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Guam Community College PDF Newsletter

Campus Happenings ❖ President's Message ❖ Upcoming Events

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

Building E opens!

Students in Education, English, and Pre-Architectural Drafting programs received an early Christmas present on Dec. 12 with the official opening of the newly renovated and expanded Building E. The former Building 200 is slated to be GCC's third LEED-certified structure.

"It will provide an environment much more conducive to learning," said President Okada. "We teach sustainability, so we think it is important to practice on campus what we teach in our courses."

The \$ 5.2 million project was funded in part by a \$1.45 million hardening project grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The remainder of the funding was provided by the GCC Board of Trustees Capital Projects fund. The BOT also funded the \$264,250 A&E design of the building by Taniguchi Ruth Makio Architects.



21 Practical Nurses pinned



Congratulations to the 21 Practical Nursing graduates who were pinned by their loved ones during the time-honored Nurses' Pinning Ceremony on Dec. 14 at the Sheraton Laguna Resort. Good luck on your NCLEX, and THANK YOU for your donation to GCC of a beautiful conference table for future PN classes. This table has been placed in the 2nd floor lobby of the AALG Allied Health Building and is intended for use as a study area.

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From the President... Dr. Mary A.Y. Okada

Fall semester finished with a flurry of activities – culinary exams and competition, a presentation by a visiting California judge, trainings, volunteer activities, and of course a slew of Thanksgiving and Christmas parties. I hope you all had a peace-filled Christmas with family and friends and a safe New Year celebration. One of the employee highlights of last semester was our College Assembly on Nov. 21, during which we had a very motivational experience with our guest speaker, Terry Sumerlin. Look for a follow-up to that session in February. Spring semester 2015 will be off to a great start with the opening of our newly renovated/expanded Building E on Dec. 12. Thank you to all who had a hand in the opening – GCC employees, the contractors, our amazing architects TRMA – everyone has done a great job. Also, congratulations to the 21 Practical Nursing graduates – and good luck on your NCLEX exam. We know the rigorous training you have received at GCC will help you to pass that exam so you can make a difference in Guam’s health care field. Our second CACGP Winter Bridge program and our first-ever Sustainability Workshop took place over the winter break – congratulations to all involved in both of these successful programs designed to keep students in a “learning” mode!

Welcome back from what was hopefully a restful break for our students and faculty – I look forward to a full and successful spring semester, culminating in our graduation ceremony in May. Biba GCC!



College Assembly

GCC employees – faculty, staff and administrators, gathered in the MPA on Nov. 21 for a College Assembly, “Creating a Conducive Learning Environment for Team GCC.” The guest speaker was Terry Sumerlin, a professional speaker known for his common-sense “barberosophy” designed to motivate and inspire effective leadership.



GCC, PI administrators meet

President Okada and AVP Somera met with National University President Teddy Ocampo and Dr. Elyxzur Ramos from University of Makati on Nov. 18 to explore collaborative projects and other relationships beneficial to the students and faculty of all three institutions.

From the ALO's Desk... Dr. Ray Somera, AVP

Our ACCJC midterm report has been submitted to the Board of Trustees for review. The report addresses all the visiting Team's recommendations from the March 2012 Accreditation Site Visit as well as the actionable improvement plans (formerly planning agenda items) identified in the GCC 2012 Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER). A huge "thank you" to the Accreditation Standard Committees and the AIER staff, who were extensively involved in the development of the report. In addition, thank you to the many faculty, staff, and administrators that contributed to the report preparation by providing meaningful input and data needed to improve the report.



Here is an abbreviated version of the Accreditation Team recommendations and responses contained in the report:

Team Recommendation 1: Develop a process for systematically evaluating non-credit courses, workshops, and training sessions for content and effectiveness, in alignment with the assessment process that is in place for credit courses.

Response: In August 2012, CE&WD submitted a plan for the systematic evaluation process that was approved by the Academic Vice President. In November 2013, departments were advised that CEUs or non-credit courses initiated by departments must be assessed similar to credit courses of assessing student learning outcomes (SLOs).

Team Recommendation 2: Develop a plan for distance education... and implement appropriate support services and procedures to deliver instruction online.

Response: In spring 2014, the company Ellucian was hired to help GCC develop a Distance Education strategic plan. On May 13, 2014, the Distance Education Standard Operating Procedures and Strategic Plan were finalized. The next step is to identify departments that are going to participate in the distance education pilot program scheduled for implementation in fall 2015. Currently, the College is identifying training as well as Moodle server sites, and securing demos for review.

