

*“There’s no formula, no secret. It’s all about working hard, and these kids worked hard.”*

That’s how two-time national champion ProStart coach Vicky Schrage summed up her SSSHS ProStart team’s fifth local ProStart competition win Feb. 27. Returning national champion and captain Abigail Pineda and fellow seniors Jommel Carlos, Ramses McNeil, and Mark-Tyler Toves will defend Guam’s back-to-back national championships at the 14th Annual National ProStart Invitational on April 18-20 in Disneyland, California.

“I feel very overwhelmed right now. I didn’t expect to win. We had obstacles with our check-in and our knife skills, so I’m really flabbergasted,” said Pineda. She is under no illusions about nationals. She knows the other teams will be out to dethrone the Guam team. “As long as we try our best and have our heads in the game, I’m confident,” she said.

Sanchez received \$2,500 for the students’ travel expenses to California from Fonterra, the world’s largest exporter of dairy products, through its distributor Micronesian Brokers Inc. (MBI).

Southern High School took second place in the local ProStart competition; John F. Kennedy High School came in third, and Okkodo, the new kid on the ProStart block, rounded out the competition in fourth place.

## Sanchez wins local ProStart, heads to nationals to defend championship – again!



### CACGP Community Resources Fair draws hundreds

College IS possible. Several hundred Guam residents that want their child(ren) to attend college learned how to make it happen at the College Access and Community Resource Fair on Feb. 28 in the Micronesia Mall Center Court. GCC’s College Access Challenge Grant Program and its community partners sponsored the fair, promoting CACGP’s FREE tutoring services, admissions and financial aid assistance, community resources to help prepare for college, and the \$1,000 grant aid program that helps graduating high school seniors to attend college at a U.S. accredited institution on or off-island. Representatives from GCC postsecondary programs were also available.



### UPCOMING AT GCC

- March 20**
  - CTE Allied Health Challenge Bowl
  - Math Kangaroo and MathFest
- March 23**
  - Summer/Fall 2015 Registration begins!
- March 25**
  - CACGP Senior Transition 6-8 PM in MPA

- March 26**
  - CACGP Senior Tour
  - Career Night: 6-8 PM in MPA
- April 9**
  - Spring Festival at Student Center



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# From the President

DR. MARY A.Y. OKADA

**H**appy Belated Valentine's Day everyone! February was a sweet month for GCC, with classes in full swing and activities happening at both the postsecondary and secondary levels. Thank you to the nearly 300 students who met with me on February 24th and 25th – I have taken note of all of your concerns and the college is addressing them wherever possible. Thank you to the Muna Brothers for partnering with our English Dept. to show their documentary film, "Talent Town," to our students. Many of them were very inspired by its content! Congratulations to the CACGP program for a very successful College Fair at Micronesia Mall on the 28th, and congratulations – again! – to both the Simon Sanchez ProStart team and the Okkodo LMP team for your first place finishes in the local competitions. We know you will represent us well at the national competitions! Take note of our sustainability tip in this and subsequent issues of Chachalani – because sustainability is what we are all about here at GCC, both on our physical campus and in our classrooms. Teaching our students to be successful and sustainable in the workforce is part of our mission, and I thank all of you for fulfilling it in such a vibrant, active manner!



Front Row: L-R: **Board of Trustees** Student Member Elmarie Anderson, COPSA President Rosanna Martinez.  
Back Row: L-R: **COPSA** Treasurer Shawn Fernandez; COPSA Public Relations Officer Johnny Worswick; President Mary Okada; COPSA Vice President Abbie Battung; COPSA Secretary Jesselyn Sangon; and COPSA Parliamentarian Zachary Sablan.

meet the  
**president**



Nearly 300 students met with GCC President Dr. Mary Okada on Feb. 24 and 25, to discuss program issues, registration issues, financial aid, and something that comes up every semester at this event – parking issues!

Dr. Okada talked about future additions to the GCC campus, both buildings and programs (yes, inquiries about a dental tech program are being explored!), about safety features, and about accommodative procedures. The president meets with students every semester, so if you have issues to bring up with her, look for Meet the President during fall semester 2015, too. Thank you to the 286 students, faculty, staff and administrators that attended!



