over 40 people from non-profit organizations and government and private agencies that serve Guam’s underrepresented populations to a Community Partners Orientation in the MPA. The event familiarized these entities with CACGP services, the team, and GCC’s facilities for College Access participants and the College’s Adult Education programs, including Adult Ed’s new offices in the Foundation Building. On Nov. 17, CACGP hosted a “High School Professional Development Day” for CACGP participants and their parents, providing workshops about budget management, the WorkKeys skills assessment program, and leadership skills.



Medical Assisting students provide free screenings

Medical Assisting students provided GCC employees and other students with free health screenings on Nov. 28, screening blood pressure, blood sugar, and BMI (body mass index). Thank you students!!!



PTK award-winning photo!

GCC's Beta Beta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa won 1st place in Phi Theta Kappa's photo contest (a \$500 prize). The students beat out about 40 other chapters. You can see a prettier version of their winning entry on Phi Theta Kappa's Facebook page, and in the GCC 2011-2012 annual report on the GCC web site! They also held a retreat on Dec. 5 and a car wash fundraiser at Cost-U-Less in Harmon on Dec. 15. (The award-winning photo was taken by Priscilla Cabildo, a culinary arts student and PTK member.)

Japanese street performance and Fuji TV on campus

Doreen Blas' Japanese language classes and the Education Department sponsored a demonstration of "Nankin Tamasudare," a traditional Japanese street performance, on Nov. 26 at the MPA. Students and faculty were enthralled with the use of everyday items, such as bamboo mats and dishes, to entertain and tell stories. After the presentation, students and faculty were invited to try their skills in performing some of the actions (without much success!).

A film crew from Fuji TV filmed Blas' Japanese class on Dec. 3 as part of an information program about Guam they are producing. The crew filmed the class doing some Christmas activities and spoke to students about what they were learning in class.



Let's play volleyball!!

GCC was proudly represented by two teams in the Department of Parks and Recreation Gov-Guam Coed Volleyball League. The GCC team ended the regular season in fourth place in the Tasi division and the GCC Tradesmen team ended the regular season in eighth place in the Tano division.



GCC team: (from left) Dr. Anthony Jay Sunga, Phyllis Yurko, Simone Bollinger, Sally Sablan, Naomi Webster, Dr. Michael Chan and Vito Calvo. Not shown: Ricky Tyquiengco and Robert Taitano.



GCC Tradesmen: (from left) Frances Untalan, Jose Muñoz, Joey Roberto, Troy Lizama, Gaudencia (Sue) Joseph, John Diaz, Priscilla Rideb, Terry Kuper, Tania Arceo, Joanne Ige, Ava Garcia. Not shown: Dr. R. Ray Somera, Steve Lam, Apolline San Nicolas and Vincent Paulus.

We'll miss you Elaine!

GCC VisCom instructor Elaine Fejerang retired on Dec. 7th after nearly a decade of service at GCC. Our resident guru of all things Microsoft, Elaine served on the Web Site Advisory Committee and as an advisor to the Digital Arts Society. She is shown here, far right, with some of her DAS students.



PIALA delegates tour LRC

Delegates from the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (PIALA) Conference toured the LRC on Nov. 14. From left: Dr. Violet Harada, University of Hawaii at Manoa; Cynthia Pruski, GLA; Christine Matson, GCC Librarian; Jayleen Kokis, COM-Chuuk; and Michael-Brian Ogawa, University of Hawaii.

Noteworthy:

SSHS ProStart instructor Vicky Schrage presented "Using Perkins IV Guidelines to Enhance the Tourism Academy at Simon Sanchez High School, Guam: A Beginner's Perspective," at the National Career Academy Coalition Conference in Nashville in November. Career pathways directors and educators from states in the process of designing career academies for their respective districts and schools attended. Schrage reported that the buzz at the conference this year was common core standards in CTE, and that Guam was highlighted at the Luncheon and Academy Awards that appeared on Nashville 2TV.

CAPS orientation!

On Dec. 13, 22 people attended the Community Access Points orientation conducted by the GCC Continuing Education Office at Inarajan Mayor's Office. GCC's Chelsa Muna-Brecht and Carlo Leon Guerrero, general manager of M80 Systems Inc., representing the employer support of the program, presented participants with information on WorkKeys, KeyTrain and CAPs. In January the first cohort of individuals will begin their six weeks of training to provide them with the skills needed to become employed!

GCC was mentioned in the AAPI December newsletter, noting that Audrey Buehring, Deputy Director of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, "recently returned from a visit to Guam where she attended the 3rd Annual Micronesia Non Profit Congress to meet with leaders representing the "Blue Continent," the unifying name given to the Pacific Islands by their residents." "Audrey also visited Guam Community College, a Department of Education-designated Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution. Combined sources of federal funding contributed to the college's first student center, a place where students are now able to stay after class to collaborate in study groups and access reference materials." Here's the link: <http://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/USED-619c1f>

Holiday parties!



Happy Thanksgiving!!

Felis Pasgua yan Felis Año Nuebu!!



GCC Disco Inferno!



See if you can guess the cast of characters who came dressed to boogie at GCC's Disco Christmas Party on Dec. 6 at the Westin Resort Guam! Hint: The chick in hot pink shows us the money!



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gi i empleao siha un Minagof yan
Biba Kompliaños para
Nubembre 2012!

The Guam Community College would like to wish the following Employees a Happy Birthday!
November 2012.

Ronnie Abshire
Michele Aguero
Elizabeth Aquino
Barbara Blas
Frank Evangelista
Joseph Flores
Yvonne Flores
Ava Garcia
Wesley Gima
Norma Guerrero

Doris Manibusan
Lucille Mayo
Erlinda Mendiola
Pilar Pangelinan
Theda Rios
Victor Rodgers
Barbara Rosario
Fermina Sablan
Heather Skoog
Ricky Tyquiengco

Biba Ha'angen Manna'i Grasia!