Team Recommendation 3: Review resource allocation to MIS to ensure that there are sufficient funds to provide training, maintenance, equipment and software support and to implement its technology plan.

Response: Resource allocation to GCC's MIS department comes in several different funding streams: The general fund; non-appropriated funds (NAF), derived from student tuition and fees, the tourist attraction fund (TAF), in which the revenues are derived from the hotel occupancy tax and a portion of the revenues generated are passed through to fund governmental operations; and the title III federal grant. These funding allocations were used for both maintenance and upgrades of the College's technology needs.

Team Recommendation 4: Evaluate existing governance policies and practices for faculty and students to ensure their opportunity for appropriate and ongoing participation in decision-making. Create and implement a corresponding formal structure for staff input and participation, and an evaluation process to examine the overall effectiveness of participatory governance policies and processes.

Response: The GCC Staff Senate was created on May 25, 2012, bringing complete representation and voice in the College's planning and decision-making processes for all college constituents. Each participatory governance entity is now represented in the College's key decision-making committees such as the College Governing Council, Resource, Planning, and Facilities Committee, and the College Technology Committee. A major milestone in the continuing effort to improve the participatory governance structure is the development of the "Participatory Governance Structure Handbook," which describes and codifies the processes in place at the college.

The Board of Trustees is expected to approve the Midterm Report at its February meeting, in time for submission to ACCJC prior to its March deadline. Our next campus visit is scheduled for March 2018.

SM students host 2nd John Lee 5K

Nearly 300 runners participated in the GCC/First Hawaiian Bank 2nd annual John K. Lee Scholarship Fund 5K Run/Walk Nov. 8 at Chamorro Village. The top finishers were Sherwin Paet and Dr. Marian Holland. Supervision & Management students organized and hosted the 5K as a service learning project. Proceeds from the annual run/walk directly benefit GCC students in the form of scholarships in honor of the late John K. Lee Jr., former FHB Senior VP/ Region Supervisor, former GCC Foundation board member and an avid supporter of GCC.



Sustainability workshop & CACGP Winter Bridge

In addition to the CACGP Winter Bridge program, this year GCC also offered a first-ever Sustainability Workshop for 24 high school students from Dec. 22-30, organized by Francisco “Kiko” Palacios, GCC Sustainability Coordinator. The Carl D. Perkins CTE-funded workshop was designed to help prepare secondary level students for the next level of technology in electronics, renewable energy and robotics. “It gives them the idea that science is related to a product, to real life scenarios,” said Dr. Jay Sunga of the workshop activities, which included building Lego Mindstorm robots and exploring different types of solar applications.



PTK inducts new members; hosts Body Art show

GCC’s Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society celebrated “A Cultural Legend Revitalized Through Body Art,” as part of its annual Honors In Action program on Nov. 14 in the MPA. The event was a collaboration between PTK and local artists such as Myracle Mugol, Hayah El Sayeh, and Vei-len Grantham, through which the artists painted the legend of Guam’s creation, “Puntan yan Fu’una,” on models. PTK also held its induction ceremony for new members on Dec. 4 at the Student Center.



Culinary students participate in Salon Culinaire

On Nov. 19, Junior chef Francis Olivares of Sea Grill, Professional chef Ernie Merfalen from Meskla Chamoru Fusion, and Master chef Peter Duenas, president of the Micronesia Chefs Association, created the winning entrees during the Micronesia Chef's Association Salon Culinaire 2014 held in the GCC Culinary Arts kitchen. The annual event creates opportunity for the development of chefs on Guam, and Chef Duenas, MCA president, noted that he has "never been more proud" of the caliber of a competition, including the entrees presented by the GCC Culinary students. The competition was hosted by MCA and sponsored by Micronesia Brokers Inc., and Fonterra.



From left: Jose Munoz, CJSS professor; Judge Alberto Lamorena; Pete Roberto, CJSS Dept. chair; Donna Cruz, CJSS professor; Judge Peggy Hora; and Duane Danao, CJSS student graduating this May.

Visiting CA judge talks to CJSS students

The Honorable Peggy Fulton Hora (Ret.) of the California Superior Court discussed "International Solution Focused Courts," with nearly 100 students in Guam Community College's Criminal Justice program in the GCC MPA on Nov. 20.

"I am so pleased to hear that the Guam Community College is providing a program to prepare students to be certified in drug and alcohol counseling," noted Judge Hora, who focused on the therapeutic potential of the court system.

Judge Hora was on Guam at the invitation of Superior Court Presiding Judge Alberto Lamorena to speak at the Pacific Judicial Council Driving While Impaired Conference.