## Articulating A Vision

Since one of the important conversations happening on campus this semester revolves around the creation of a new school in the Academic Affairs Division, I want to refresh everyone's memory by excerpting highlights from my Convocation Address in August of last year:

*One of the Back to Basics initiative that we will undertake this academic year is the gradual roll-out of our institution-wide College and Career Readiness Plan, a work that entailed a year and a half of serious efforts to take a second look at what works and what does not work with an array of our existing programs, specifically Developmental Education, Adult Education, Adult High School, ESL, and even our secondary programs. If you notice, all of these programs fall under the umbrella of Career and College Readiness because all offerings under this area are all pre-college, college-preparatory, non-postsecondary credit-bearing courses. Earlier last year, I tasked the Deans and Associate Deans to engage in dialogue with various stakeholders who were working in these programs, specifically Developmental Education. Their conversations involved several face-to-face meetings and email communication with departments, program faculty, department chairs, and other stakeholders. In addition, phone consultations and meetings were held with three selected community colleges in Hawaii, Texas, and Arizona to gain a good understanding of best practices regarding the structure and implementation of college preparatory programs in their respective institutions. The result is a proposal that suggests gradual shifts in our approach regarding college readiness at GCC in phased-in stages. In subsequent conversations with the Deans and the President's management team in the course of the academic year, it has become apparent to the college that we need to cluster our Adult Education, Adult High School, Developmental Education, and even our GDOE-based secondary program into one unified department or division on career and college readiness that will coordinate, organize, and implement activities that will promote student success and completion in these critical areas of college preparation. With the addition of yet another high school ~ Tiyan High School, this area of college readiness in my view is a growth and expansion area that has a strong potential to transform our community college into an even bigger, stronger entity in GovGuam. I am starting the conversation by way of this address; that is, in the near future, I will propose to put in charge a dedicated administrator (such as a new Dean) that will oversee and manage this whole area of pre-college, non-postsecondary credit-bearing programs that will lead to better-prepared, college-bound students. We might call it the School of Career and College Readiness for now. This requires a model or a framework that will integrate effective strategies in student placement, quality instruction, student services, assessment, and other data-informed aspects of student success and completion.*



## CULINARY ACCREDITATION!

The ACFEF Accrediting Commission has granted a conditional accreditation of up to six months to GCC's Culinary Arts program. The conditional grant will be removed upon submission of two minor documents by June 20, with a three-year accreditation to be granted to December 31, 2017. The next step is to become a recognized school by the World Association of Chefs Societies (WACS), which already recognizes and accepts the ACFEF Accreditation. Congratulations Norm Aguilar, GCC Tourism Dept. chair, and Chef Paul Kerner!



# LRC joins National Network of Libraries



The LRC staff produced a wonderful display celebrating February as African-American History Month and commemorating President's Day.

The GCC Learning Resource Center (library) is now an affiliate member in the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Pacific Southwest Region. Some of the benefits include being able to, on a periodic basis, provide input on the region's programs and services; invitations to apply for various funding opportunities; special mailings of NLM posters, brochures, and other publications; an opportunity for librarians to be considered for service on the RML's Regional Advisory Committee; enrollment on the "PSR-News" Announcement List; and training opportunities. Information about the NLM and other Guam library affiliate members (Guam Public Library, the Micronesia Area Research Center, the UOG RFK Library, Pacific Islands University, Guam HIV AIDS Network, and Guam Memorial Hospital) is available at <http://nml.gov/members/results.html?opnum=2>

## DOLPHIN WAVE



From left, Joni Kerr, GCC associate professor of science; retired awesome GW marine biology instructor Linda Tatreau; and Rejoice Mallon, GCC Ecowarriors vice president, were among 25 Ecowarriors, GW Marine Maniacs and Simon Sanchez Sharks MADE students that participated in the World Love for Dolphins Day wave in Tamuning on Feb. 13. The worldwide campaign was sponsored by the Sea Shepherd.

Conservation Society:  
<http://www.seashepherd.org/news-and-media/2015/01/29/sea-shepherd-to-hold-29-peaceful-demonstrations-against-taiji-dolphin-slaughter-on-world-love-for-do-1666>



## English Dept. hosts showing of

# “Talent Town”



The English Dept. teamed up with successful local filmmakers Don and Kel Muña and promoter JD Iriarte to sponsor showings of their documentary, “Talent Town,” Feb. 4-5 in the MPA and Student Center Rm. 5108. The film looks at the intersection of local talent and culture on Guam. The GCC English Department is incorporating elements of “Talent Town” into studies this semester to inspire students to identify and develop their talents, according to Vera DeOro, assistant professor of English, who spearheaded the effort. “Many students attend GCC to explore possible career paths, and one of the jobs of faculty is to help them develop their talents and strengths to prepare them for the workforce and academia,” said DeOro. “Talent Town is a great example of how we can turn our talents and interests into successful careers that benefit the community,” she added. In April, the English Dept. will host a showcase in which students display their creative talents through a variety of mediums.