Sinangan Siha para Nubembri/Sumongsong

November Chamorro Phrases



Fi'iyai inanåkko' macho'cho'-mu guini?

How long have you worked here?

Nangga fan.

Please wait.

Kao ma hakudi hao?

Have you been helped?

Kao måtto i inagang-måmi gi iya-hågu?

Did you receive a call from us?

Nangga i inagang-hu.

Wait for my call.



**Malago' i
Kulehon Kumunidat Guahan
Mandiseha gi i empleao siha un
Minagof yan Biba Kompliaños para
Disembre 2012!**

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to wish the following Employees a Happy Birthday!
December 2012

**Pascual Artero
Levonne Borja
Clare Camacho
Nita Jeannette Cepeda
Christopher Dennis
Lorraine Hussey**

**Danilo Lawcock
Christopher Poliquit
David Santos
Christine Sison
Wilson Tam
Gil Yanger**

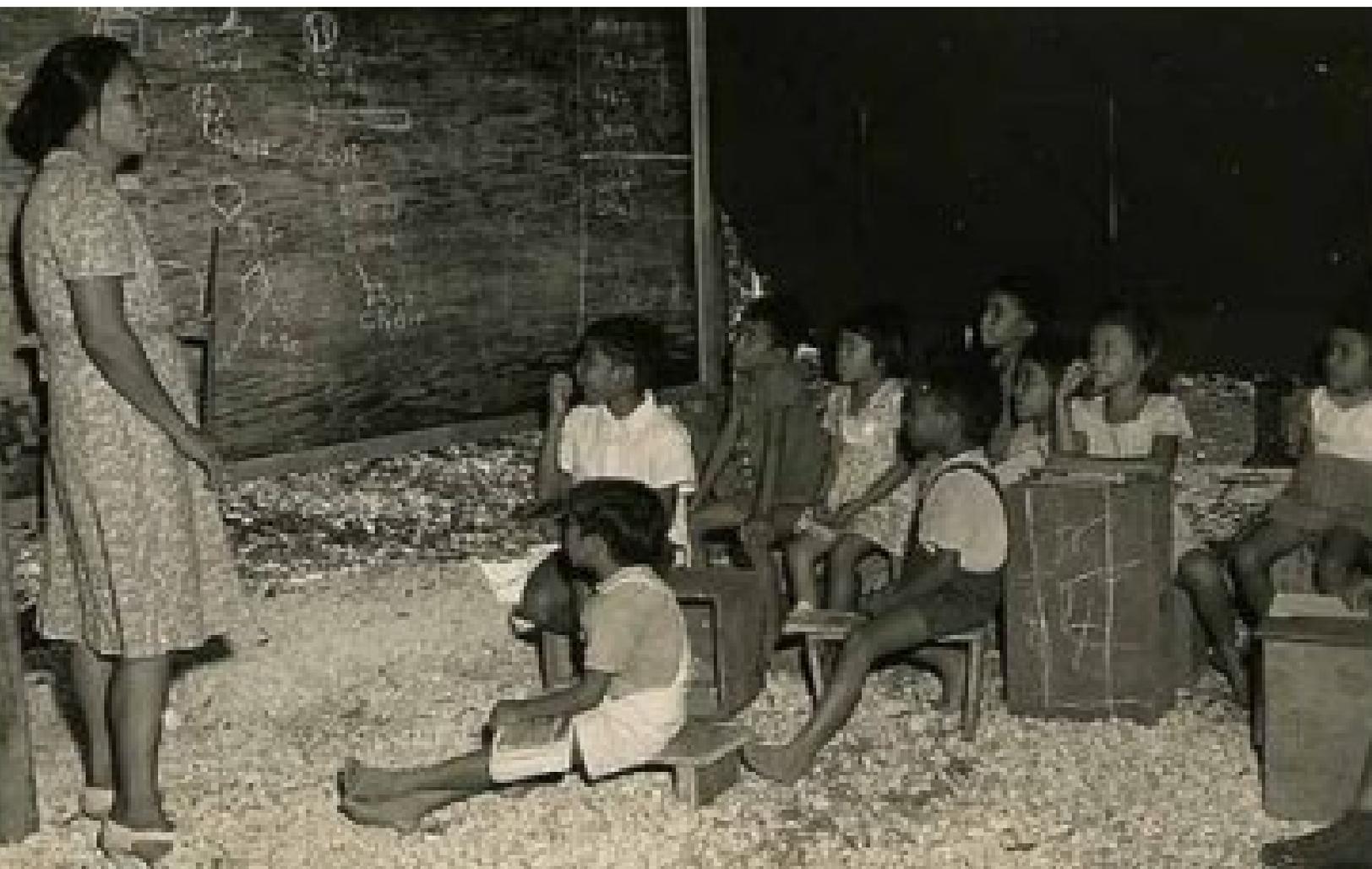
Minagof Ha'anen Nochebuena!

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

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| Feb. 8 | President's Parade of Shoes 6-9:00 PM at Riverside! |
| Feb. 18-19 | Meet the President 6:00 PM in MPA |
| Feb. 22 | COPSA General Membership Meeting |
| Feb. 28 | "Glass Menagerie" Theater Production at UOG |
| Mar. 26 | Mandatory Admin/Staff Development Day |

Sinangan Siha para Disembri/Umayangan

December Chamorro Phrases



Suménmaleffa yu'.

I totally forgot.

Mungnga maleffa nu i inali'e'-ta.

Do not forget our appointment.

Mungnga maleffa nu guåhu.

Do not forget me.

Na'saonao yu'.

Include me.

Mungnga' mana'saonao yu'.

Do not include me.