Japanese visitors share traditional street performances with students

Japanese visitors demonstrated Nankin Tamasudare, a traditional Japanese street performance including props and chanting, for GCC students and faculty in the MPA on Nov. 24. The visitors also performed Kamishibai ("paper drama" or storytelling). The event was sponsored by the Education Dept. and Japanese classes.

(Right) Japanese I student Nikki Del Castillo wows the audience by spinning five plates on sticks with the support of two Nankin Tamasudare performers.



Education Dept. activities help make wishes come true



Among its many activities in November and December, the GCC Education Dept. helped make wishes come true by collecting nearly 500 letters to Santa and dropping them off at Macys. Macys donated \$1 for each letter collected to Make-a-Wish® Foundation – up to \$1 million! Education asked students and GCC faculty, staff and administrators to write letters and have their children and grandchildren write letters, too. Special thanks to the secondary students in Early Childhood Education and the postsecondary students in Early Childhood, Education and Office Technology for their support. Dankulu na si Yu’os maase for helping to make wishes come true!



As part of enhancing student learning outcomes and in promoting peace (an Education Dept. initiative), over 30 GCC students in CD180 Language Arts in Early Childhood conducted storytelling and activities at San Vicente Catholic School for 137 students in preschool through fourth grade. Over 30 students conducted anti-bullying activities



From left: Stephanie Mariano, GCC student; Sr. Joseph Ann Quinene, Principal of SVCS; Anika Gumataotao, GCC student; and Clare Camacho, Professor.

– by first reading the story *Hey, Little Ant* by (Phillip and Hannah Hoose) and then doing appropriate activities related to the anti-bullying story and theme. The CD180 students also donated books they made to the San Vicente Catholic School early childhood classrooms. The books were constructed as part of an activity to encourage literacy development by providing large books for group reading in classrooms.



Accounting field trip to PIC



The AC225 Hospitality Accounting class took a field trip to Pacific Islands Club Guam on Nov. 13, where Ben Ferguson, Executive Director, gave a tour of the hotel from the highest floor in the newest wing. He informed students of the accounting functions that are essential to the hospitality industry, how he got started in the industry, and where he is today.

GCC students elected to Youth Congress

Congratulations to GCC Student Representatives Jannah Arcala and Alyssa Roberto, who posed with Sen. Mike San Nicolas after having been sworn into the 30th Guam Youth Congress on Nov. 15th.



GCC represented at Military Retirees' Day event

Ben Rachielug, from the GCC Financial Aid Office, posed with Sen. Tom Ada at the 2014 Military Retiree Appreciation Day on Nov. 15 at the AAFB Coral Reef Fitness Center. Thank you, Financial Aid Office, for representing GCC and talking about current benefits and special services available to our retirees!

Tour guide training

Tourism Professor Eric Chong conducted the 59th tour guide training at GCC from Dec. 3-11 for 25 participants. Front row L-R: Melody Liu, Feng-ling Yu, Wen Mei Liang, Yukari Ueno Nigh, Xin Luo, Tamaki Sakura. 2nd row L-R: Jessi Santos, Soung Boice, Jenny Delino, Yi-Ling Lo, Hong Wang, Lian Liu. Back row L-R: Kirk Zhong, Jong Kim, Tai Baik, Andrew Chang, Frank Susuico, Qing Liang Wang, Alfred Ffini, Hai Zhan, Frank Matanane, Guoping Wang, Dongyan Han, Chang Wei, and Cris Uncango.



PTK Habitat volunteers

On Nov. 4, GCC CTE Allied Health instructor Karen Dumchus conducted a first aid/CPR/AED class for 17 Simon Sanchez High School staff. She was assisted by Diane Centeno, SSHS nurse; CTE LMP instructor Eric Chong; and four of her students, who earned service-learning credits during the activity.

Christmas Activities



GCC AJA students rang the bell...

Students in GCC's Association of Junior Accountants club, along with Prof. Pilar Pangelinan, rang the bell for the Salvation Army at the Agana Shopping Center in December...

and GCC employees host at Festival of Lights!

GCC employees, under the coordination of DAR's Bonnie Datuin, helped host the Christmas Light Festival at Government House on Dec. 13.

Pictured are (seated) Toni Chamberlain and Hannah Datuin (Bonnie's daughter), and Danilo Bilong and Bonnie Datuin.



Notable!

GCC administrators and faculty conducted a joint leadership meeting on Nov. 7 in the LRC training room.