Don Muna and JD Iriarte discuss the film “Talent Town” with GCC students after its showing in the MPA on Feb. 4.

## JAPANESE ACTIVITIES



The Japan CLUB hosted a calligraphy activity on Feb. 11. Participants like Doralynn Mateo learned how to write Kanji characters using traditional Japanese brush, ink, and rice paper materials (just in time for Valentine’s Day!). Mateo shows her artwork of “yuujoo,” the Kanji characters for “friendship.”

On Feb. 12, visitors from Japan performed Panel Theater for Education and Japanese language students in E107. Widely used for early childhood, general education and entertainment purposes, Panel Theater is a means of presenting a lesson, a song or story using a cloth as the stage and removable paper pieces. Here Sachie Saito demonstrates “Itadakimasu,” the Japanese phrase said before beginning a meal.



## GCC Performs at Head Start Fitness Fair

Over 500 children hopped, jumped, ran, crawled, rolled, and played at Head Start’s Annual Fitness Fair on Feb. 21. GCC Early Childhood Education majors enrolled in CD260 Social & Emotional Development designed various stations and activities for the fair. Instructor Dr. Marsha Postrozny says it was a great opportunity for students to apply skills learned in class and interact directly with children and their families. Students worked in small groups planning activities that boosted children’s gross motor skills, self-esteem and mental health. Students from Melissa Palomo’s ECE secondary program at GWHS also volunteered, gaining valuable hands-on time working with children.



### SECONDARY PROGRAMS OKKODO TAKES LOCAL LMP COMPETITION AGAIN!

Okkodo High School's Zane Matias (team captain), Odeth Ignacio, Alyssa Rasalan, and Katrina Tahimik, under the direction of their instructor, Evon Wong, are also headed to Disneyland after edging out competitors from Guam's five other public high schools to win the local Lodging Management Program competition on Feb. 5-6. The teams performed a night audit, put together the details of a hospitality project based on a real-life hospitality scenario, performed guest service, food and beverage, and sales and marketing case studies, and took part in round one of a knowledge bowl over the course of the two-day competition. The team from John F. Kennedy High took second place, and the Simon Sanchez team came in third place.



### HILTON PROFESSIONAL SPEAKS TO SSSH LMP STUDENTS

Bryan Shintaku, Front Office Manager of Hilton Guam Resort & Spa, spoke to Simon Sanchez High School Lodging Management Program juniors about front office operations on Feb. 12.



### FOOD TRUCK COMPETITION AT SSSH

The SSSH Tourism Academy (ProStart & LMP) seniors collaborated on food truck projects, presenting their concepts and marketing to industry professionals and administrators/educators on Feb 13. This joint integration capstone project showcased the culinary and marketing skills of the academy seniors.

### TEEN CERT TRAINING

Congratulations to the SSSH Tourism Academy students for receiving a certificate for the academy's involvement in the youth preparedness program (Teen CERT) affirming the National Strategy for Youth Preparedness Education. A total of 22 CTE students from Simon Sanchez's allied health, marketing, and LMP classes attended the Teen Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) on Feb 21 & 28 at Guam Homeland Security.



# NOTABLE:

The Committee on College Assessment hosted a Spring Assessment Day on Feb. 20, in D wing. Employees were encouraged to enter their assessment information, work on curriculum, get a TracDat refresher, or learn about assessment at GCC.

The Education Department hosted FREE workshop for GCC students preparing to take the Praxis-Reading Exam on Feb. 27. The workshop provided participants with the tools to prepare to take the reading portion of the Praxis Exam. Future preparation workshops will be announced later.

The Office of Accommodative Services held a Transition Presentation in Rooms C-21 & C-22 on Feb. 6. The event helped high school students with disabilities who have identified GCC as the college they want to attend upon graduating. GCC department chairs, our registrar, the Student Health Center, Financial Aid, Student Support, and the Division of Vocation Rehabilitation / DISID presented to participants.

The Learning Outcomes Committee (LOC) held a workshop to train faculty on How to Write Program and Course Guides on Feb. 12.

