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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.

Building a Stronger Workforce

On Oct. 11, GCC's Council on Postsecondary Affairs (COPSA) hosted a free student conference at the Guam Marriott Resort to help nearly 160 postsecondary and adult education students prepare to be successful in the workforce. Assisting with the conference were the Assessment & Counseling Dept., the Center for Student Involvement, and Project AIM. Topics included academic success strategies, goal setting techniques, tips for resume writing, stress management, and improving presentation skills, maintaining good credit, and more.



Leadership Dinner



On Oct. 26, GCC invited approximately 75 friends and benefactors to a leadership dinner at the Westin Resort Guam to say "thank you" for supporting GCC.

College Assembly



The entire college – faculty, staff, and administrators, met in the MPA on Oct. 11 to discuss "Student Success and Completion" as an institutional conversation. (Read more in the AVP's letter on p. 3.)

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

We've had a busy, productive month, from students' service learning projects to their annual workforce development conference, to GCC faculty promoting renewables at an elementary school, to a visit from an automotive school in Japan to the American Culinary Federation accreditation visit to our culinary program, and so much more. I'd like to thank Sen. Frank Aguon Jr. for his legislative resolution commending GCC for being a Best for Vets college. Over 600 members of our armed forces will be coming home from Afghanistan early next year, over 200 of them without jobs. GCC is encouraging most of these men and women to pursue their associate degree or certificate in order to help them on their way to sustainable careers, and looking into short-term training that they can avail themselves of during their transition period. Also, thank you to all of the special guests who attended our Leadership Dinner on Oct. 26.

One of the most important things we did this month as an organization was to begin an institutional conversation on "Student Success and Completion," an initiative to help more of our students enter the workforce as degree-holding professionals. This initiative is directly linked to our updated mission statement that is part of our revised Institutional Strategic Master Plan for 2014 through 2020. It is a challenging goal, but one that I know we can reach. Please remember to submit your comments and suggestions for the updated statement and ISMP by Dec. 6th, and Happy Thanksgiving!



Mrs. Anna Kao and Dr. Okada smile for the camera at the GCC Leadership Dinner on Oct. 26 at the Westin Resort Guam.

Students meet with President Okada



Several hundred GCC students met with Pres. Mary Okada on Oct. 9 & 10 in the GCC MPA to listen to GCC's plans for the future and to ask questions about expansion, possible new programs, safety issues and more.



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From the ALO's desk... Dr. Ray Somera, VP for Academic Affairs

The theme of our October 11th College Assembly was "Student Success and Completion." This initiative is in line with President Obama's 2020 Student Completion Agenda, because the reality is that many students here at GCC and in community colleges around the nation face challenges that prevent them from completing their associate degrees. It is our responsibility to help them overcome those challenges and become degree completers. This semester, we begin an institutional conversation on Student Success and Completion – how it fits into the bigger picture at GCC, and how we need to include not only our postsecondary students in this initiative, but also, our secondary CTE students and our adult education students. Toward that effort, we heard about the Phi Theta Kappa Completion Initiative signed back in April that pledges our Beta Beta Xi chapter to encourage college completion among their peers. Thank you to PTK president Jessica Wochner, former president Floregine Delacruz, and advisor Pilar Pangelinan for their presentation.

We also saw a compelling Student Success Video on our Summer Work Experience program spearheaded by Brian Muna, the Work Experience coordinators, and the rest of our career counselors at GDOE high schools. The Work Experience program also gathered employers, career counselors, faculty, administrators and students here at GCC at the end of September to celebrate the partnerships between the program and the business community, and to show our partners how this program helps to put high school students on a path toward college and encourages them to complete their degrees so that they can become the professionals that these partners need in the workforce.

Finally, we spoke about the steps we will need to take, based on the revised ACCJC standards, to maintain our accreditation come 2018, and we looked at the revised Vision & Mission Statements that address our Institutional Strategic Master Plan update for 2014 through 2020.

We have a lot of work to do, but given that we are Team GCC, I know that we will accomplish this goal of helping more of our students to graduate and become successful, sustainable members of our workforce in the local, regional, national, and global contexts. Your valuable contributions to this effort will go a long way in ensuring that we maintain our standing as the leader in workforce development in this part of the world.