Mobil Oil Guam visited campus Nov. 18 & 20 to sign up students to the company's new Smiles Student program that offers college students more of a discount for purchasing gas for your vehicle.

GCC's HR administrator Joann Muna and her awesome staff conducted a new employee orientation on Dec. 11 in the LRC training room.

The GCC Math & Science Dept. organized a free Math Boot Camp from Dec. 5 – 19 for 20 students who took COMPASS for Spring 2015 and placed in MA085 or below. Each day in the 10-day program, students participated in skill-building, problem-solving practice and daily concepts. Eleven of the 20 students advanced to either MA095 or a higher level.

GCC's Ecowarriors assisted with the November Pig Hunting Derby – namely Roque Rosario II, Kiko Palacios, and GCC Assoc. Prof. Zhaopei Teng. They also conducted LEED building tours of the library (LRC) and Foundation Building on Dec. 22. Thanks to Elmarie Anderson and Ben Fithngan for the great job leading the tours for the two groups of high school students participating in the Sustainable Technology Workshop. And on Dec. 27, the Ecowarriors assisted with recycling at the Pork in the Park at Ypao Beach, displayed their pledge trees and board; and participated in a “flash mob” at the event!

Congratulations to MIS Teleprocessing Network Coordinator Richard Reyes, who in December became GCC's latest employee to get certified in Fiber Optics! Way to go Rich!

Congratulations to Carol Cruz, GCC CTE Lodging Management instructor at JFK high school, for being elected co-chair of the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Micronesia Chapter Education Committee.

Holiday parties!

Between Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year, we had many celebrations at GCC – including the **GCC Employee Association Christmas Party** - a fun-filled Mardi Gras event at **Onward Beach Resort** on Dec. 6.



Congratulations to the newly elected GCC Employees Association Officers:

President – Apolline San Nicolas
 Vice-President – Ava Garcia
 Secretary – Tara Rose Pascua
 Treasurer – Elizabeth Aquino

And Dankolo na si Yu’os ma’ase to the GCCEA Nominating/Election Committee:
 Barbara Blas, Theresa Datuin, and Marlena Montague



Check out the scholarship opportunities at www.guamcc.edu. Receive FREE \$\$ for college!

AVP Division party



The Academic Affairs Division held its Thank You and End of Year Celebration on Dec. 19 in the Student Center Lounge. A “Chamorro Snowman” challenge complete with monetary prizes (compliments of the AVP) brought out the creative side of the division. Administrators donned their aprons and served food to the staff while the AVP provided entertainment using video clips of administrators hard at work.

Chamorro Snowman/Snow-woman contest results:

1st Place: Team F: Vangie Aguon, Doris Manibusan, Barbara Blas, and Joe Benavente - “Bonita yan Rudolfo;” 2nd Place: Team B: Tish Leon Guerrero, Ann Cruz, Donnie Lizama, and Tara Pascua - “AnDoLaTa;” and 3rd Place: Team A: Ely Damian, Vince San Nicolas, Jackie Quan, Darwin Joker - “Tun Chu.”



1st place



2nd place

Finance & Admin Division party

The Finance & Administration Division hosted its Christmas party in the MPA on Dec. 12, and included a very innovative Recycled Christmas Tree contest (thank you Wes Gima!) 1st Place winners were Lucille Mayo and Catherine Solidum; 2nd place went to Carol Guerrero and Vivian Cruz; and 3rd to Debbie Duenas and Josephine Rojas.



1st place



2nd place



3rd place



Minagof, Biba Ha'angn Nochebuena gan Kompl'i'ños!

Kulehon Kumunidåt Guahån Kompl'i'ños Empliao Siha Disembre/Umayangan 2014

Guam Community College Employees
December 2014 Birthdays

Pascual Artero
Libby Borja
Clare Camacho
Nita Cepeda
Victor De Roca
Chris Dennis
Philip Guerrero
Lorraine Hussey
Dan Lawcock
Cathy Mesa

Chris Poliquit
Vince San Nicolas
Dave Santos
KristiAnna Santos
Christine Sison
Wilson Tam
Trish Unten
Desiree Ventura
Gil Yanger

Upcoming at GCC!