# FEBRUARY TIP

The Guam Community College diverted over 1100 magazines from entering the landfill through recycling efforts and the year is just starting. Magazines are an old time favorite, providing individuals with entertainment and education. However, magazine ink can contain hazardous chemicals that can cause harm to both people and the environment. Properly recycling of these materials can reduce potentially negative impacts.

Pictures below show recyclable paper material loaded into a truck for appropriate recycling protocol. The other shows a mound of paper recyclable material at the recycling facility. GREEN TIP: By simply utilizing electronic or digital versions of magazines, books, etc . . . we can 1) reduce the extraction of raw materials, 2) reduce our carbon footprint by preventing importation of these items and 3) prevent any negative impacts that could result from toxic ink and the accumulating waste stream on island. More and more of your favorite reading materials are going digital. You should too!

If you want to schedule a large haul-out of mixed paper waste at your office/department, please schedule with Kiko Palacios at least one week in advance by calling 735-5501, or email [francisco.palacios1@guamcc.edu](mailto:francisco.palacios1@guamcc.edu).



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# EMPLOYEE NEWS

## Sumerlin Workshop

Barbersopher Terry Sumerlin returned to Guam in February to conduct another of his leadership workshops for GCC employees on Feb. 2 in the MPA.



## Fulbright presentation Feb. 11

Fulbright Ambassador Ken Bus presented a workshop on his experience as a Fulbright IEA Scholar to Germany on Feb. 11 in the Student Center Training Room. Approximately 30 GCC employees attended the workshop, during which Bus described his experiences as a Fulbright scholar during 2007 to Germany as part of the International Education Administrators (IEA) Program. He was able to gain perspective on the German higher education system, exchange ideas and experiences with German administrators, and learn about current issues. Bus is the Director of the International Education Program at Glendale Community College in Glendale, Arizona.



## GCCEA Spaghetti Dinner

The GCC Employees Association held a meeting and Spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Feb. 17 in the MPA. Thank you to all who purchased spaghetti dinners in support of the GCCEA!

## Welcome to GCC, new employees!

GCC welcomed 11 new employees to the college during its New Employee Orientation on Feb. 27.

Please welcome to the GCC family:

### FRONT ROW FROM LEFT:

Arthur De Oro-Program Specialist, Adult Basic Education;  
 Hannah Pangelinan-Program Coordinator I, CACGP;  
 Angela Cabrera- Graphic Artist Technician I,  
 Communications & Promotions;  
 Maribeth Betito - Instructor, Tourism.

### BACK ROW FROM LEFT:

John Borja- Administrative Assistant, AHEC;  
 Cecile Olandez- Program Coordinator II, AHEC;  
 Arjen Krijgsman-Instructor, Math; Arwen Jackson-Instructor, Social Science;  
 Aaron Parker- Institutional Researcher, AIER;  
 Richard Wayne Pritchard- Maintenance Supervisor, Facilities  
 Not Shown: Dan Ho-Instructor, Visual Communications



# Sinangan Siha para Fibreru/Maimo'

## February Chamorro Phrases



Ha fanakudi i mae'tra/tro kumataga i leblo siha si Juan gi i kuation.  
Juan will help the teacher carry the books to the classroom.

Ha alibia si Jose si Diana ni kinatga-ku gi i che'cho.  
Diana relieved Jose of his load at work.

Si Marikita kumokonne' si Jeff para i Ufisinan Alentos Guahan.  
Marikita has been taking Jeff to Guam Energy Office.

Umeskuela si Chris i eskuelå-mu gi i dinikike' gui.  
Chris attended your school when he was a child.



“Yanggin guaha Guinaiya guaha lina’la”

*"Where there is love there is life."*

*- Mahatma Gandhi*

MINAGOF HA'ĀNEN UMAGUAIYA!

## **Kompli'āños Empliao Kulehon Kumunidåt Guahån Siha**

**Fibreru/Maimo' 2015**

**Guam Community College Employees**

**February 2015 Birthdays**

ROSEMARIE AQUINDE  
ANTONIA CABATIC  
SHEENA CAMACHO  
THERESA DATUIN  
MARGARITA DAVID  
VICENTE DIAZ  
KEVIN DIETRICH  
JAMES FATHAL  
JANNA FERNANDEZ  
STEPHANIE FERNANDEZ

JOSE LOPEZ  
DEE MANGLONA  
JOHN QUINTANILLA  
DARLYNN SABLAN  
APOL SAN NICOLAS  
LINDA SANTOS TORRES  
JUANITA SGAMBELLURI  
YVONNE TAM  
FRED TUPAZ  
JON TYQUIENGCO