Sen. Aguon honors GCC's BEST for VETS designation



On Oct. 25, Sen. Frank Aguon Jr., himself a veteran, presented the GCC Board of Trustees with a legislative resolution honoring GCC's designation as one of Military Times Magazine's 38 colleges that it designated "Best for Vets." From left: Richard Sablan, BOT member; Frank Arriola, BOT Secretary; Dr. Okada; Sen. Aguon; Deborah Belanger, BOT chair; Steven Alvarez, BOT student member; John Benito, BOT member; and Fred Tupaz, BOT Faculty representative.



GCC's Goolian earns APIASF scholarship

Anrea Goolian, a student from Yap State, was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship from the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund in October. Anrea graduated from Yap State High School in June and came to Guam in August. Goolian also received a scholarship from Yap State to attend GCC. She plans to transfer to the University of Guam or possibly Hawaii to earn her baccalaureate degree in the tourism field, and return home to help upgrade Yap's tourism industry.



ACF visits Culinary Arts

An accreditation team from the American Culinary Federation observed GCC's Culinary program in action during the week of October 21st. On the 22nd, culinary students prepared a "Meet and Greet" reception for the team in the GCC MPA.



Exchange with Kadan Automotive School in Japan

On Oct. 30, President Okada signed an inter-institutional cooperative statement for educational exchange with Shigehiro Tsunokawa, CEO of KADAN Automotive School in Japan. The exchange would allow faculty and students from GCC and Kadan to visit the other institution's schools to learn about the automotive industry from the Japanese/American point of view.



Justice Torres visits

Supreme Court Justice Robert Torres spoke to students in Fred Chargualaf's Interpersonal Relations class on Oct. 2, at the invitation of one of the students in the class who also works at the court.

Service Learning:

Applying classroom knowledge to help the community

Shawnte Potts, Kathleen Nace, Diane Inclano, Stacia Benavente Mariano and Almalynn Gordon from Prof. John Armstrong's Sociology class made survival bags for the children at Alee's shelter for a service learning project. They first fundraised to be able to buy the bags and items, selling Halloween candy grams in order to make 30 unisex survival bags containing a toothbrush, baby wipes, head-to-toe wash, stickers, and a paddle ball. "We wanted to not only give the children the everyday things they may need, but to also put smiles on their faces and to give them some hope for better days," said Stacia.



Sociology 130-02 students also donated items to Alee Shelter. From left: Amando Barozzo III; Therese Cruz; Dianne Rose Salenga; Veronica Suva; Olivia Awa; and Roman Quintanilla.

From left: Sociology 130-01 students Jack De Leon, Robby Teeling, Wei Hua Wei, and John Stohr gathered donations from Guam Adventist Academy, SDA Clinic, and from neighbors and friends for clients of Alee Shelter.



Armstrong's Psychology 120-03 students handed out trick or treat bags to the children in the Pediatrics Ward of Guam Memorial Hospital on Halloween.

Introducing renewables to elementary students

GCC instructors Theresa Datuin and Terry Kuper, with help from John Limtiaco of L&K Communications, demonstrated the concept of renewables to Shirley Avellana's GATE students at CL Taitano Elementary School on Sept. 27. The students learned about renewable energy and various photovoltaic projects. Kuper is the principle investigator of the National Science Foundation grant. Also assisting were Bruce Best and Joanne Ige.



ENCORE Medical Coding and Billing course



GCC offered a two-week Medical Coding & Billing Boot Camp funded by Take Care and the AACC Plus 50 Encore Grant from Oct. 7 -19. The course was geared toward industry professionals and persons over 50 years old wanting to start a new career in the field. Participants learned the principles of medical coding related to CPT, HCPCS, and ICD-9-CM. Sarah Vanterpool, CPC, CPC-H, CPC-I, director of Coding and Billing at Hawaii Medical College, served as the instructor.

PN faculty attend disaster triage training



Members of GCC’s Practical Nursing faculty participated in Pediatric Disaster Triage training conducted by EMS, DPHSS, GFD, Homeland Security, AAFB & Naval Hospital on Oct. 8 at Agana Hts. Gym. From left: Roma Basa, Vicki Quintanilla, and GCC nursing instructor Jennifer Artero. In back is Marlene Carbullido from EMS.

Pacific Cultures class visits TASA



GCC’s Pacific Cultures and American Government classes visited the Traditions Affirming our Sailing Ancestry (TASA) Canoe House at Ypao Beach in October. TASA President Jose Martinez and Master Carver and Navigator, Antonio Piailug, briefed them about TASA and their current project of completing then sailing a 38 foot Chamorro design sakman sailing canoe. Piailug is from Satawal, an outer island of Yap, and he is helping TASA to revive traditional canoe culture in Guam and the Marianas. The students donated 36 cases of water as part of their service learning at the college.