January 14 - 1st Day of Spring Semester 2015

January 20-21 - Public Hearing on CE, Prior Learning Assessment & HS equivalency fees
5:00 - 7:00 PM in Student Center Training Room (5108)

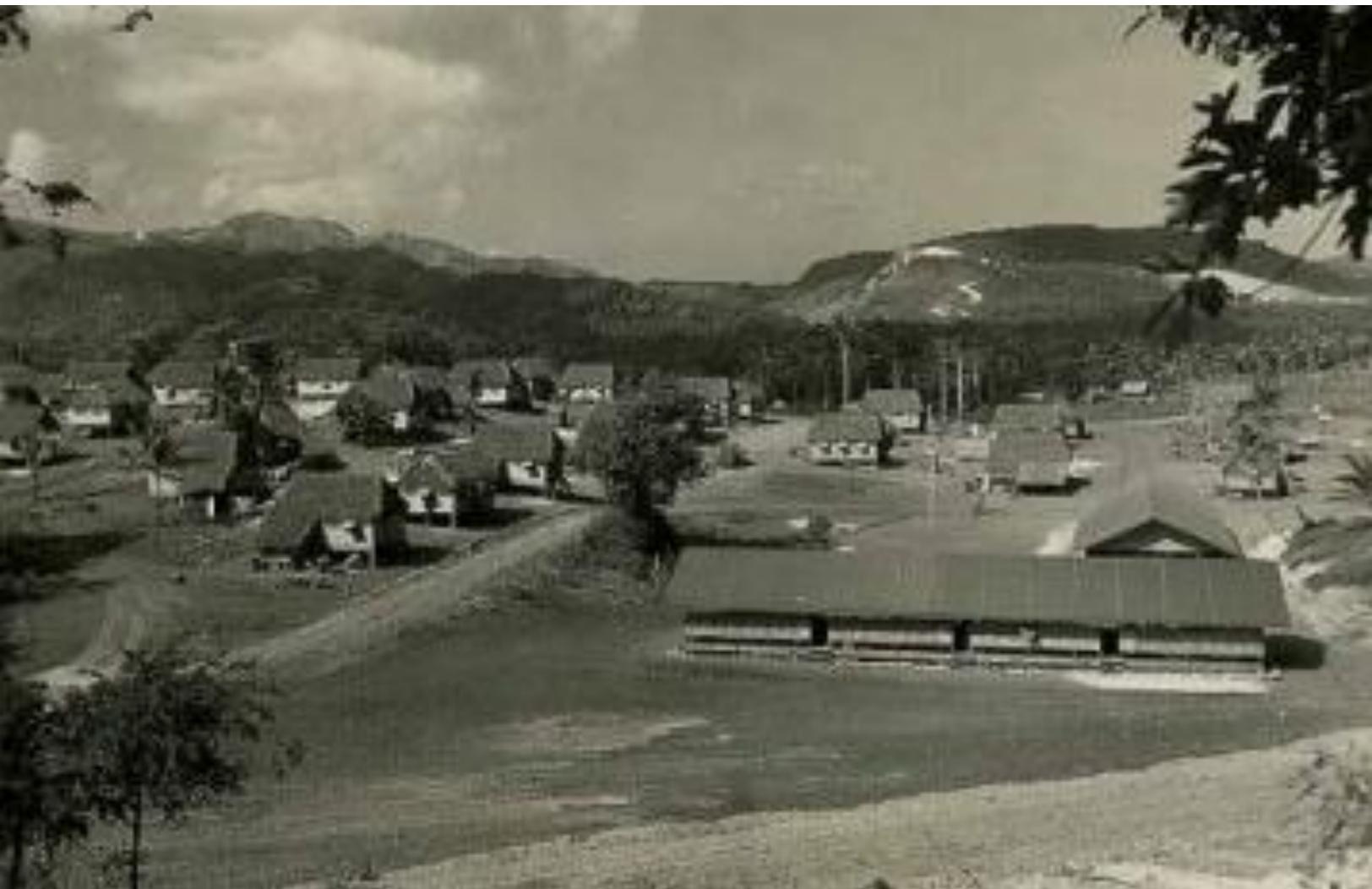
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Sinangan Siha para Disembre/Umayangan

Umayangan: "Unsettle or weepy"

December 2014 Chamorro Phrases



Na adilanta i tinigo'-mu anai umeskuela.

Improve your knowledge by going to school.

Fuera di un boka na talo'ani, sugu para i Ufisinin Betturãnu.

Drop by the Veteran's Affairs Office before you eat lunch.

Ta ganna Ufisinin Difensan Sibit gi bola.

We defeated Civil Defense in baseball.

Guse'na mana'hanao si Priscilla para Hawaii para u atende i konfirensia.

Priscilla may be sent to Hawaii to attend the conference.

Humanao si Jose para i Ofisinin Setbision Mamplaneha giya Hagåtña.

Jose went to Bureau of Planning Office in Agana.