From left: Teresa Sablan, Maria Sablan, Romina Delos Reyes, Professor Art De Oro, Paulina Richards, Tasha Dolor. Second row seated: Elmarie Anderson, Piailug, Cherie Munoz, Jamie Nededog. Standing: Ryan Mantanona, Bryan Benavente, Shawn Fernandez, Kevin Mesa, Martinez, Nicole Moreno, Matt Meiser, Teicia Cruz, Mark Epstein.

Citibank teaches SSHS CTE students to “Get Smart with Credit”

On Oct. 28, Connie Moral-Mayers of Citibank presented “Get Smart with Credit” to 69 SSHS Marketing, ProStart and LMP sophomores. The students learned about credit and budgeting - basic financial literacy.



SSHS LMP students assist at Hyatt anniversary

SSHS LMP students volunteered to assist at Hyatt Regency Guam’s 20th anniversary reception on Oct. 2. From left: Charles Roque, Therese Martinez, Shania Pere, Gracia Rebujo, Hope Amuan, Eliza Casimbon, Tyler Flores and Dennis Dali.



Notables:

Project AIM students visit Naval Station

Project AIM students visited the U.S. Naval Station and the U.S. Coast Guard Guam headquarters on Oct. 25 to learn about careers in the Navy and the Coast Guard.

Ecowarriors join flash mob, clean up campus

GCC’s Ecowarriors performed a flash mob at the PDN’s Show up at Make a Difference Day with those crazy GWSHS Marine Maniacs and the Simon Sanchez Sharks MADE group, on Oct. 27 at Micronesia Mall. The prop? A yellow hat! The Ecowarriors also cleaned up around campus on Oct. 12.

Happy Holidays!

Nov. 22 - GCC Thanksgiving Luncheon

Dec. 5 - Blas Family Donor Recognition, 10 AM LRC

Dec. 6 - GCC Christmas Party, 6 PM Westin Resort

Happy Halloween!



Halloween Short Story contest winners

On October 31st, the winners of GCC's Halloween Short Story contest received prizes for their original stories. First prize went to Trevor Anderson for his story, "Zapped-Out-Of-It." Timo Carlos' story "The Doll Maker" and Peter Blas' story "Mirror Unseen Images" tied for second place. Prizes included gift certificates from Tarza, Underwater World, Pika's Cafe, and GCC's Automotive Department. Congratulations to all our GCC winners who demonstrated their fantastic creative writing skills. Special thanks to our sponsors, and to the students who participated and made this year's contest such a great success.



From left: Cathy Leon Guerrero (judge), 2nd place winner Timo Carlos, Simone Bollinger (judge) with Ena Ramone, Tico Tenorio (judge), 1st place winner Trevor Anderson, and Tressa Dela Cruz (judge). 2nd place winner Peter Blas is not pictured.

Happy retirement Dr. Karen!

Dr. Karen Sablan retired from GCC on Sept. 30. She worked in the Counseling Dept. before taking on the roll of associate dean. We will miss her warm smile and her kind heart, in addition to her professionalism! Have fun at retirement Dr. Karen!



Happy October Birthdays!

Sandy Balbin
Emma Bataclan
Eric Chong
Donna Cruz
Van Cruz
Mark Eclavea
Christie Ginson
Tamara Hiura
Joanne Ige
Jo Nita Kerr
Steve Lam
Amada Manzana
Edgar Masnayon

Christine Matson
Genny Mesa
Rose Marie Nanpei
Lyndon Pajarillo
Patty Palacios
Ron Paulino
Vince Paulus
Robin Roberson
Frank Salas
Dana Santiago
Benjamin Sison
Ken Terlaje
Albert Toves



Sinangan Siha para Oktobri/Fanggualo'

October 2013 Chamorro Phrases



Bumuchåchu ayu na lancheru as Kin.

Kin is a hardworking farmer.

Ma'alådu pues mana'yiyi abonu i fanggualu'an.

The farming area was plowed then fertilized.

Esta haliyon i sini gi lanchon Jake.

The taro plants at Jake's ranch are ready for harvest.

Meggai tinanom fã'i antes di gera.

There were many wheat plants before the war.

Hu honggo' un rasimu na aga'.

I harvested a cluster of bananas.